



# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

During the Birmingham City Council Meeting on August 6th, 2019, the City Council voted on the following items:

*1. A Resolution authorizing the abatement of the nuisances existing on the following [367] properties and the costs of such abatement to be assessed against and constitute a lien upon such properties, and the hearing of all interested parties:*

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?**

The City of Birmingham's Code Enforcement division has a multi-step process to abate and assess costs for abandoned properties with overgrown weeds. First, a City Inspector will send the property owner a notice that their property has overgrown weeds. A picture will be taken, and a certified letter will be sent, notifying the property owner of a two-week period to address the issue. If no substantial progress is made, a "posting", or notice, is placed upon the property, letting the property owner know that the property will be on the City Council agenda as a public nuisance. After the City Council votes to approve the item, the property will appear a second time on the agenda (as all the properties in Item 1 were today), authorizing the City to actually abate the weeds. Finally, the

nuisance properties will appear on the agenda for a third time, once the costs have been assessed against the properties.

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

*Refer to council agenda Item 1*

**2.** *A Resolution authorizing the abatement and removal of the following inoperable motor vehicle as a public nuisance existing on the following property and the costs of removal to be assessed against the registered owner of the vehicle, and the hearing of all interested parties:*

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?**

If you notice an abandoned car that you believe to be a public nuisance, you can report it to the City's 3-1-1 call center. After the car is reported, City inspectors will come record it and:-Within two weeks, a letter will be sent to the vehicle owner. If the owner does not respond, they will be summoned to Birmingham's Municipal Court within 30 days. If the owner fails to respond, or does not appear in court, another letter will be sent giving them an additional 30 days before the City Council approves the towing of the car.

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

*Refer to council agenda Item 2-9*

**3.** *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the May 16, 2017 Agreement with Shadow Brook Village, LLC to increase the original appropriation as amended by \$1,500,000.00 of Federal funding*

**Was this item approved?** Yes

**What does this mean?**

In the aftermath of the April 27th, 2011 tornado that devastated Pratt City, the City of Birmingham was granted Federal funds to help rebuild the community. Part of that agreement was to include affordable rental units in Pratt City. The funding passed today is going towards the development of such affordable units.

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

*Refer to council agenda Items 13*

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### **Announcements and Reminders**

#### **Wednesday, August 7, 2019**

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

#### **Sunday, August 11, 2019**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Jazz in the Park – W.C. Patton Park, 3969 14th Avenue North

#### **Monday, August 12, 2019**

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

#### **Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

9:00 a.m. – Pre-Council Meeting – City Council Chambers; 9:30 a.m. – Council Meeting – City Council Chambers

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

#### **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

8:30 a.m. – Joint Planning and Zoning Committee and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting – 5th Floor Conference Room

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