



During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on March 20th, 2018, the City Council voted on the following items:

1. A Resolution relative to the application of Jordan Industrial Services LLC for a Scrap Metal Processors License to be used at 125 Finley Boulevard, Birmingham, and the hearing of all interested parties.

Was this item approved? No

What does this mean? According to the Birmingham City Code, Section 12-11-67, which can be found here:

https://library.municode.com/al/birmingham/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PT1THCOGEOR_TIT12LIRE_CH11JUDESCMEPR

The City Council did indeed have the grounds to not approve the Scrap Metal Processors License to Jordan Industrial Services LLC due to the legitimate safety and public health concerns expressed at the public hearing.

From the Code of Ordinances:

After such hearing the council may at such meeting or any other regular or special meeting consider such application, the recommendations required to be submitted to it, relevant evidence offered by any party at the public hearing, including the applicant and such other information and knowledge it may have bearing upon such application and if it determines that the applicant's business responsibility and moral character are satisfactory and that all agents or officers of applicant, if

any, who will take part in the operation of such business are of good character and reputation, and capable of operating the business in a manner consistent with public health, safety and good morals and the operation of such business will be in accordance with and in compliance with the requirements of this chapter and all other applicable laws, ordinances, codes and regulations of the city, county board of health, and the state, then in such event it shall grant such application; otherwise, the application shall be denied. In the granting or refusal of such application, the council shall be deemed to act in a judicial capacity”

For more information about this item, please read:

<https://medium.com/@bhamcitycouncil/council-denies-license-for-scrap-metal-processor-at-acipco-finley-location-21a0ceb4a841>

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2. An Ordinance “TO FURTHER AMEND THE BIRMINGHAM FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, by appropriating \$600,000.00 to Museum of Art – Chiller, \$1,500,000.00 to Police, Jail Renovations, \$570,000.00 to Police, Range Improvements, \$80,000.00 to Powderly Library Repairs, \$95,000.00 to Fire Station #26 Driveway repairs, \$83,000.00 to Fire Station #24 Roof Repairs and \$2,072,000.00 to Equipment Management, Fleet Replacement. The Council hereby finds this appropriation to constitute an extraordinary circumstance for an expenditure from the Birmingham Fund. Funding Source is investment gains. It is the Council's finding that the expenditure is clearly in the best interest of the City and its residents and would address an extraordinary circumstance that was not foreseen or anticipated at the time the Fund was established.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? The first repair that is addressed on the item was a “chiller” for the Birmingham Museum of Art. This unit is responsible for keeping the climate at an appropriate level in the museum, which houses millions of dollars worth antiquities and artwork. “That would be catastrophic if something happened and we lost all the artwork,” Council President Valerie Abbott said during the Budget and Finance Committee meeting last week.



Birmingham Museum of Art exterior, photo by Daniel Thornton

“The city jail is an old jail,” said Andre Bittas, Director of the Planning, Engineering and Permits Department. “We’ve been working on this for a while but recently it’s come to our attention that there are some structural issues that need to be addressed immediately.”

There is a roof leak within the facility and water has been accumulating in the facility, increasing the risk of mold. “There are roof leaks throughout the whole building and we must address that,” Bittas said. Last week, members of the Birmingham City Council and Mayor Randall Woodfin toured the facility and noticed a myriad of needs that must be addressed. For example, the kitchen facility is not up to code, Bittas continued; a number of equipment items are no longer working properly.

Another expenditure that was discussed revolved around issues at several Birmingham Fire Stations — Fire Station №24 is in need of roof repairs (currently there is a tarp preventing rain water from leaking into the station, and Fire Station №26 needs a new driveway to be able to allow access from the heavy trucks. In total, there were seven expenditures, all of which were labeled as emergencies by Mayor Woodfin. The funding source for the various projects will come from the Birmingham Fund, which currently has accrued \$5 million in interest, which is equal to the total repairs that were approved by the committee. The Birmingham Fund was set up after the sale of the Industrial Water Works and serves as the city’s emergency fund, which tends to have to an approximate fund balance of \$89 million. The item, which was recommended to the full Council, also included a \$2.07 million for fleet replacement, which will include some of the more pressing needs with 24 police cars, five ambulances and a number of service oriented vehicles.

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4. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement for the benefit of The Liberty Park Area Public Road Cooperative District under which the City will provide funding in the amount of \$224,000.00 to the Cooperative District to be used by the Cooperative District as a portion of the financing for a project to make certain capital improvements to Liberty Parkway, and further authorizing Maynard Cooper and Gale, as bond counsel for the Cooperative District, to file a petition in circuit court to validate the Funding Agreement and the project. The City’s funding equals 5% of the total estimated cost of the project. The remainder of the project costs will be financed through bonds issued by the Cooperative District, with the debt service on the bonds to be paid from fees levied by the Cooperative District and payable by certain users of the project, and from funding agreements with Jefferson County and the City of Vestavia.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean?

From Jeff Downes, Vestavia Hills City Manager:

“We’re very appreciative and pleased with the action of the Birmingham City Council supporting regional cooperation and mutually beneficial infrastructure. What was presented was a project to 4-lane Liberty Parkway from the exit at I-459 and

Overton all the way to the Encompass Health headquarters. This 4-lane widening project is anticipated to cost \$4 million. Of that, Birmingham is committed to 5% of the cost, Vestavia Hills 15% of the cost and other parties including Jefferson County and private entities have agreed to fund the majority of the project. As a result, Birmingham, Vestavia Hills, Jefferson County and the private entities will have more marketable property for other corporate headquarters, as well as residential and commercial developments that will benefit all of these communities. This will be a model for other relationships that are mutually beneficial. Birmingham abuts many municipalities throughout the area. We're glad to work together because when you work together great things can happen."

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5. A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreement with The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama for The University of Alabama Hospital for an initial term of six (6) months, under which the City of Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service will provide certain in-home follow-up care and treatment to patients it transports to University Hospital after hospital discharge, to include certain medical interventions, preventive care, and the identification of new medical conditions, and University Hospital will pay the City \$195.00 per patient per month for each patient participating in this Paramedicine/EMT Program.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? Assistant Fire Chief, Donald Jones and Lieutenant Benjamin Thompson presented this program, which will work to reduce the frequency of return ER visits by educating residents about preventative healthcare, instead of patients simply being discharged, not having a primary care doctor to follow up with, and repeating that costly cycle over and over again. The objective of the "Prevention through Intervention" program is to decrease the dependency on emergency services through patient education, patient advocacy, community collaboration, and progressive policy change."

Here is a link to the full presentation given by Assistant Chief Jones and Lieutenant Thompson:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1omYGmxM302iDvDYBAQYcNld_ekck7CUK/view?usp=sharing

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Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

Thursday, March 22, 2018

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

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

WEEK OF MARCH 25-31, 2018

Monday, March 26, 2018

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

6:00 p.m. – District 8 Town Hall – Birmingham Crossplex, 2337 Bessemer Road – Councilor Steven W. Hoyt, District 8 and Mayor Randall Woodfin

Tuesday, March 27, 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 Administration Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – Conference Rooms “D & E”

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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

Thursday, March 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. – Committee Roundup Meeting - Conference Room “A”
2:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Conference Room “A”

Friday, March 30, 2018

GOOD FRIDAY – CITY HALL CLOSED

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