



**During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on September 25th, 2018, the City Council voted on the following items:**

*1. A Resolution approving a Master Contract for Public Safety Services (Surveillance Equipment – Governmental) with Alabama Power Company, under which Alabama Power Company will undertake a pilot program to install and provide a public safety camera surveillance system to enhance law enforcement and public safety in the Central Park, Ensley, Gate City, and Kingston neighborhoods for a term of 5 years at an estimated cost of \$672,000.00 annually, payable in estimated installments of \$56,000.00 per month, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract on behalf of the City.*

**Was this item approved? Yes**

**What does this mean?** The Council went into an hour-long executive session to discuss the security details associated with the surveillance system, and eventually approved the item unanimously. According to Williams, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, the roughly 100 cameras for the pilot program are expected to be installed in the next 90 days. The contract between the city and Alabama Power Company (APC), who will be providing and installing the monitoring equipment, is for 60 months. APC will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the equipment provided. The contract totals \$672,000 and will be payable through estimated monthly installments of \$56,000 from the city. For more information on this item, please read our story here:

<https://medium.com/@bhamcitycouncil/council-approves-contract-for-public-safety-surveillance-system-d267526a2637>

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

*Refer to council agenda Item 19*

**2.** *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Alabama State University (ASU), Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU), and the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board, to provide that the “Magic City Classic” football games shall be held at the historic Legion Field Stadium, to be played on the fourth Saturday of each October, beginning in 2019 and continuing for the next three (3) years through the 2022 football season, and the City shall pay to ASU and AAMU a combined sum not to exceed \$650,000.00 for 2019; \$700,000.00 for 2020; \$750,000.00 for 2021; and \$800,000.00 for 2022.*

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** The passage of this Item by the City Council is a crucial step in ensuring that our city’s flagship event remains in Birmingham. With a \$22Million + economic impact each year, the Magic City Classic is a significant event, with dozens of supporting events happening during the week leading up to the game between Alabama State and Alabama A&M. Because of the impact of the game, other cities and locations are expressing interest in hosting the largest HBCU Classic in the country. The increased funding to the two schools shows Birmingham’s commitment to their cultural and academic traditions, and demonstrates their value to Birmingham’s economy.

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*Refer to council agenda Item 31*

**3.** *An Ordinance “TO FURTHER AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, by appropriating \$300,000.00 to Non Departmental, Birmingham Jefferson Port Authority, \$850,000.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; \$5,150,000.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Fund 103 Neighborhood Revitalization, \$600,000.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Land Bank Authority, \$500,000.00 to the Office of the City Attorney, Claims and Professional Fees, \$100,000.00 to Police Department, Non Capital Equipment and G&A Instruction and Training; “TO FURTHER AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, by appropriating \$500,000.00 to Deferred Maintenance*

*Program and \$350,000.00 to IMS Hardware/Software; “TO FURTHER AMEND THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30,2019, by appropriating \$500,000.00 to Sidewalk Repairs, \$750,000.00 to Pothole Repairs, \$2,800,000.00 to Street Resurfacing, \$1,100,000.00 to Neighborhood Revitalization Projects; and “TO FURTHER AMEND THE LAND BANK FUND BUDGET” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, by appropriating \$600,000.00 to Land Bank Activities.*

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?** According to Mayor Randall Woodfin’s Office, The City of Birmingham ran a surplus of \$10 million for fiscal year 2018, which was attributed to a 5 percent growth in city revenue over the previous fiscal year, as well as reduced spending. The Council-passed Fund Balance Policy requires 20 percent of the city’s overall budget to be maintained in a fund. Anything exceeding that can be used, allowing the city \$7.5 million to spend. The funding allows for approximately 250 road patches; three miles (or 15,000 feet) of sidewalk; and 12-15 miles of road paving, or about 200 blocks. The Deferred Maintenance Program would receive \$500,000 to maintain equipment to become more responsive to resident and neighborhood needs, while \$350,000 would go toward the city’s Information Management Services department for tech upgrades. \$600,000 would go toward the Land Bank Authority and \$1.1 million would remain the neighborhood revitalization fund.

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*Refer to council agenda addendum Item 33*

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### **Announcements and Reminders**

#### **Monday, October 1, 2018**

12:30 p.m. – Joint Parks and Recreation Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – City Council Chambers

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

**Tuesday, October 2, 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, October 3, 2018**

9:30 a.m. – Park Board Meeting – Maxine Herring Parker Board Room, Legion Field, 400 Graymont Avenue West

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**

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

**Friday, October 5, 2018**

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

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Party with a Purpose 2018 – Ensley Park, 2800 Avenue K - Councilor Steven W. Hoyt, District 8  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Brown Springs Neighborhood Fun Day – East Lake Park, 8101 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North - Councilor Hunter Williams, District 3

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