



BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on July 24th, 2018,
the City Council voted on the following items:**

1. *An Ordinance amending Title 2, “General Government,” Chapter 3, “Municipal Organization,” Section 1, “City departments and offices,” to establish a new department, the “Department of Innovation and Economic Opportunity” and change the name of the “Traffic Engineering Department” to the “Department of Transportation.”*

Was this item approved? Delayed two weeks, referred to Committee of the Whole

What does this mean? The item was referred back to a special-called Committee of the Whole meeting. The date for that meeting has not been set but will take place in the next two weeks. Several councilors have been pushing for the word “Diversity” be included in the name of the new economic development department.

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

Refer to council agenda Item 27

2. A Resolution declaring that the Magic City Classic serves a public purpose and authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 for the City's hosting services relative to the 77th Annual Magic City Classic and City events.

Was this item approved? This item was delayed two weeks at the request of Councilor William Parker.

What does this mean? A public purpose is a governmental action or direction that seeks to benefit the populace as a whole. A public-purpose bond is a municipal bond that is used to fund projects that benefit the general public rather than private groups or individuals. The item was referred back to a special-called Committee of the Whole meeting. The date for that meeting has not been set but will take place in the next two weeks.

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Refer to council agenda Item 31

3. *A Resolution allowing full time probationary employees to begin utilizing accrued sick leave on the employee's 61st day of employment and begin utilizing accrued vacation leave on the employee's 91st day of employment, effective September 1, 2018.*

Was this item approved? This item was withdrawn so the Law Department can add language to the item to include appointed employees.

What does this mean? In order for the City of Birmingham to remain competitive in recruiting and hiring new employees, the council voted to update a protocol that will allow full-time probationary employees to start utilizing accrued sick leave on the employee's 61st day and vacation leave on their 91st day. Before the vote, employees had to wait 12 months before utilizing their accrued sick and vacation leave. A modification was also made to include appointed City Council employees.

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Refer to council agenda item 33

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Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

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

Friday, July 27, 2018

2:00 p.m. – Birmingham Fire Station #8 Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 4100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd North – Councilor William Parker, District 4

WEEK OF JULY 29-AUGUST 4, 2018

Sunday, July 29, 2018

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – Jazz in the Park – Sloss Furnaces, 1236, 20 32nd Street North – Councilor Darrell O’Quinn, District 5

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

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

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

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

Thursday, August 2, 2018

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

Friday, August 3, 2018

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

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