



During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on March 19th, 2019, the City Council voted on the following items:

1. *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Birmingham with Major League Baseball Youth Foundation and Birmingham Park and Recreation Board.*

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? After weeks of discussion, the Birmingham City Council passed an authorization agreement for Major League Baseball to construct and operate a youth academy at George Ward Park. The three-party agreement between the City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Park Board and MLB has been a point of contention in recent weeks, with some residents in the neighborhood voicing opposition over the location of the proposed park. It is now up to MLB whether or not they will choose to build their youth academy at George Ward or another location.

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2. *A Resolution approving, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Lobbying Services between the City of Birmingham and Government Corporate Partners, LLC, under which Government Corporate Partners, LLC, will provide lobbying services in connection with governmental issues, legislation, proposed legislation, and other matters before the Alabama Legislature, which are of interest to the City Council, for an initial term ending June 30, 2019, and for a fee in the amount of \$34,000.00, which will be payable through a monthly retainer of \$8,500.00 per month, with such agreement to be renewable for an additional*

term of one year, subject to the appropriation of funding for the agreement in the City's budget for the 2020 fiscal year, for a total additional fee in the amount of \$102,000.00, which will be payable through a monthly retainer of \$8,500.00 per month.

Was this item approved? Yes, with amendments

What does this mean? After a discussion on the dais, the Council voted to pass an amended version of this Agreement, striking the language about the additional \$102,000 for the 2020 fiscal year.

Government Corporate Partners, LLC will represent the legislative priorities of the Birmingham City Council by advocating for policies of interest to the Council to State Legislators and to other State Agencies, and, according to the contract, will provide the Council with detailed reports of the work at the State level.

Because of the lack of "Home Rule" in Alabama, progressive ordinances passed by the Birmingham City Council have, and can be overturned by the State Legislature. Having advocates at the State level helps ensure that the Council is able to better represent the interests of their constituents.

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3. *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks ("IIMC") in the amount of \$45,000.00 cash and \$5,000.00 in-kind services, under which IIMC shall agree to host its four (4) day 2019 73rd Annual International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference in the City of Birmingham.*

Was this item approved? Yes

What does this mean? The Council voted to authorize this incentive agreement for the 73rd Annual International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference, to be held in Birmingham from May 19-22nd.

Birmingham's City Clerk, Lee Frazier, is the President of the

Alabama Association of Municipal Clerk's, and is recognized as a leading figure in the profession.

The Conference is projected to have an economic impact of over \$2.2 Million.

The Institute's primary goal is to actively promote the continuing education and professional development of municipal clerks through extensive education programs, certification, publications, networking, annual conferences and research. As an educational catalyst, IIMC inspires clerks to expand and advance beyond their present levels of development.

For more information on the conference, please visit:

<https://www.iimc.com/DocumentCenter/View/2992>

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Announcements and Reminders

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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

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

Monday, March 25, 2019

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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, March 27, 2019

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

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