



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

August 2022

Baldwin Public Library

Water Damage

3,500 square feet of the Library's youth room and staff offices were damaged by water the evening of August 4. The water damage was caused by a combination of issues related to the heavy, 25-year rain that poured that evening and a faulty sink drain. Due to extensive damage, we will need to carpet and replace drywall in the Youth Room over the next several weeks. Fortunately no books or materials were damaged. The Library was closed from August 5 through 11 and reopened on August 12 for curbside pickup only. The Library reopened to the public on August 22. We will not be able to reopen the youth room until the carpet is replaced. The carpet is on backorder with the manufacturer, but as soon as it is in stock, it will take about 7 business days to complete the installation process. Librarians have set up a temporary youth room in the Legacy Room and we will be relying on interlibrary loan for materials because the shelving is inaccessible.



Library Board

The Library Board met on August 15 for a regular meeting. The Board voted unanimously to issue RFPs for a new janitorial services contract and to forward an RFP to the City Commission for Construction Management Services for the Front Entrance and Circulation Area Expansion and Renovation.

Quarterly Fall Newsletter

The library's quarterly fall newsletter will be reaching homes this week. Take a look to read more about upcoming programs and events at the library this fall.

Behind the Scenes Tour

If you'd like to learn even more about the library, join Library Director Rebekah Craft for a Behind the Scenes Tour. You'll visit staff areas, learn how items are added to the collection, and hear about new programs and services. The next tour will meet in the Library's vestibule on Tuesday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Birmingham Shopping District (BSD)

Staffing Updates

Congratulations to Claire Galli on her recent appointment as Athletic Director at a local school. Claire previously coached at Oakland University, and was a college athlete herself. During her time with the BSD, Claire has been a pleasure to work with and has provided assistance on a broad range of projects including special events, promotions, wayfinding and downtown gateways, the business anniversary program, and completed a complex analysis of the mix of tenants within the BSD. While we are sad to see Claire leave the BSD, we wish her the best of luck in her new job!

The first round of interviews for Executive Director have been completed, and two finalists have emerged. Both finalists will complete the second round of interviews with the selection committee on August 31, 2022. On September 1, 2022, the BSD board will consider the recommendations of the selection committee and may make an offer to their preferred candidate.

Cruise Event

This year's Cruise Event was held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, on the east side of Woodward due to the construction on S. Old Woodward. A big thank you to all City and BSD staff that participated, and to the many citizen volunteers that help make this event possible. Special thanks to our Police and Fire Departments for ensuring a safe and smooth event for everyone. Next year's Cruise Event is planned to return to its usual location on S. Old Woodward.

New BSD Logo

Over the past several months, the Marketing & Advertising Committee has been discussing new colors for use on BSD print materials, and considering new BSD logo options. Committee members wished to incorporate the City's new logo, and thus on August 15, 2022, the City's Wayfinding and Branding Committee reviewed the options presented and approved the use of a modified City logo by the BSD.

On August 18, 2022, the Marketing and Advertising Committee met and passed a motion to recommend approval of the following:



On September 1, 2022, the BSD board will consider approval of the recommended logo options and colors.

Building Department

Monthly Report

The [Building Department's monthly report](#) provides an update on the following construction activity: building permits issued, building inspections conducted, trades permits issued and trades inspections conducted. In July, we processed 439 online permit applications, totaling 2,848 applications so far in 2022.

Thank you and farewell, Mike Labriola

The Building Department is sad to announce the retirement of our plumbing and mechanical inspector, Mike Labriola, at the end of this month. He has worked for the City since August of 1999 and over the past 23 years he has completed more than 68,269 inspections and performed nearly as many project plan reviews. His encyclopedic knowledge, kindness, work ethic, integrity, and character are the foundation of his professional reputation. It is his character, smile, and infectious laugh that all of his friends and family here at the City will miss.

Please join us in celebrating him this month and let him know how much we appreciate his hard work and dedication! Our department will have a scrapbook that we encourage everyone to stop by and sign.

Mike Labriola is a man of many accomplishments and notable achievements, a few of which are listed below.

- Licensed Act 407 Code Official since 1999
- Licensed Master Plumber since 1981
- International Code Council Certified Plumbing Inspector
- Tri-County Plumbing Inspection Association Member and Past Director (2015)
- Mechanical Inspector Association of Michigan Member
- Metropolitan Mechanical Inspector Association Member
- American Association of Sanitary Engineering, Michigan Chapter, Honorary Person of the Year (2017)



City Clerk's Office

The Clerk's Office would like to thank all of the Election Inspectors and City Staff that helped with conducting a successful August 2nd State Primary Election. We appreciate all of the voters who participated safely. Turnout for this election was 35.33%, which was above the 30.04% average for Oakland County. Unofficial results are available at oakgov.com/elections under the August election tab. Official results will be available after the completion of the canvass of the Oakland County Board of Canvassers.

Recognition of Staff

Birmingham resident and Marian High School Graduate Isabella Mikhail assisted the Clerk's Office as an intern starting in June 2022 and was a valuable asset leading up to and including the August 2022 State Primary Election. During her time here, she steadily assumed increased responsibility for complex duties in our busy clerk's office. She made hundreds of telephone calls to voters to resolve questions about absentee ballot requests, impressing us all with her problem solving and communication skills. While we are sad to see her leave, we wish her continued success as a University of Michigan freshman studying public policy.

2022 November General Election

Voter Registration

Residents can register to vote online at mi.gov/vote or www.expressSOS.com, by mail or at any Secretary of State Branch Office until the end of the day on October 24 (15 days before the November 8 General Election). Voter registration applications are available online at bhamgov.org/voting or in the clerk's office.

Absentee Voting

Voters who previously submitted an absentee ballot application for voting for the November election will receive an absentee ballot after September 24th. If something has changed since you submitted your absentee ballot application, please let the City Clerk's office know so we can be sure to send your ballot to the correct place.

Registered voters who have not applied for an absentee ballot can still request one for November. You can do this online at mi.gov/vote, or with a signed application returned to the City Clerk's office in person, by post mail, in the City Hall dropbox or to elections@bhamgov.org. After 5:00 pm on November 4th, you can only obtain an absentee ballot in-person at the Clerk's Office.

Did you know you can pick up your absentee ballot at the Clerk's office? You can come to the City Clerk's office during business hours after September 24th to apply and receive your absentee ballot in person. The process does not take long and there is even a voting booth that you may use to fill out your absentee ballot and then put it in the drop box. You must bring a photo ID or Driver's License, and you cannot pick up any absentee ballots other than your own.

Voting while out of the Country

Voters who will be out of the United States for the 2022 elections can submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to obtain an absent voter ballot by email, fax or regular mail. This application must be completed every year for which a voter will be out of the United States for an election. To obtain this application, go to www.fvap.gov.

Voter Information

You can check your voter information, register for an absentee ballot, identify your precinct, district and more at mi.gov/vote. If you have not registered for an absentee ballot and you are not on the permanent absentee list, make sure to register soon. The deadline to register for an absentee ballot is 5pm the Friday before the election.

Sample Ballots

Clerks across Oakland County have observed a trend of voters surrendering or spoiling their absentee ballot on Election Day to vote in person. Voters intending to vote in person should not request an official absentee ballot from the clerk's office. Voters wishing to view a sample ballot before Election day can do so in a number of ways:

- [Mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) allows voters to look up and view a sample ballot and track the status of your absentee ballot if one was requested.
- The clerk's office will have sample ballots available for viewing in late September. Call 248-530-1880, email elections@bhamgov.org, or stop by our office and we will be happy to help you!
- Voters can use the district numbers on their voter ID card along with the official candidate and proposal lists on oakgov.com/elections to determine what will be on their ballot

Cemetery Board

At the July 1, 2022 meeting of the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board, the board discussed items to be included into the 2021-2022 Annual Report. The board had a summer break in August. Their next meeting will be September 2, 2022 8:30 am at City Hall.

Board and Commission Appointments

The following City of Birmingham boards and commissions have vacant positions or members with terms expiring soon. Applications are due before noon the Wednesday prior to the commission interview/appointment date:

Board	Openings	Application Due by Noon	Interview/ Appointment at City Commission meeting 7:30 pm
Advisory Parking Committee	3 Regular Members	8/24/2022	8/29/2022
Design Review Board	2 Regular, 2 Alternate Members	9/14/2022	9/19/2022
Historic District Commission	2 Regular, 2 Alternate Members	9/14/2022	9/19/2022
Museum Board	1 Regular Member	9/14/2022	9/19/2022
Birmingham Area Cable Board	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	

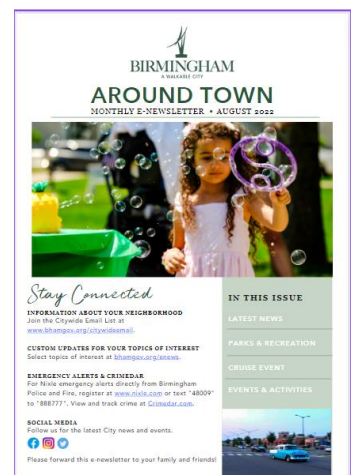
Board of Building Trades Appeals	3 Regular Members	Until Filled	
Board of Zoning Appeals	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	2 Regular Members	Until Filled	
Public Arts Board	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	
Storm Water Utility Appeals Board	1 Regular, 2 Alternate Members	Until Filled	
Triangle District Corridor Improvement Authority	2 Regular Members	Until Filled	
Hearing Officer	1 Regular Member	Until Filled	

City Manager's Office

Communications

Around Town e-Newsletter

The communications team is working on the September edition of the Around Town e-Newsletter, which will include a video about Parking Systems Manager Aaron Ford, fall golf events, election news, the final draft of the Citywide Master Plan for 2040 and more. [Follow this link](#) to view the August edition of the Around Town e-Newsletter.



Engage Birmingham

Share Your Feedback about Birmingham's Strategic Plan

The Birmingham community is encouraged to share feedback online and attend a series of workshops as part of the city's strategic planning process. Following a comprehensive evaluation of the city and community, the resulting plan, expected to be complete this fall, will include strategic goals to direct the city's efforts and resources toward a clearly defined vision for its future. View upcoming workshop dates and submit feedback online at <https://engage.bhamgov.org/strategic-plan>.

2023 City Calendar Photo Contest

Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit a photo (or a photo collage) for the cover of the 2023 City of Birmingham calendar. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, September 30, 2022, at which time the community will be invited to vote for their favorite image. Submit images at <https://engage.bhamgov.org/2023-calendar-cover-contest>.



Human Resources

The Human Resources department has completed the first round of interviews for the BSD Director position, and is now down to two finalists. A second round will be conducted at the end of the month, with a selected candidate anticipated for the first day of September. Plumbing Inspector and part-time

Dispatcher remain open for applications, and a recruitment has been opened to backfill a vacancy created by the departure of our Deputy Treasurer. Savannah Simancek has been selected to fill the role of Senior Clerk Cashier in our Treasury Office, with an anticipated start date of August 29th. A recent interview for Streets/Sewer/Water Assistant Foreman yielded one potential new hire, but our second Assistant Foreman in this role has also just resigned. An external posting remains open. Parks & Forestry Operator has completed recent interviews, and is in multiple stages of the hiring process for qualified candidates. Isabella Mikhail has completed a successful internship with the Clerks' Office, and has left to pursue her college education at the University of Michigan. Special thanks to Commissioner Boutros for his recommendation of Isabella.

Staff & Vacancy Update

Department	FT & PT Staff Count	Current Vacancies/Hiring	Department Vacancies Filled Since 2020	Notes
Birmingham Shopping District	5	BSD Director	7	Second round 8/31 Selection expected 9/1
Clerk's Office	5	-	6	
Building	17	Plumbing Inspector	1	Hiring Plumbing Inspector.
Engineering	8	-	7	
Finance / Treasury	14	Sr. Clerk Cashier	6	S. Simancek starts 8/29 Deputy Treasurer interviews upcoming
Fire	35	-	10	
Information Technology	4	-	3	
Maintenance	2	-	1	
Manager's Office / Communications / HR	6	-	6	
Museum	3	-	2	
Parking System	9		2	Hiring plan in FY 22-23
Planning	7	-	4	
Police	71		13	Recruitment for PT Dispatcher ongoing
Public Services	56	SSW Operator SSW Assistant Foreman	10	SSW Assistant Foreman and P&F Operator hires pending
Golf Seasonal	N/A	Golf Seasonal Labor	48	Hiring ongoing

Commission Items for Future Discussion

Meeting	Topic	Commissioner	Staff Follow Up	Dates Addressed	Status (resolved/ongoing)
In Progress					
8/15/22	Birmingham Country Club	M: Host S: Haig	Fairbairn, Dupuis, Clerk's Office	8/29 - CC Discussion Possibly plan to write a letter, invite bham cc and twp to meeting to collaborate	In progress
8/15/22	Speed Bumps	M: Haig S: Host	Clemence/Brooks	8/29 - Staff report	

6/13/22	Sustainability Board	Schafer	Nick Dupuis	6/27/22 - direction for staff to draft requirements to establish board, coming back at next available meeting	In progress
4/25/22	Improvements in Information Provision and Methodology	M: Haig, S: Baller	TBD	TBD	
3/28/22	City Manager Selection Process	M: Host S: Boutros	Managers Office & HR	4/25/22 - direct to formal agenda item 5/9/22 - New Business Item 5/23/22 CM report	Process approved and timetable established.
1/10/22	Food Trucks	M: Host S: Schafer	Nick Dupuis/Jana Ecker	1/24/22 - CC req. more info 3/9/22 - Workshop 3/14/22 - Informally brought up by host 6/20/22 Commission Plan Board Discussed 6/27/22 - City Manager Directed to encourage food trucks at all city sponsored events, BSD events, and direct the BSD to organize a rotation of food truck events	6/27/22 In progress/being monitored
1/10/22	Leaf Blowers	M: Baller S: Host	Nick Dupuis	1/24/22 - make formal item	In progress
1/10/22	Commissioner Conduct	No vote	Mary Kucharek	2/14/22 - Workshop 2/28/22 Directed CM to prepare Code of Conduct for future agenda 7/11/22 - Initial presentation to commission by CA	Will be revised and presented again at an upcoming CC meeting
Resolved					
4/11/22	BBCC - Mental Health Workshop -	M: Baller S: Haig	Marianne Gamboa	4/25/22 - clarify commissioners intent	Resolved

	More time to talk			5/9/22 - added time on the agenda to discuss Tom directed staff to add mental health info in city publications	
5/9/22	-Pickleball	Baller, no voter	Lauren Wood	Agenda item 5/23/22	Installed on 6-3-22
1/24/22	Social Districts	M: Schafer S: Boutros	Nick Dupuis/Jana Ecker	2/14/22 - make formal item 3/9/22 - Workshop 3/14/22 - Informally brought up by host 6/20/22 Commission Plan Board Discussed	No formal action taken by the Commission
5/23/22	Commission Meeting Start Time	Baller	Mary Kucharek	On agenda for 6/27/22 - Mary to draft generic ordinance language and discuss in july On agenda for 7/11/22 - Commission decided not to proceed	No changes for now

Topics Failed

4/25/22	On Street Parking Study	M:Haig S: Host
4/11/22	Downtown Parking	M: Host S: Haig
3/28/22	Parking Matters	M: Host S: Haig
6/13/22	479 SOW (Doraid) PAD	M: Boutros

Topics With No Vote - Resolved

1/10/22	Unimproved Streets	Discussed during the Long Range Planning meeting.
2/28/22	Solidarity with Ukraine	City Manager arranged for exterior lighting at City Hall.

Topics With No Vote - Unresolved

5/9/22	-PAD ordinance/cleanup	Baller, no vote	No vote
5/9/22	-Policy for granting public space ODD/Valet	Baller, no vote	No vote

Next Survey Results

Next released an infographic (shown below) with the summarized results from their recent community survey. The goal of the survey was to help Next understand how they can better serve their current members, and to gain a better understanding of how to reach residents who may not be familiar with

Next and what it has to offer. Learn more about the opportunities and challenges Next faces by downloading the [entire survey and results here](#).



2022 Next Community Survey Summary

Number of respondents: 549
439 current members
110 non-members

Points of Pride:

- The quality and variety of the programs offered, particularly the speakers, presentations and entertainment - received a 95% favorable rating!
- Next has a relaxed, warm and friendly atmosphere, a good place to gather and meet new friends.
- The staff is caring and capable.
- Next does well with the resources available.



Needs Improvement:

- A vast majority of current members and many non-members responded that the Midvale building is very outdated, too small for today's needs, and offers little room for growth, especially when compared to other communities.
- There is a need to increase awareness of the supportive services Next offers to all residents, regardless of membership status.



Next - 2121 Midvale, Birmingham MI 48009 (248)203-5270 | www.BirminghamNext.org

Department of Public Services

Ice Curling – Birmingham Ice Sports Arena (BIA)

During the Long Range Planning Session on January 23, 2021 a public comment under the Ice Arena Financial Forecast segment suggested looking at offering curling to increase revenue at the ice arena in the studio rink. At this time, the Ice Arena project had not started and upgrading the Studio Arena with the new refrigeration system to offer year-round ice was an alternate to the base bid. Ultimately, due to the significant cost for this item, over \$380,000, it was not include as part of the bid award.

The renovated Ice Arena opened on November 1, 2021 upon completion of the construction project. We are still operating in our first year since the facility upgrade. When the curling idea was suggested, we anticipated reviewing this as part of the planning efforts to explore future revenue opportunities at the Birmingham Ice Arena after we had some experience the first year as a baseline operating with the new Ice Arena.

When the ice is in the Studio Arena, the City offers its Learn to Skate program during those nine months. In addition, after reviewing the specifics needed for curling we note the following.

- The Studio Rink is 80' x 50'. Curling dimensions are 146' - 150' x 14' to 16'.
- Curling requires the use of ice space
- This portion of the refrigeration system was not updated to the sub-floor heating system as was done in the main arena.
- Ice is used in the studio rink during the season and removed in the summer, as required for the flooring system.
- We offer our Learn to Skate Classes during this period in the Studio rink. In addition, while the ice is in the studio rink there are private lessons and birthday parties that rent the ice.

- There is no down time, in essence, during the peak season September - May.
- We remove the ice in May and put it back in mid-late August.

Based on the current rentals, activities and events at the BIA, curling is not viable. We continue to actively evaluate the existing operations and explore other revenue generating opportunities. The three-month period the ice is out of the Studio and the concrete floor is available, we offer rentals for this space that are often coordinated with the new party room rental.

Adams Park Development Project

This project is substantially complete as we approach the end of the month. Many park features are now complete including the playground, the gathering area pavilion, the basketball court and track and field items, rain garden, and trees and landscaping. Some park elements including site furnishings had longer lead times but are expected to ship out in early September.

As final items are wrapping up, one of the last tasks is the sod installation, which was scheduled for last week (August 24-weather permitting). Upon installation, it is extremely important that the sod be managed properly with a regular irrigation regimen and it be protected from any foot traffic. During this time the lawn bonds to the soil, and it's standard practice to keep foot traffic off of a newly installed lawn for, at minimum, two (2) weeks after installation. Ideally, three (3) to four (4) weeks before walking on, or mowing.

The following is a recommendation from our landscape architect:

In order to ensure the health of the lawn, in both the near- and long-term, Michael J Dul & Associates recommends the following measures be taken:

WEEK 1 & 2: Keep protective fencing and green screen around park perimeter for minimum of two weeks after date of sod installation. Park to remain closed to public during this period (at least through September 7th).

WEEK 3: City / landscape architect / park contractor / landscape contractor to assess lawn two weeks after date of sod installation. Safe date to open the park to foot traffic will be determined.

WEEK 4: City / landscape architect / park contractor / landscape contractor to assess lawn four weeks after date of installation. Safe date to begin lawn maintenance will be determined. Once allowed, park maintenance team to hand mow at the highest blade-height and follow best practices for mowing a newly established lawn.

We will communicate appropriately with Roeper School, the surrounding neighborhood groups and general public about the park opening date. We appreciate everyone's patience! Please visit <https://engage.bhamgov.org/adams-park> for park progress photos and updates!

Engineering

2022 Sidewalk Repair Program

The City will be starting the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program in September. This year's program is focused on Residential Area 5 of the City's Sidewalk Repair Program and Downtown 1B. Area 5 extends in general from Southfield Road to Cranbrook Road, and Maple Road to 14 Mile Road. Area 1B of the downtown generally extends from Old Woodward to Woodward, and from Maple Road to Ravine. This program also includes Oak Avenue Sidewalk at Greenwood Cemetery, Ann Street Sidewalk, and miscellaneous repairs throughout the City.

2022 Sidewalk Trip Elimination Services

The contractor for the 2022 Sidewalk Trip Eliminations Service will start work in September. They will be focusing on Residential Area, 6 which is located between Quarton Road and Maple Road, and the west City's limits to Quarton Lake and the main branch of the Rouge River.

Water Service Verification Program

As part of the Lead and Copper Rule (amended to the Michigan Safe Water Drinking Act), the City has randomly selected 364 water service lines to be physically verified. The contractor is anticipated to start in the beginning of September and complete the program by the end October. In locations where the water services will be verified, flags have been installed to indicate where exiting utilities are located. Please do not touch or remove these flags as they help the contractor.

Fire Department

The Fire Department is conducting its annual vehicle extrication training this month. Each year, through the generosity of Ford Motor Company, the department receives three new Ford test vehicles to examine and perform extrication training. For three weeks, the training vehicles are on site at Station 1. Each shift will train using various extrication tools and techniques. For the last training day, the vehicles are flipped onto each other, simulating various accident scenarios. The crews will then perform an exercise simulating having one or two victims trapped in the wreck who are in need of Advanced Life Support care and extrication. This realistic, hands-on training is vital to the preparedness of the Fire Department personnel.

Planning Department

Master Plan 2040

The City of Birmingham is expecting the third and final draft of the Birmingham Plan 2040 in August of 2022. The schedule of review will consist of reviews at the Planning Board, the required 63-day public noticing period, and review by the City Commission. Depending on the exact date of delivery of Draft #3, the remaining schedule of review should closely resemble the following:

Date	Meeting Type	Action Needed
September 14, 2022	Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present final draft.• Board recommends to the City Commission that the Plan be distributed for public comment (minimum of a 63-day period).
October 3, 2022	City Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vote to authorize the 63-day distribution period for the final, draft Master Plan.
<i>Required 63-Day Public Notice Period</i>		
December 14, 2022	Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review final draft and present / discuss comments received during the distribution period.• Set public hearing date.
January 11, 2023	Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present the final Plan and hold a public hearing. Further discuss comments received during the distribution period as needed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt by resolution; recommend to the City Commission for adoption.
February 2023 (Exact Date TBD)	City Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the final Plan and hold a public hearing. • If prepared to do so, the City Commission may adopt the Plan by resolution.

All of the documents related to the 2040 Plan remain available on www.thebirminghamplan.com. You can also watch a recording of past meetings on the City of Birmingham website. As a reminder, you can still submit comments directly to the consultant team through the aforementioned 2040 Plan website, and submit comments directly to the Planning Division to be placed in the next available agenda of the Planning Board.

Planning Board

The Planning Board has reviewed 27 development applications this year so far, with no signs of slowing down. This averages out to be six applications per meeting, which is more than a full slate each and every month. In addition to these development reviews, the Planning Board started the year rounding out the review of the Birmingham 2040 Plan Draft #2, and has mixed in several study session items to fill out their schedule. A tentative Planning Board schedule is provided below:

1. 35106 Woodward – Whole Dental Wellness – FINAL SITE PLAN & DESIGN REVIEW (8/24/22)
2. D4 Parking Waiver Ordinance Request (8/24/22)
3. 183 N. Old Woodward – Paris Baguette – DESIGN REVIEW (8/24/22)
4. 295 Elm St. – Forest Townhouses – PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN (8/24/22)
5. Outdoor Dining Study (9/14/22)
6. 2040 Master Plan – Draft #3 Review (9/14/22)

The following items have recently been through Planning Board review, and are either in the City Commission review process, or are upcoming:

1. Watkins/Brown – REZONING (Public Hearing 8/29/22)
2. Watkins/Brown – LOT DIVISION (Public Hearing 8/29/22)
3. 460 N. Old Woodward – Wilders – SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT (Public Hearing 9/19/22)
4. Window Standards Study (Set Public Hearing 9/19/22)
5. Side Yard A/C Units Study (Set Public Hearing 9/19/22)

Historic Preservation

The Historic District Commission (HDC) has been busy with design review applications for non-designated properties located within the Central Business Historic District, as well as renovations proposed on several designated historic resources. The HDC continues to pursue appropriate renovations within the context of the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation, and has been very thorough in their reviews. The upcoming Historic Design Guidelines project aims to build another level of clarity and expectations within these reviews. The consultant team and City Staff gained some feedback at the Day on the Town event, and plan to follow up with a detailed survey on the Engage Birmingham platform. Keep an eye out for the survey on <https://engage.bhamgov.org/>.

Public Art

The Public Arts Board has received an application for two new sculpture donations by famed artists John Henry and USA Today's 2022 Woman of the Year Jane Dedecker. The Board is currently in the process of determining locations for each sculpture. The Board has also discussed selecting locations for potential public murals, particularly in the Rail District.

Multi-Modal Transportation Board

The Multi-Modal Transportation Board is reviewing necessary updates to the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan to reflect current conditions and trends. Traffic and speed studies for various parts of town have been continuously reviewed, and the Board will begin considering permanent recommendations for S. Eton this upcoming fall.

Police Department

Police Department/City Hall Assessment

The Police Department/City Hall safety and security upgrade/expansion project kicked into full gear with the Telluris Team (the architectural firm chosen by the City to conduct the Police Department/City Hall assessment). The following was completed:

- a. A site visit to the Police Department/City Hall on Thursday, August 4, 2022 with their outside specialty consultants (plumbing/electrical/fire/structural/HVAC). City staff related to these areas guided the group throughout the building.
- b. On August 10, 2022, Police Chief Clemence arranged for and accompanied the Telluris Team on a tour of the City of Royal Oak's new police station. The three and one half hour tour covered all aspects of the design features and construction of the facility.
- c. On August 11 and August 12, 2022, the Telluris Team interviewed staff from the Police Department and staff from City Hall to gain further insights into each individual department's building needs and concerns.
- d. On August 22 2022, the Telluris Team returned to the building for a day, tying up loose ends with staff members and conducting measurements throughout the building.

CoRe Program

The police department's CoRe Team program has been replicated by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (one mental health co-responder) and the City of Troy (one mental health co-responder). Both departments attended our monthly CoRe program meeting and will be welcome additions to improving law enforcement's response to individuals suffering from a mental health crisis.

Wayne State University School of Social Work's Center for Behavioral Health and Justice has agreed to conduct data analysis of the CoRe program - "Retrospective Outcomes of Crisis Response Services." The City Attorney is working with Wayne State University officials to iron out some minor legal issues before the project begins.

Parking Systems Update

Equipment

City staff have been meeting with companies that bid on the RFP and have been reviewing demonstrations of the various types of parking equipment available. Once demonstrations are complete, a recommendation will be made to the Advisory Parking Committee on 9/14/22 and then to the Commissioners for their final approval. The goal will be to replace the existing equipment before the end of the calendar year.

Construction

The emergency shoring and column repair work at the Peabody Parking Structure has been completed.

Construction on the North Old Woodward Parking Structure continues with underside concrete repairs. The traffic coating on the roof of the garage should be complete by the end of the month. Levels 4 and 5 will be reopened once this is complete.

Ongoing work at Park St. being performed by Pullman has been completed. The brick wall at the entrance of Park St. was struck by a vehicle causing damage to the brick. The repair of this wall is being presented to the City Manager as an emergency repair due to the possibility of falling over and its proximity to the vehicle entrance and sidewalk.

Occupancy

JULY	
Chester Garage (880)	33.62%
Old Woodward (745)	49.80%
Park Garage (811)	54.66%
Peabody Garage (437)	82.66%
Pierce Garage (706)	67.60%

Future Agenda Items

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Future Workshop Items

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