



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

September 2022

Baldwin Public Library

Youth Room Reopened

After experiencing water damage on August 4, the extensive restoration process has been completed. The Youth Room reopened to the public on Monday, September 12.

Library Board Update

The Library Board will meet on September 19 for a regular meeting. The Board will be discussing responses to the RFP for janitorial services, reviewing community feedback from the proposed logo designs, and considering design options for the upcoming expansion and renovation of the front entrance and circulation area.

Welcome, Alyssa Gudenburr

Alyssa Gudenburr will be starting as Baldwin's newest full-time youth librarian on September 19. She has worked as a substitute librarian at Baldwin in the past and has recently been working part time at the Canton Public Library.

Outdoor Storytimes

Outdoor storytimes at Barnum Park resumed on September 12. Storytimes are held Monday through Friday and the schedule can be found online at www.baldwinlib.org/youth.

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.

Library to be Closed Friday, September 23, 2022

The Library will be closed on Friday, September 23 for staff training. Library staff will participate in active shooter training with the Birmingham Police Department, learn from a youth psychologist about how to better manage teen behavior, and attend departmental meetings.

The Birmingham Museum

Underground Railroad Commemoration Ceremony

On September 17, the community gathered to commemorate the designation of the grave sites of Elijah Fish and George Taylor to the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The event included remarks by descendants of the honorees, and a walking tour to the grave sites at Greenwood Cemetery. We enjoyed honoring these two men and recognizing their lifelong struggles to bring an end to slavery in America, and their contributions to Birmingham's history.

Elijah Fish was an anti-slavery activist who co-founded the Oakland County Anti-Slavery Society with over 50 other nearby pioneer settlers even before Michigan had formed such a group. He brought nationally known lecturers and formerly enslaved abolitionist speakers to the small village of Birmingham, drawing crowds from all over the area in the years leading up to the Civil War to create awareness and promote anti-slavery public policy. Fish, who was also a deacon in Birmingham's First Presbyterian Church, died in 1861 before seeing slavery finally abolished and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

During the same period, freedom seekers in slaveholding states were desperate to gain their freedom, even if it meant walking hundreds of miles by night toward the North Star and to the Underground Railroad in Michigan. In 1855, George Taylor, who was held as a slave in Kentucky, fled on foot by night after a public whipping, almost died of hunger and thirst, was hunted by dogs and narrowly escaped capture and re-enslavement. After almost a month's journey, he finally reached Michigan and then made it Canada by the Underground Railroad. Taylor returned to Birmingham after achieving freedom and became a farmer. He later purchased a house in Birmingham, becoming the first African American to own property here, and also helped found Birmingham's United Presbyterian Church. George and his wife Eliza, also formerly enslaved, made their home here until they died in 1901 and 1902. They are buried together in Greenwood, but do not have grave markers. Past public donations will make it possible to install a marker for them this fall.

A Tapestry of Birmingham: Exploring our Diversity

The Birmingham Museum reopened to the public in August following the completion of the window restoration project, which required closure of the museum and temporary relocation of museum staff. Upon reopening, the museum launched its new exhibit at The Allen House, entitled, "A Tapestry of Birmingham: Exploring our Diversity," which looks at the surprisingly diverse racial and cultural history and range of attitudes that have shaped the Birmingham we know today.

Saturday Hours Resume

October 1 marks the return of Saturday hours at the Birmingham Museum. Students, families, and other visitors will be able to stop by between 1 and 4 PM on Saturdays to see updates to the Hunter House and our new exhibit at the Allen House. The 1822 Hunter House has an updated historic paint and interior with recently acquired artifacts and a handy tour app geared toward students and parents. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors. Friends (Birmingham Historical Society) Members and children under five are free.

Birmingham Shopping District (BSD)

Staffing Updates

The BSD is pleased to welcome Cristina Sheppard-Decius as the new Executive Director. Ms. Sheppard-Decius was selected for this role by the BSD Board after completing an extensive interviewing process. Ms. Sheppard-Decius has over 20 years of downtown economic development and executive management experience, managing downtown organizations in the cities of Ferndale, Dearborn, Pontiac and Plymouth, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Western Michigan University. Ms. Sheppard-Decius has been the Chairperson of the Michigan Downtown Association for the past two years and is well

respected both locally and nationally for her work transforming downtowns.

Art Walk

This year the BSD will sponsor the first ever Birmingham Art Walk on Thursday, October 13, 2022. This strolling event will take place during the evening from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Downtown businesses are encouraged to extend their hours that day and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center will be providing featured artists to showcase their talents and art pieces at multiple retailers in the heart of downtown. Individual merchants will offer special promotions and light refreshments. Please come downtown and enjoy a night out.

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 a new logo and colors to the BSD Board. On September 1, 2022, the BSD voted unanimously to approve the following logos:



The BSD plans to roll out the new logo and colors this fall in conjunction with the opening of the reconstructed section of South Old Woodward south of Brown.

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 August, we processed 495 online permit applications, totaling 3,343 applications so far in 2022.

Commercial and Residential Construction - Maintaining Consistent Growth

- The Building Department issued 33 new house permits between the beginning of May and the end of August.
- The final approval was just granted for the Restoration Hardware complete new building permit. Construction continues on the foundations and basement walls.
- All Seasons II foundation installation began this week and regular informational inspections are being conducted for site compliance.
- The Adams/Haynes mixed use project is currently in plan review and the two existing buildings were approved for demolition on 9/1/22. Construction site barriers and fencing have been installed. 720 South Adams was granted Temporary Use approval through the Planning Department for the storage and staging of construction materials and equipment.

City Clerk's Office

2022 November General Election

Voter registration

Residents can register to vote online at mi.gov/vote or www.expressSOS.com, by mail, at the City Clerk or County Clerk offices, 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). After October 24, residents must register in person at the City Clerk's office if they wish to vote in the November 8 general election.

Absentee Voting

Voters who previously submitted an application to vote absentee in the November election will receive their absentee ballot in late September/early October. If something has changed since you submitted your application, please let the City Clerk's office know so we can mail your ballot to the correct place. Registered voters who have not applied for an absentee ballot for the November election can still request one online at mi.gov/vote, or with a signed application returned to the City Clerk's office in person, by mail, in the City Hall dropbox or to elections@bhamgov.org. Ballots requested after 5:00 pm on November 4 must be picked up in person by the voter with identification at the city clerk's office.

There are many third-party special interest groups that mail absentee ballot applications to voters in addition to the applications sent by the City Clerk's office. Voters may continue to receive multiple applications for an absentee ballot even after successfully submitting an application to the city. If the clerk's office has your application requesting a ballot for the Nov. 8 election on file, you do not need to send another one. Voters can confirm that they will receive a November ballot on mi.gov/vote or by contacting the clerk's office at elections@bhamgov.org, or 248-530-1880. When we receive a second (or third) request from a voter, we compare the new request to the existing one to identify any changes, and follow up with the voter to confirm changes to ensure that the requested ballot is sent to the current address.

Did you know you can pick up your absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office? Once the ballots arrive in late September/early October, you can visit us in City Hall during business hours to apply and receive your absentee ballot in one quick stop. There are also several voting booths if you wish to complete your ballot and place it in our secure ballot box that day. You must bring a current photo ID or driver's license, and you cannot pick up a ballot for anyone other than yourself.

Voting while out of the country

Voters who will be out of the United States for the 2022 election can submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to receive an overseas 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.

24/7 voter information resource

The Michigan Voter Information Center offers around-the-clock answers to common election-related questions at mi.gov/vote. Check your voter information, request an absentee ballot by mail (no later than 5 pm on Nov. 4), locate your polling location, see a sample ballot and more anytime you want!

Sample ballots

Clerks across Oakland County have observed a trend of voters requesting and receiving an absentee ballot, then surrendering or spoiling that 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 allows voters to view sample ballots and track the status of absentee ballot requests.
- The clerk's office will have sample ballots available for review 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.

Election mail and the voter cancellation process

Have you recently been mailed a voter id card or absentee ballot application for a person who doesn't live at your address? Residents who receive election mail for someone that no longer lives at an address can play an important role in updating the city's voter rolls. The clerk's office asks residents to write "no longer at this address" on the mail and put it back in the mailbox. The postal service will then notify the clerk's office that the mail was returned as undeliverable, and the clerk's office will send a notice of cancellation – either a letter or an orange "voter registration confirmation notice" – and schedule these voters for cancellation, after two federal elections have passed.

Please note that U.S. citizens who live in foreign countries and no longer maintain a U.S. address are allowed to use their last domestic address for voting residency purposes. Therefore, it is possible that a former resident could still legally use your address as a voting residence in Michigan, even though the person currently lives in another country.

If you receive a notice of cancellation for your own voter registration, it is likely because a piece of election mail addressed to you was returned to the clerk's office. You may respond to the notification by mail, online at mi.gov/vote or contact the clerk's office at 248.530.1880 or elections@bhamgov.org. You may:

- update your voter registration with your current address
- request that your voter registration be canceled immediately
- vote or request an absentee ballot in an upcoming election

- do nothing and your registration will be canceled after the second even-year (federal) November election after you get the notice

Federal and state laws require the clerk's office to follow a detailed procedure before canceling voters. Learn more about this [here](#).

Cemetery Board

The Cemetery Board met on Friday, September 2, 2022. They finalized the 2021-2022 Annual Report and discussed cataloging graves in Greenwood Cemetery with www.FindAGrave.com, an open source cataloging site. Community member Jacquie Patt discussed her volunteer efforts with this website, cataloging obituaries and gravestones from the cemetery onto this searchable website.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2022 8:30 am at City Hall

Boards & Commissions

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
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
Board of Zoning Appeals	3 Regular Members	10/19/22	10/24/22
Birmingham Shopping District	3 Regular Members	10/17/22	10/24/22
Hearing Officer	1 Alternate Member	10/19/22	10/24/22
Multi-Modal Transportation Board	2 Alternate Members, 1 Regular Member	10/19/22	10/24/22
Advisory Parking Committee	1 Regular Members	Until Filled	
Birmingham Area Cable Board	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	

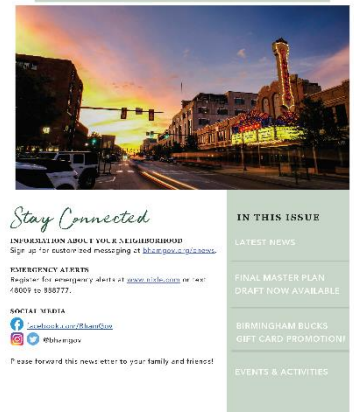
Board of Building Trades Appeals	3 Regular Members	Until Filled	
Board of Review	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	1 Regular Member	Until Filled	
Public Arts Board	1 Alternate Member	Until Filled	
Storm Water Utility Appeals Board	1 Regular, 2 Alternate Members	Until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

City Manager's Office

Communications

Around Town e-Newsletter

The communications team is working on the October edition of the Around Town e-Newsletter, which will include information about the Fire Department Open House, the upcoming election, curbed street leaf collection, fall golf opportunities, ice skating class registration and more. [Follow this link](#) to view the September edition of the Around Town e-Newsletter.



Engage Birmingham

Share Your Feedback about Birmingham's Strategic Plan

There's still time for the community to share feedback online and attend a Strategic Planning workshop in person on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Baldwin Public Library's Rotary Room (lower level). The community may watch the workshop on the local cable access channel and by web streaming on the City's Vimeo channel. Virtual participation will not be available. Submit feedback online at <https://engage.bhamgov.org/strategic-plan>.

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.

2023 City Calendar Photo Contest

We have received beautiful images of Birmingham via our Engage Birmingham contest inviting photographers of all ages and skill levels 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. Images may be submitted at <https://engage.bhamgov.org/2023-calendar-cover-contest>.



Fall 2022/Winter 2023 Birmingham Beat Newsletter

The Fall 2022/Winter 2023 edition of The Birmingham Beat newsletter is at the printer and will be delivered to residents around October 1, 2022. This edition features information about new parking structure equipment, the Citywide Master Plan for 2040, strategic planning, the election, upcoming holiday events and more.

Ad Hoc Wayfinding & Branding Committee Update

On Monday, September 12, 2022, the Ad Hoc Wayfinding & Branding Committee approved the city's color palette. The City and Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) now have some of the same colors in their palettes, which will help to create a cohesive look throughout the city.

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Human Resources

The Human Resources department has selected a top candidate for the BSD Director position. Applications for the Plumbing Inspector position continue to be collected. Interviews for part-time and full-time Police Dispatch have been completed, with selected candidates being contacted for hire. Our new Senior Clerk/Cashier resigned after a short tenure, and we will seek to fill that position quickly. Micah Robinson has been hired as a Streets/Sewer/Water Operator, and John Covington is starting soon as a new Streets/Sewer/Water Assistant Foreman. One more vacancy remains for Streets/Sewer/Water Assistant Foreman, and recruitment efforts to backfill a replacement remain ongoing.

Staff & Vacancy Update

Department	FT & PT Staff Count	Current Vacancies/Hiring	Department Vacancies Filled Since 2020	Notes
Birmingham Shopping District	5	Events & Office Assistant	7	BSD Director Hire Pending
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 resigns 9/30 Deputy Treasurer candidates under review
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 & FT 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

BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION - UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Topics brought up by the Commission

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 *Draft a letter	Letter was sent to Bloomfield Twp.
8/15/22	Speed Bumps	M: Haig S: Host	Clemence/Brooks	8/29 - Staff report *Further study by MMTB	In progress
6/13/22	Sustainability Board	Schafer	Nick Dupuis	On agenda for 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	Will be revised and presented again at an

				Conduct for future agenda 7/11/22 - Initial presentation to commission by CA	upcoming CC meeting
Resolved					
4/11/22	BBCC - Mental Health Workshop - More time to talk	M: Baller S: Haig	Marianne Gamboa	4/25/22 - clarify commissioners intent 5/9/22 - added time on the agenda to discuss Tom directed staff to add mental health info in city publications	Resolved
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

Department of Public Services

Adams Park Project Update

The park is at 95% completion. Over the past three weeks, we've been closely monitoring the sod establishment.

The grass roots of the lawn bond to the soil during the first weeks of growth, so in addition to a regular irrigation regimen, the protection of the lawn during this period is extremely important. Because the lawn requires a lot of water at first, the soil will retain a consistent level of moisture. This softer soil allows for exaggerated footprints and divots to be created by park users (people, dogs, balls, bikes) as well as lawnmowers, maintenance vehicles, and service equipment. Staying off the sod during this initial watering period is crucial for a safe and healthy lawn.

Just last week, we were able to adjust the irrigation for less water in order to mow the new sod for the first time. We will continue to monitor the condition of the sod and allow for entry to the new park as soon as it's ready.

Site furnishings (benches, tables, chairs, litter and recycling receptacles) unfortunately are delayed, with shipping now slated for mid-October. Upon opening, we will set out temporary litter and recycling containers. Finishing touches on fencing and the rain garden are also in the works to finalize the project.

We will be ready to open the park very soon, and plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in October. We are pleased with the overall project and timeline. We are very excited to open the park for all to enjoy!

There is still time to donate to the Adams Park project. We are extending the deadline to October 15th for the \$1,000 or more donation to be included on the donor plaque in Adams Park.

Stay tuned for details and project updates: <https://engage.bhamgov.org/adams-park>.

Golf Courses

Come out and enjoy the fall weather at both of the Birmingham Golf Courses. The two "Best Kept Secrets" in Birmingham!

Springdale Golf Course will be closing first this season, sometime during mid-October. Lincoln Hills Golf Course will remain open until the snow flies, contingent on the weather.

Check out the golf website for events and course updates at www.golfbirmingham.org. An upcoming event which the members look forward to is the Annual Turkey Shoot held on November 5th at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Birmingham Ice Arena Mural

Thank you to all who participated in the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena Party Room Mural Contest! The winning design was created by 15-year-old Maddie Gold. Maddie is a member of the Figure Skating Club of Birmingham and has been skating at the arena since she was three years old. Congratulations, Maddie! Be sure to check out Maddie's mural the next time you're at the arena.



Engineering Department

South Old Woodard Reconstruction Phase 3

The project is in construction phase two with the traffic shift of southbound traffic to the east side of the Old Woodward south of Frank Street. The city contractor has multiple crews working on utilities, road grading, sidewalk installation, and landscape island. Electrical work is also continuing for street and pedestrian lighting. The city contractor is coordinating with Consumers Energy, as they are replacing and relocating their gas main at the south end of the project area leading south into the City of Royal Oak. Weather permitting, significant completion of the project, including driving lanes, parking lanes and sidewalks, will be complete by the end of October.

2022 Sidewalk Repair Program

The City will start the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Program in September with work continuing into the Fall. This year's program includes Residential Area 5: Southfield Road to Cranbrook Road and Maple Rd to 14 Mile Road, Downtown 1B: Old Woodward to Woodward, and from Maple Road to Ravine Area 5 (extends in general from Oak Avenue Sidewalk at Greenwood Cemetery, Ann Street Sidewalk), and miscellaneous repairs throughout the City.

2022 Sidewalk Trip Elimination Services

The contractor has started work on the 2022 Sidewalk Trip Eliminations Service in Residential Area 6, which is located between Quarton Road to Maple Road, and the west City's limits to Quarton Lake and the Main Branch of the Rouge River. The contractor is anticipating completing the work by October.

Water Service Verification Program

Verification of existing water service material as part of the Lead and Copper Rule started in September, with work continuing through the end of October. As a reminder, please do not touch or remove flags as they help indicate where existing utilities are located.

Lead Service Replacement Program

Replacement of lead water services will continue at the beginning of October. HRC is working on coordination between the residents and the city contractor.

Planning Department

Master Plan 2040

The City of Birmingham has received the third and final draft of the Birmingham Plan 2040, which is available to read and download on www.thebirminghamplan.com. 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. The remaining schedule of review should closely resemble the following:

Date	Meeting Type	Action Needed
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

		<p>received during the distribution period as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt plan; 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 Planning Board agenda.

Planning Board

The Planning Board has reviewed 28 development applications this year so far. The Planning Board will be rounding out the year with a review of the third and final draft of the 2040 Master Plan, several additional anticipated development applications, and a number of study sessions. A tentative Planning Board schedule is provided below:

1. 2040 Master Plan – Draft #3 Review (Ongoing)
2. 295 Elm St. – Forest Townhouses – FINAL SITE PLAN (9/28/22)
3. Outdoor Dining Study (10/12/22)

Historic Preservation

The Historic District Commission recently reviewed an outline and draft section of the Historic Design Guidelines project and has provided the consultants, Kraemer Design Group, with feedback to continue forward. The City has remained engaged with the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure compliance with the Certified Local Government grant program. The consultant team and City Staff have created a detailed survey on the Engage Birmingham platform. Keep an eye out for the survey coming soon on <https://engage.bhamgov.org/>.

Public Art

The Public Arts Board received two new sculpture donations from resident Joel Tauber. The sculptures are from artists Jane Dedecker and John Henry. The Board is in the process of reviewing appropriate locations for each sculpture.

Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB)

The MMTB is in the process of updating the Multi-Modal Transportation Plan to reflect present conditions. The Board will be bringing back review of the S. Eton design this fall as well as reviewing speed table policy and traffic calming measures.

Police Department

Congratulations, Commander Scott Grewe

On September 13, 2022, Commander Scott Grewe successfully completed the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, located in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is internationally known for its academic excellence. The National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced

communication, leadership and fitness training. Participants who attend the academy must have proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have twenty-one years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 283rd session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 21 countries, five military organizations and five federal and civilian agencies. FBI Director Christopher Wray delivered the keynote address at the graduation ceremony. We are all very proud of Commander Grewe's accomplishment.

City Hall/Police Department Safety and Security Upgrade Project Update

The Telluris Team continues to work on phase one (the assessment phase) of the City Hall/Police Department Safety and Security upgrade project. The Telluris Team hopes to have a final draft for phase one completed by October 5, 2022.

Parking Systems Update

Equipment

City Staff will be making a recommendation to the Advisory Parking Committee on 10/5/22, and then go to the City Commission for their final approval. The goal will be to replace the existing equipment before the end of the calendar year.

Construction

Construction on the North Old Woodward Parking Structure continues with topside and underside concrete repairs. The traffic coating on the roof of the garage was completed in August.

Occupancy

AUGUST AVG CAPACITY	
Chester Garage (880)	34.58%
Old Woodward (745)	50.13%
Park Garage (811)	57.41%
Peabody Garage (437)	83.45%
Pierce Garage (706)	73.63%

Future Agenda Items

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Future Workshop Items

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