



**During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on February 6th, 2018, the City Council voted on the following items:**

**1.** An Ordinance “TO FURTHER AMEND THE HUD BLOCK GRANT BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, by transferring \$17,180.00 from Pathways/Transitional Shelters and appropriating \$17,180.00 to Pathways/Downtown Path Center.

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** Pathways is a non profit organization which offers the following programs for homeless women (and their children);

1) **A Day Center** located at 409 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. North. The Day Center provides day respite, meals, showers, case management, laundry, clothing, life skills classes, bus tokens and referrals to other social service agencies such as health care, housing and legal services. The City helps fund this Day Center with CDBG and ESG grants.

2) **Safe Haven Shelter** provides overnight stays for chronically homeless women who have mental health diagnoses. These women receive help with day to day living and maintenance services such as medication support, laundry, showers, case management, advocacy, housing and referrals to other social service agencies.

Formerly, in addition to the two programs listed above, Pathways also provided overnight shelter and transitional

housing programs for homeless women (and their children) however those programs were discontinued in September 2017. The City provided Community Development Block Grant, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Grant, and Emergency Solutions Grants, all from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, to help support those programs during funding periods.

*The City Currently has 2 Grants with Pathways and both support the Day Center Program*

**Next Steps:** For more information, please contact the Office of the City Council at 205.254.2294 or visit <http://www.pathwayshome.org/>

*Refer to council agenda item 11*

**2.** An Ordinance “TO FURTHER AMEND THE GRANTS FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, by \$4,573,774.60 to PEP, I-459 and Highway 280 Interchange Improvement per ALDOT grant received.

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** This project is reconfigure the awkward interchange between I-459 going North, and HWY 280. Currently, drivers have to merge across multiple lanes to get to go West on HWY280, and this plan will create dedicated turning lanes for drivers headed towards the Summit while maintaining a separate lane for drivers heading East toward Grandview Hospital. The project will begin in 60 days, and ALDOT estimates that construction will be completed by the end of 2018. Traffic will not be impeded during construction.

Here’s the funding breakdown for the project

The City of Birmingham will contribute \$457,377.46

ALDOT will contribute \$2,286,887.30

A Federal match will contribute \$1,829,509.84

for a total project cost of \$4,573,774.60

**Next Steps:** For more information, please contact the Office of the City Council at 205.254.2294

*Refer to council agenda Item 15*

3. An Ordinance amending Title 12 “Licensing And Regulation,” Chapter 2, “Ambulances” of the General Code of the City Of Birmingham, 1980, as amended, to amend § 12-2-1, “Purpose, Applicability, Title”, and § 12-2-41, “Rates and Fees.”

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** This Ordinance serves as a companion to Agenda Item 15 from the January 30th City Council meeting, which read: *A Resolution approving the amendment to the agreement with EMS Management & Consultants, Inc., Lewisville, North Carolina, to provide additional services by adding supplies billing to the process and, upon proper authorization by the City, to increase the transport rate to the Medicare allowable published rates from 4.9% to 5.9% of Net Collections and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment on behalf of the City. [Appropriated for in FY2017-2018 Budget; G/L Account: 001\_022\_16000\_16009.527-050] (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Purchasing Agent and the Fire Chief)*

Essentially, this amendment to the City’s General Code will allow the City to charge more for ambulance services. The vast majority of residents who receive a ride in an ambulance won’t feel the difference, as their insurance will be billed for the service. According to Birmingham Fire Department Chief Charles Gordon, 56% of the residents who receive ambulance services are uninsured, by they account for only 4% of revenues collected.

The City has gone from an average of around 50 ambulance rides a day to over 80 rides a day without having changed their fee rate. Based on conservative estimates, this change in rates will yield around a million dollars to the fire department, who needs additional funding to be able to meet increased demand.

The City’s General Code is all online at [https://library.municode.com/al/birmingham/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=10444](https://library.municode.com/al/birmingham/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=10444)

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*Refer to council agenda Item 16*

**4.** A Resolution of Intent to make efforts to financially support the construction of a new multi-purpose facility on property owned and operated by the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, following the satisfaction of certain conditions.

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** Following a lengthy discussion, the Birmingham City Council voted to approve a resolution of intent to provide \$90 million in funding—\$3 million annually for 30 years—for the construction of a multi-purpose facility at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

As stated in the resolution, there are certain conditions that must be met before any money is allocated for the project. In January, the Jefferson County Commission approved \$30 million in funding; the largest contribution will be coming from the BJCC, who will pay \$10.7 million in annual debt service for 30 years. The University of Alabama at Birmingham will lease the stadium to the tune of \$4 million annually for their football games. Additional funding is expected from corporate sponsors as well.

Last week, Mayor Randall Woodfin spoke to councilors during the regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting and answered questions regarding the proposed project. Prior to that meeting, Councilor Steven Hoyt submitted a document with [more than 20 questions about financing, minority-owned business inclusion, and the projected impact it would have on economic development.](#)

For a more comprehensive look at this Resolution, please read <https://medium.com/@bhamcitycouncil/birmingham-city-council-approves-resolution-of-intent-to-fund-bjcc-expansion-stadium-2654cb5b7326>

**Next Steps:** For more information, please contact the Office of the City Council at 205.254.2294  
Refer to council agenda item 38

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## **Announcements and Reminders**

### Wednesday, February 7, 2018

\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. – Park Board Meeting – Maxine Herring Parker Board Room @ Legion Field, 400 Graymont Avenue West

### Thursday, February 8, 2018

\*\*\* 10:00 a.m. – Committee Roundup Meeting - Conference Room “A”

\*\*\* 2:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Conference Room “A”

### Monday, February 12, 2018

\*\*\* 3:30 p.m. – Joint Budget and Finance Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Rooms “D & E”

### Tuesday, February 13, 2018

\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. – Pre-Council Meeting – City Council Chambers; 9:30 a.m. – Council Meeting – City Council Chambers

\*\*\* 2:00 p.m. – Joint Public Improvements Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Room “A” - **CANCELLED**

\*\*\* 3:00 p.m. – Joint Economic Development and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Rooms “D & E”

### Thursday, February 15, 2018

\*\*\* 10:00 a.m. – Committee Roundup Meeting - Conference Room “A”

\*\*\* 2:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Conference Room “A”

\*\*\* 3:00 p.m. – Joint Planning & Zoning Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room

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