



During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on April 17th, 2018, the City Council voted on the following items:

1.An Ordinance "TO FURTHER AMEND THE CAPITAL FUND BUDGET" for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, by transferring \$257,332.10 from Oxmoor Land Purchase & Access Improvements, \$142,667.90 from Funds Available and appropriating \$400,000.00 to Street Access from Lakeshore Drive for Premier Cinema.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? This funding transfer will allow for a new access road to be built for a new movie theater in Southwest Birmingham. Texas-based Premiere Cinemas is preparing to build the movie theatre at 500 Commons Drive off Lakeshore Parkway, most recently a location of Point of Grace Ministries (and Carmike Cinemas before that). The company expects to generate \$2.5 million in taxes to the City of Birmingham over 10 years and hire up to 60 workers over the next five years. The Budget and Finance Committee recommended this item at its meeting on April 9th. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer, and the theater could open in late 2018 or early 2019. The theater will be the first in the Birmingham metro area to have reclining seats with swivel trays and electric-powered footrests. The theater would feature: An arcade, a Pizza Pub, an upscale cafe featuring Starbucks and a full bar with auditorium service. At least one screen will be large-format similar to IMAX.

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

Refer to council agenda item 21

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor City enter into a Preliminary Engineering Agreement, with the State of Alabama; acting by and through the Alabama Department of Transportation for Project Number: STPBH-3718() [Proj. Ref. No. - 100067934] Bridge Replacement (BIN 000090) on 21st Street N (Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd) between 1st Avenue South and 1st Avenue North Over Norfolk Southern and CSX Railroad in the City of Birmingham.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? This Resolution is the first step toward replacing the bridge over the Rainbow Viaduct. According to the Alabama Department of Transportation, this bridge (along with the parallel 22nd Street Bridge, which will also need to be replaced) is in deteriorating condition and needs to be addressed soon. The Engineering Firm, Neel Schaffer, is consulting with the City on the project, and there will be another public input process about the bridge's replacement forthcoming. In October 2016 the Alabama Department of Transportation held a public hearing on a proposed replacement of the viaduct. The proposal from Neel-Schaffer includes barriers on the sides of the bridge above the railroad tracks.

The Rainbow Viaduct is: Dedicated to the brave men of the 167th Infantry who fought to protect our freedom. On May 19, 1919, soon after its completion, this 21st Street Viaduct was named the Rainbow Viaduct in tribute to Alabama's famous 167th Infantry of the Rainbow Division. Renowned for bravery and honor, the 167th was the nation's only regiment in World War I referred to by its home state – "The Alabama." Made up of men from throughout Alabama, including a large number from Birmingham, this regiment had to its credit the following brave deeds, among countless others:

- Advanced furthest its German lines – to Sedan
- Took the first German prisoners captured by Americans
- Only Rainbow Regiment to achieve two Honor Medals
- Fought in trenches two days longer than any other American regiment

The only Southern regiment in the first army at occupation on Rhine, the 167th fought in the battles of Luneville, Baccarat, Esperance-Souain, Champagne-Marne, Red Cross Farm following

Chateau-Thierry, Alsne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Essey-Paunes, Meuse-Argonne, Sedan.

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3. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with The Civil Rights Activist Committee (“Civil Rights Activists”), under which the Civil Rights Activists will assist the City in facilitating various economic development projects including economic revitalization, business growth, industrial development and job growth, and the City will pay the Civil Rights Activists an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for a term of one year, pursuant to Amendment 772 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901 to provide public money and things of value to a private entity for purposes of promoting the economic and industrial development of the City.

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? The Civil Rights Activist Committee will provide workshops, seminars, and documentaries detailing the contributions of Foot Soldiers during the Civil Rights Movement and perform work to attract tourists to other civil rights related business in Birmingham.

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4. A Resolution appointing two (2) members to the Birmingham Library Board, one (1) term expiring December 31, 2021 and one (1) term expiring December 31, 2022. (Submitted by Councilor Abbott, Chairperson, Administration and Education Committee) (Recommended by the Administration and Education Committee)

A Resolution appointing five (5) members to the Birmingham Planning Commission; one (1) member to fill the unexpired term of C. Patrick Bodden, resigned, said term expiring on October 6, 2018, one (1) member to fill the unexpired term of Jason Fondren, resigned, said term expiring on October 6, 2020, one (1) member to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Brian Johnson, resigned, said term expiring on October 6, 2021, and two (2)

members for terms expiring on October 6, 2023.

Were these items approved? Yes

What does this mean?

Library Board:

The Birmingham City Council appointed Sherri Nielson to the Birmingham Public Library Board for the term ending December 31st, 2021 and Wardine Alexander for the term ending December 31st, 2022. The **Birmingham Public Library Board** was established in 1913 to oversee the assets and operations of the [Birmingham Public Library](#) system. It was a successor to the [Birmingham Public Library Association](#), organized in [1908](#). Under current city ordinance, the [Birmingham City Council](#) appoints ten members to the board for 5-year terms. In addition, the president of the [Friends of the Birmingham Public Library](#) sits on the board as an advisory (non-voting) member. Members are not compensated for their service, but can be reimbursed for approved travel relating to board business.

Planning Commission:

Due to three resignations, The Birmingham City Council appointed Ronald Crenshaw to fill an unexpired term ending on October 6th, 2018, Zakee Iddeen to an unexpired term ending October 6th, 2020, and Dr. Kathryn Doornbos to an unexpired term ending October 6th, 2021.

The Council reappointed Dr Nyesha Black for a term ending October 6th, 2023, and appointed Haley Colson Lewis for a term also ending October 6th, 2023.

The Birmingham Planning Commission is the official planning agency for the City of Birmingham. Under Title 11, Chapter 52 of the Alabama Code as amended in 1975, its broad responsibility is to plan for the orderly physical development and/or redevelopment of the City, including its transportation network, community facilities, and the arrangement of land uses. Specifically, the Planning Commission is responsible for preparing and maintaining, on a current basis, a **Comprehensive Plan** which serves as an overall guide to coordinate private and public development within the City.

Read the Comprehensive Plan here:

<https://www.birminghamal.gov/work/birmingham-comprehensive-plan/>

In the course of its work, the Planning Commission acts on a variety of different planning-related issues including:

-Reviews and approves all construction projects by federal, state or local governments or agencies within Birmingham including: police and fire stations, libraries, public schools or colleges, parks, public utilities, airport facilities, etc.

-Considers appeals of Subdivision Committee decisions.

-Recommends initial zoning for properties annexed into the City.

-Approves and adopts neighborhood improvement plans identifying specific revitalization strategies and programs

-Approves master plans for the overall layout and development of public institutions within the City including: colleges, hospitals, airport, zoo, civic center, public housing projects, etc.

-Adopts and amends various elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan including: land use, transportation, housing, community facilities, economic development, etc.

-Reviews and recommends the adoption of urban renewal and urban redevelopment plans, commercial revitalization plans and comprehensive rezoning plans.

Coordinating Committees

To assist it in its planning responsibilities, the Planning Commission has delegated certain functions to several subcommittees. Among these are the Subdivision Committee which controls the subdivision of land and makes

recommendations to the Birmingham City Council regarding the vacation and dedication of public rights-of-way, and the Zoning Advisory Committee which makes recommendations to the City Council on the merits of applications for changes in the zoning of property. A third subcommittee, the Comprehensive Planning Committee, is an advisory body which reviews and makes recommendations to the Planning Commission relative to comprehensive, long-range planning issues. Lastly, the Project Review Committee is responsible for the review and approval of minor public facility improvements or projects that do not require action by the full Planning Committee.

APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

The Birmingham Planning Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers on the third floor of Birmingham City Hall. Applicants should contact the staff of the City's Planning Division located on the fifth floor (Room 500) to arrange a hearing by the Planning Commission. Staff will assist in determining what materials need to be submitted for review. While these materials will vary depending upon the type of proposal, in general, the type of information requested for a specific project includes: a site development plan illustrating the location of the proposed project in relation to surrounding properties, elevation drawings, parking layout plan, landscape plan, floor plans, and a color rendering of the project, if available.

In order to ensure an adequate amount of time for review by staff and proper notification, applicants should submit a complete package of information at least two weeks prior to the date of a hearing by the Planning Commission. It should be noted that the Planning Commission has adopted a policy that all projects be presented to the appropriate neighborhood association in which a project is located for review and input prior to consideration by the Planning Commission. Since most neighborhood associations only meet once a month, it is important that this requirement be taken into consideration in scheduling a project.

Projects determined to be minor in scope may be reviewed by the Project Review Committee rather than by the full Planning

Commission. This Committee meets as needed on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 4:30pm.

Membership

The Birmingham Planning Commission is comprised of sixteen (16) members. Four are ex-officio members consisting of: the Mayor, an administrative officer selected by the Mayor, and two members of the City Council. The remaining members consist of residents of the City of Birmingham who are appointed by the Birmingham City Council.

Planning Commission members have overlapping six (6) year terms which enable the Commission to benefit from the experience of its members while providing a degree of stability and continuity of perspectives on long range planning issues. It is a general policy of the City Council that the term of each member shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

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Refer to council agenda items 34 and 35

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Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

3:00 p.m. – Joint Planning and Zoning Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – 5th Floor Conference Room-City Hall

Monday, April 23, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 24, 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/Education 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, April 25, 2018

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

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