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Birmingham Kicks off Workshop Series with Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Review

BIRMINGHAM, MI, March 1, 2021 – The City of Birmingham will kick off a new workshop series during the first City Commission meeting of each month as needed beginning Monday, March 8, 2021. The workshops will begin at 6 p.m., immediately before regularly scheduled City Commission meetings.

The workshop on Monday, March 8 will explore future opportunities at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena. Specific topics to be discussed include: 1) Explore pros and cons of using an Enterprise Fund, 2) Discussion about the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Renovation/Addition design review with Robert Stempien from Plante Moran Cresa, and 3) Deep dive into potential revenues generated by the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena.

“With the passage of the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Bond last fall, this is the perfect time to delve into the scheduled improvements, long term use and financial aspects of the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena,” said Birmingham Director of Public Services, Lauren Wood.

Tentative dates and topics for other upcoming workshops include: Monday, April 12 – Unimproved Streets; Monday, May 10 – Parking Assessment District Concept/Deep Dive; Short Term Rentals – June 14; and Commission Standards for Online Platform/Social Media Conduct – date to be determined in July.

“Creating time for workshops will allow the City Commission to take the necessary time to learn, explore and gain insight on important topics before making decisions in the best interest of the City,” said Birmingham City Manager, Thomas M. Markus.

Residents are encouraged to attend the workshops to gain a better understanding of projects considered by the City Commission. The Mayor will call for public comment at the end of each workshop to ensure the City Commission has as much time as possible throughout the workshop to learn, explore, discuss and hear community input as well.

Workshop agendas will be available each Thursday preceding the meetings at www.bhamgov.org/commissionagendas.

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