

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**JULY 8, 2013**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 151 MARTIN**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

George Dilgard, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL:	Present,	Mayor Dilgard Commissioner Hoff Commissioner McDaniel Mayor Pro Tem Moore Commissioner Nickita Commissioner Rinschler Commissioner Sherman
	Absent,	None

Administration: City Manager Bruner, Attorney Currier, Clerk Broski, Assistant City Manager Valentine

**III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**07-199-13 APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLECASTING BOARD**

**MOTION:** Motion by Hoff:

To appoint Colin Linsenman, 1196 Holland, to complete a three-year term on the Cablecasting Board to expire March 30, 2014.

VOTE: Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

**07-200-13 APPOINTMENT TO THE MUSEUM BOARD**

**MOTION:** Motion by Hoff:

To concur in the City Manager's appointment of Jeff Wilmot, 33656 Woodward Avenue, as the business owner member to serve a three-year term on the Museum Board to expire July 5, 2016.

VOTE: Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

The Clerk administered the oath to the appointed board members.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one

motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a commissioner or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered under the last item of new business.

**07-201-13 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The following item was removed from the consent agenda:

- Item A (Minutes of June 24, 2013) by Dorothy Conrad

**MOTION:** Motion by Rinschler, seconded by Nickita:

To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- B. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of June 26, 2013 in the amount of \$361,729.37.
- C. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of July 2, 2013 in the amount of \$1,445,407.41.
- D. Resolution approving the agreement for the installation of barrier free access at the Allen House to FBH Dave’s Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$71,080 and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement for these services; and amending the 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund and General Fund budgets as follows:
 

Community Development Block Grant Fund		
Revenues - Federal Grants 248-000.000-503.0000	\$60,002	
Expenditures- Barrier Free Improvements		
248-690.000-836.0100	\$60,002	
General Fund		
Revenues - Draw from Fund Balance 101-000.000-400.0000	\$11,078	
Expenditures - Allen House Improvements		
101-804.002-981.0100	\$11,078	
- E. Resolution eliminating the Birmingham Canvassing Board and thanking the members for their service to the City.
- F. Resolution approving the addendum to the Farm to Table Block Party event on September 7, 2013 contingent upon compliance with all permit and insurance requirements and payment of all fees and, further pursuant to any minor modifications that may be deemed necessary by administrative staff at the time of the event.

ROLL CALL VOTE:    Yeas,                    Commissioner Hoff  
    Commissioner McDaniel  
    Mayor Pro Tem Moore  
    Commissioner Nickita  
    Commissioner Rinschler  
    Commissioner Sherman  
    Mayor Dilgard

   Nays,                    None  
    Absent,                None  
    Abstentions,        None

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**07-202-13 JOINT SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE (JSSC)**

## **FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

Renee Cortright, executive director of the Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council (BASCC), explained the programs currently offered at BASCC. Greg Burry, chair of the JSSC, explained the task of the Committee.

Ms. Cortright explained the current BASCC budget and noted that the endowment has been drawn down and is not sustainable in the long run. She explained that Michigan allows for up to one mil for a senior millage. She noted that Phase 1 would be dependent on a municipal contribution or millage and would include an increase in service hours to fifty-one hours a week and the addition of exercise equipment.

Mr. Burry explained that Phase 2 would meet the growing future needs such as adult day care, exercise equipment, walking tracks, expanding hours, pool, meals, and a new or upgraded facility. He stated a bond issue would fund an upgraded facility. He explained that Phase 1 includes reaching an agreement as to how it is to be funded by June 1, 2014.

The Commission discussed the JSSC recommendation and agreed there is a need as the building is outdated. It was noted that the report brings together the unclear issues and that it is helpful to look at the analysis of other communities to see where the bar is. The Commission was in general, supportive of Phase 1 and continuing study of Phase 2. Commissioner Moore noted that Phase 2 is the way to create a sustainable and serviceable center for seniors. He commented the goal is to preserve property values and become a multigenerational community servicing all ages.

Jack McLaughlin, senior men's club member, encouraged the Commission to consider the contributions to the senior community made by the Community House as well.

Robert Denewith, resident of Beverly Hills, expressed support of the committee recommendations.

**MOTION:** Motion by McDaniel, seconded by Moore:  
To receive the Final Recommendation to the Municipalities from the Joint Senior Services Committee.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 7  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

## **07-203-13 SPECIAL EVENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Ms. Broski explained the proposed revisions to the special event policy and procedures. She explained the proposed fee for first time applicant is due to the amount of time staff spends working with first time event applicants.

Ms. Broski confirmed for Dorothy Conrad that the neighborhood association annual picnic in the neighborhood park does not require a special event permit.

**MOTION:** Motion by Sherman, seconded by McDaniel:  
To amend the Special Event Policy and Procedures as recommended.

- AND -

To amend the Schedule of Fees, Charges, Bonds and Insurance, Special Events to add a fee for first time event applicants.

VOTE:           Yeas, 7  
                  Nays, None  
                  Absent, None

**VII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**07-204-13           APPROVAL OF CITY COMMISSION MINUTES  
                          OF JUNE 24, 2013**

Dorothy Conrad suggested the following revision to Resolution #06-185-13:  
"Commissioner Nickita pointed out that either party can terminate the agreement at any point with 90 days notice and staff will be monitoring the situation."

Mayor Dilgard requested the following be added to Resolution #06-183-13:  
"The police department and consultant did not recommend this change." and "There will be one year test period for these street signs."

Commissioner Rinschler stated that most of the Commission agreed with the facts from the police department and agreed with staff regarding the stop signs in Resolution #06-183-13. The decision was a matter of politics, not a technical decision. He stated that he agreed with the police that the signs would not be effective and physical changes were required. He requested that his comments be clarified.

Commissioner McDaniel requested the following revision to Resolution # 06-186-13:  
"Commissioner McDaniel noted that this proposal takes the ~~via~~ wayfinding issue to a complex level. He stated that the via signs are only needed at both entrances."

**MOTION:**     Motion by Hoff, seconded by Nickita:  
To approve the City Commission minutes of June 24, 2013 as corrected.

VOTE:           Yeas, 7  
                  Nays, None  
                  Absent, None

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**07-205-13           COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission received communications from Comcast, Richard Martin and response from Metz, Freedom from Religion Foundation and response from Currier, Pamela DeWeese and response from Bruner, Richard Rollins, Sue Donlin and response from Wood, and the Notices of Hearing for DTE Electric Company.

Commissioner Hoff requested the communications included in the agenda packet only include the letter from the public and response from staff. The backup material is not necessary.

Commissioner Rinschler suggested only a summary of the communications received be included.

**IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**07-206-13 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Margaret Betts questioned if a letter to the Commission would be placed in the public agenda if requested. Mr. Bruner confirmed that it would. Commissioner Moore noted that if a letter contained inappropriate content, it would not be included.

**X. REPORTS**

**07-207-13 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sherman commented that the fireworks were great.

**07-208-13 PUBLIC ARTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

The Commission received the Public Arts Board Annual Report.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Laura M. Broski  
City Clerk