



JOINT TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 | 2:00 P.M.
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MINUTES

COUNCILOR DARRELL B. O'QUINN, CHAIR
COUNCILORS LATONYA A. TATE AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Tate, Woods

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor O'Quinn.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES – August 8, 2022.

Action Taken:

The Committee Meeting Agenda was approved as recorded.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

The August 8, 2022 Joint Transportation and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were Approved as Recorded.

III. NEW APPLICANT: Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium DBA Clastran OWNER: SHARI SPENCER

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

IV. BPA BOARD APPOINTMENT: Jeff Havercroft

The Committee Chair announced the vacancies on the Birmingham Parking Authority Board and interviewed applicants to fill the vacancies.

The current board term expires in Oct 2022 and Mr. Havercroft was selected for the new term.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

**V. ALDOT ROADWAY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT PRESENTED BY: COLIN ALEXANDER, BDOT
Colin Alexander presented the update.**

The Agreement was presented to the Committee several months ago for review.

It is a standard maintenance agreement between the City and ALDOT; very similar to the agreement to maintain the traffic signals on ALDOT right of ways.

There is an agreement between the City and Alabama Power to replace lighting on all roadways. When the agreement was put into place, the City communicated with ALDOT Regional Office and ALDOT suggested that the City to move forward with ALDOT roadways as part of the project. The State policy changed when ALDOT started receiving request from other communities. A State policy was developed where you have to have a maintenance agreement in order to operate on their right of way.

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The Alabama Power project was put on hold and the City was unable to complete the project until the agreement was finalized. The agreement is not for interstate lighting, only for highways. The City added US designation to any federal highway in addition to the Alabama designation.

Action Taken:

Councilor Woods Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

VI. RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION GRANT PRESENTED BY: COLIN ALEXANDER, BDOT

Colin Alexander presented the update.

The Resolution will be presented at the August 22, 2022 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The Resolution is for the City to commit to allocating \$250,000.00 on a \$10 million Federal grant under the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program. This is a new program that is part of the bipartisan infrastructure bill. It is a partnership between the City of Birmingham, Norfolk Southern and the City of the Trussville (from Woodlawn to Mary Taylor Road). The plan calls for the elimination of several railroad crossing, including eliminating the crossing at Harris Homes and building a tunnel underneath to provide access to Harris Homes, as well as all of the crossings between 55th Street and Brussels Avenue. This will create a quiet zone in the Woodlawn community, which will open up opportunities for affordable housing and tax credits. There will be some track work around Norris Yard in Irondale in order to add more capacity. A bridge will be constructed at Mary Taylor Road to eliminate the crossing. Norfolk Southern is contributing \$1.5 million towards the grant. The city of Trussville is also contributing \$250,000.00 towards the grant.

Action Taken:

Councilor Tate Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Woods Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Birmingham On Demand Program – Christina Argo

Christina Argo presented the update.

The program has been very successful. The average ETA is 8.4 minutes, which is better than other providers in the market. Riders continue to rely on public transit, as their need to go outside of the current service area. Data indicates this is a large share of rides are to the intermodal facility. New ridership continues to increase; up 23%. Rider rating is at 4.9. The top destinations include grocery stores, shopping, medical and connection to the intermodal facility for additional connections. Seventy-seven percent (77%) of riders have an average income below \$50,000.00. Fifty-three percent (53%) of riders use the service for commuting or education.

Bidding: Alabama State Bid Law requires after three years. The bid has been publicized on the website, newspaper, online. Questions are due September 1, 2022. Proposals are due September 8, 2022. Proposals will be opened September 9, 2022.

An update will be provided at the September 12, 2022 Joint Transportation and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting.

No Action – Information Only

Councilor Woods stated that the Killough Springs neighborhood was approved for speed cushions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Woods Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

The Meeting was Adjourned.