



**SPECIAL CALLED JOINT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**



**Councilor Clinton Woods, Committee Chair
Councilor Abbott and Councilor Hilliard, Committee Members**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 20, 2019**
 - b. November 18, 2019**
- III. Carletta O. Singleton, U.S. Census Bureau
Presentation**
- IV. Courtney French, v94.9
Proposal forthcoming**
- V. Michael Hansen
Resolution in support of the 35th Avenue Superfund Site to be added to the
National Priorities List**
- VI. I-20X High Speed Rail Conference**
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Adjournment**



COMMITTEE REPORT



**JOINT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC INFORMATION
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Monday, May 20, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Conference Rooms A

MINUTES

**Councilor Clinton Woods, Committee Chair
Councilor Abbott and Councilor Hilliard, Committee Members**

Councilor(s) Present: Woods, Abbott, Hilliard

1. **Call to Order**
Councilor Woods called the meeting to order.
2. **Approval of Minutes April 15, 2019**
Action Taken:
Councilor Hilliard: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Woods: _____ Seconded.
3. **Presentation from Birmingham Housing Authority CEO Michael Lundy**
Action Taken:
No Presentation
4. **Contract Compliance Resolution**
Action Taken:
Councilor Woods introduced a resolution in an effort to enforce or make sure contract holders are in compliance with their contract(s).
Councilor Hilliard: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Woods: _____ Seconded.
5. **Old Business – Zoning Issues**
Action Taken:
Due to zoning concerns, Councilor Woods stated that he would like to begin the process of rezoning everything.
Councilor Abbott suggested that Councilor Woods follow up with Councilor Hoyt.
6. **New Business**
None
7. **Adjourn**
Councilor Hilliard: _____ Moved to Adjourn.
Councilor Woods: _____ Seconded.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**

**Councilor Clinton Woods, Committee Chair
Councilor Abbott and Councilor Hilliard, Committee Members**

AGENDA

Councilor(s) Present: Woods, Abbott, Hilliard, O'Quinn

- I. Call to Order**
Councilor Woods called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2019**
Action Taken:
Approval of Minutes Delayed
- III. Automated Photographic Speeding Enforcement System Resolution**
A Resolution urging Mayor Randal L. Woodfin to include the Automated Photographic Speeding Enforcement System enabling legislation as a legislative priority for the 2020 Alabama Legislative Session.
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Hilliard: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- IV. Old Business**
The Committee discussed scheduling a meeting with the Jefferson County Commission and the Legislatures.
No Action - Information Only
- V. New Business**
 - Councilors were asked to submit items for the legislative agenda.
- VI. Adjournment**

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RECOMMENDED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST, PROPOSED RULE NO. 61, THE ADDITION OF THE 35TH AVENUE SUPERFUND SITE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Priorities List (NPL) serves as the basis for prioritizing both enforcement actions and long-term EPA Superfund cleanup funding; and

WHEREAS, the NPL contains the nation's most serious uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites and only sites on the NPL are eligible for EPA Superfund cleanup funding; and

WHEREAS, Listing a site on the NPL allows EPA to access additional resources to support community involvement in the Superfund process. These include formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) and providing Technical Assistance Grants (TAG), which help communities hire trained professionals to interpret the EPA technical documents. The EPA has also introduced the Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI), which encourages the employment of trainees at local Superfund cleanups. Finally, through the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, the EPA partners with communities to return Superfund sites to productive reuse; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the EPA proposed NPL Rule No. 61, which would add the 35th Avenue Superfund Site to the National Priorities List; and

WHEREAS, the EPA found that the 35th Avenue Site poses risks to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, addition to the NPL could mean that Superfund-financed remediation will take place in north Birmingham; and

WHEREAS, a former Alabama legislator pleaded guilty on September 7, 2017 in federal court to accepting bribes from a Birmingham lawyer and an Alabama coal company executive in exchange for advocating their employers' opposition to EPA actions in North Birmingham, including listing the 35th Avenue Site on the NPL; and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham lawyer who bribed the former Alabama legislator was convicted on July 23, 2018 of bribery, honest services wire fraud, conspiracy and money laundering conspiracy and was sentenced to five years in prison, a \$25,000 fine, and two years supervised release with 100 hours of community service each year; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama coal company executive who bribed the former Alabama legislator was convicted on July 23, 2018 of bribery, honest services wire fraud, conspiracy and money laundering

conspiracy and was sentenced to two and a half years in prison, a \$25,000 fine, and one year supervised release with 100 hours of community service each year; and

WHEREAS, the 35th Avenue Site has still not been added to the NPL; and

WHEREAS, the Birmingham City Council supports listing the 35th Avenue Site on the NPL and welcomes the benefits that NPL listing would bring to north Birmingham and seeks to rectify the injustice inflicted upon these residents by the bribery and public corruption that prevented the site from being listed on the NPL in 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham as follows:

- (1) The Council of the City of Birmingham finds that the addition of the 35th Avenue Superfund Site to the National Priorities List will assist efforts to clean up hazardous contamination, improve public health and revitalize affected communities;
- (2) The Council of the City of Birmingham urges the EPA to proceed with Proposed Rule No. 61 to include the 35th Avenue Site on the National Priorities List;
- (3) The Council of the City of Birmingham asks Governor Kay Ivey to submit a letter to the EPA stating unequivocally that the State of Alabama supports the EPA listing the 35th Avenue Site on the National Priorities List; and
- (4) The Council of the City of Birmingham supports and encourages other efforts of residents and their advocates to pursue additional remedies towards restorative justice.

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