

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2020
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
851 S. ETON, BIRMINGHAM 48009
4:00 – 9:00 PM**

WORKSHOP SESSION

This will be considered a workshop session of the City Commission. No formal actions will be taken. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss leadership expectations and review City Commission goals. Each commissioner will have an opportunity to share their perspective and thoughts with a professional facilitator.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pierre Boutros, Mayor

II. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Boutros
Mayor Pro Tem Longe
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Hoff
Commissioner Host
Commissioner Nickita
Commissioner Sherman
Absent: None

Facilitator: Lewis G. Bender, PhD

Administration: City Manager Valentine, City Attorney Currier, Cheryl Arft, Acting City Clerk

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Rose expressed some concerns she has with the City Commission and the discord she has observed in the past few months. She encouraged the commissioners to work together for the good of the city.

IV. FACILITATION

City Manager Valentine explained the format for this workshop meeting, the expectations for this evening, and a review of the City Commission goals, and introduced Lew Bender to the commission.

Mr. Bender provided his background and experience as a facilitator in municipal government.

Mr. Bender interviewed each of the commissioners as to their motivation for running for office, and their expectations as to the contributions they believe they can make in this term. City Manager described his role as City Manager.

At 5:30 PM, break-out sessions were conducted and concluded at 6:20 PM. The commissioners and City Manager were asked to list their:

- Expectations of the Mayor and City Manager
- Expectations of each Commissioner
- Ground rules to follow when agreement is difficult to achieve
- What to do differently to be more effective

Those present discussed the lists and provided their closing thoughts.

V. ADJOURN

The workshop adjourned at 8:10 PM.