



During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on February 27th, 2018, the City Council voted on the following items:

1. A public show cause hearing to consider revoking the business licenses issued to Anthony Earl Clark, dba Onyx, 615 8th Avenue West, Birmingham, AL 35204, and to consider rescinding Resolution No. 1936- 07, granting approval for a Lounge Retail Liquor Class I License and Resolution No. 1937-07, granting approval for a Division I Dance Permit, approved on December 4, 2007.

Was this item approved? Because no license was revoked, no action was taken on this matter.

What does this mean? After the 16-week delay imposed by the Birmingham City Council to allow the owners of Onyx Lounge to make safety improvements to their business, the body did not bring forward a motion to revoke the business license. Councilor John Hilliard said that the city should not be in the business of closing down businesses, citing the need to have a strong tax base for economic development. "I haven't heard any complaints in the last 16 weeks," Hilliard said. "I get so many people who want something from the city. We need a tax base to do that. I can understand if there was more violent crime or some tragedy. I wish we could take every gun off the street. There are a lot of things that can happen. With no police reports or any noise complaints, I don't see why we shouldn't give this young African-American male his business license. He's done his homework and improved the business for the community." According to the club's owner, Anthony Earl Clark, the outside amplifiers have been removed, a quarter-inch thick steel wall has been installed, and police call boxes will soon be installed.

For a full story about the Public Hearing, please read:

<https://medium.com/@bhamcitycouncil/onyx-to-remain-open-council-does-not-bring-motion-to-vote-on-license-revocation-4fd9500ae235>

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

Refer to council agenda item 2

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), for the purpose of hosting the 2018 Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Birmingham CrossPlex March 7 - 19, 2018, and to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$97,180.00, and the NCAA shall reimburse the City the same within 60 days following the Championships.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? In 2014, the City of Birmingham, through the Staff of the Crossplex, applied to host a variety of NCAA Championships, including the 2018 Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The NCAA approved the application, and Birmingham was selected to host 11 Championships, as a result of that proposal. The NCAA Championships are estimated to bring approximately 5,300 student athletes, officials, coaches, trainers, and administrators to the City, and the events are estimated to produce 18,800 room nights in hotels throughout the City. On January 3rd, the City Council passed an Ordinance appropriating \$97,180 for expenses relative to the City Hosting the 2018 Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Crossplex, March 7th-19th. The NCAA will reimburse the City all funds paid within 60 days following the conclusion of the Championships.

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3. A Resolution accepting the lump sum bid of Safford Building Company, LLC, 201 Beacon Parkway West Suite 300, Birmingham, in the amount of \$69,000.00, for the Downey Park Replacement Pavilion, this being the lowest and best bid submitted, and

authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Safford Building Company, LLC, in substantially the form contained within the bid documents and in accordance with said bid, providing that the total compensation payable under the contract not exceed the appropriation.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? The wooden Pavilion at Downey Park in East Lake has deteriorated, and will be replaced by a new, metal pavilion. This was the lowest bid submitted for the project.

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Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – NAHSE (National Association of Health Services Executives) Birmingham Regional Chapter Presents “Colorism” A Panel Discussion – Council President Pro-Tem Jay Roberson, District 7, will be a speaker on the Panel – UAB Hospital West Pavilion Conference Center, Suite E, 615 18th Street South

3:30 p.m. – Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Rooms “D & E” - **CANCELLED**

Friday, March 2, 2018

10:00 a.m. – The Unveiling of the Historic Marker for Graymont School in honor of Mr. James Armstrong – JCCEO Building, 300 8th Avenue West – Councilor Darrell O’Quinn, District 5

Friday, March 2, 2018

3:00 p.m. – Joint Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Rooms “D & E”

Monday, March 5, 2018

4:00 p.m. – Joint Transportation Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Room “A”

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Pre-Council Meeting – City Council Chambers; 9:30 a.m. – Council Meeting – City Council Chambers
3:30 p.m. – Joint Public Safety Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – City Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

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

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