

BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2016
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 151 MARTIN
7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rackeline J. Hoff, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Present, Mayor Hoff
Commissioner Bordman
Commissioner Boutros
Commissioner DeWeese
Commissioner Harris
Mayor Pro Tem Nickita
Commissioner Sherman
Absent, None

Administration: City Manager Valentine, City Attorney Currier & Kucharek, Clerk Pierce, DPS Director Wood, Museum Director Pielack, Deputy Treasurer Klobucar, Assistant to the Manager Haines, Special Event Coordinator Rondello, City Planners Ecker & Baka, Deputy Police Chief Clemence, Commanders Busen & Grewe, Finance Director Gerber, Golf Manager Brito, City Engineer O'Meara

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

03-65-16 RECOGNITION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER SHELLEY TAUB

County Commissioner Taub reported that Severe Weather Awareness Month is in April.

03-66-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD

The Commission interviewed Michael Surnow, 320 Martin, and Johanna Slanga, 2175 Dorchester, for appointment to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board. Applicant Daniel Miarka, 1208 Villa, was unable to attend to be interviewed.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese:

To appoint Michael Surnow, 320 Martin, #100, to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, as the bicycle advocate member, to serve a three-year term to expire March 24, 2019.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Absent, None

MOTION: Motion by Sherman:

To appoint Johanna Slanga, 2175 Dorchester Rd to the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, as the member with traffic focused education/experience, to serve a three-year term to expire March 24, 2019.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Absent, None

**03-67-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

MOTION: Motion by Bordman:
To appoint Lilly Stotland, 698 Hanna, to the Parks & Recreation Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 13, 2019.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese:
To appoint Therese Quattrociocchi Longe, 1253 Yosemite, to the Parks & Recreation Board to serve a three-year term to expire March 13, 2019.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF STOTLAND:
Yeas, 7
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF LONGE:
Yeas, 7
Absent, None

**03-68-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
PLANNING BOARD**

The Commission interviewed the following individuals for appointment to the Planning Board:

1. Scott Clein, 1556 Yosemite
2. Robin Boyle, 840 Wimbledon
3. Amy Pohlod, 1360 Edgewood

MOTION: Motion by Nickita:
To appoint Scott Clein, 1556 Yosemite, to serve a three-year term on the Planning Board to expire March 28, 2019.

MOTION: Motion by Boutros:
To appoint Robin Boyle, 840 Wimbledon, to serve a three-year term on the Planning Board to expire March 28, 2019.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CLEIN:
Yeas, 7
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF BOYLE:
Yeas, 7
Absent, None

**03-69-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
CABLECASTING BOARD**

MOTION: Motion by Harris:
To appoint Jeffrey Heldt, 1415 Lakeside, to serve a three-year term on the Cablecasting Board to expire March 30, 2019.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Absent, None

**03-70-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD**

Applicant Kaitlyn Tuson, 1007 Gardenia Ave, Royal Oak, was unable to attend the meeting to be interviewed. The Commission agreed to postpone the appointment to this board.

**03-71-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE
BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES APPEALS**

MOTION: Motion by Boutros:

To appoint Adam Charles, 1539 Bennaville, to serve the remainder of a three-year term on the Board of Building Trades Appeals to expire May 23, 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.

03-72-16 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following item was removed from the consent agenda:

- Item O (DTE Energy Street Light Agreement for Hamilton Ave Paving Project Area) by Commissioner Sherman

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Bordman:

To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of City Commission minutes of February 8, 2016.
- B. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of February 24, 2016 in the amount of \$1,858,364.75.
- C. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of March 2, 2016 in the amount of \$3,398,208.33.
- D. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of March 9, 2016 in the amount of \$812,570.26.
- E. Resolution approving a request from the City of Birmingham to hold the In the Park Concerts on Wednesday evenings from June, 2016 through August, 2016 and the Band Jam on June 17, 2016 in Shain Park, 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.
- F. Resolution approve a request from the Birmingham Shopping District to hold the Family Movie Night on June 24, July 15, and August 12 in Booth Park, 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.

- G. Resolution approving a request from the Birmingham Shopping District to hold the Birmingham Cruise Event on August 20, 2016, 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.
- H. Resolution approving a request from the Birmingham Shopping District requesting permission to hold Day on the Town in downtown Birmingham, July 23, 2016 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.
- I. Resolution approving Amendment #2 to Contract Number 2015-0212 with the Michigan Department of Transportation to increase the Contract amount to a revised total of \$90,000, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the amendment:
 WHEREAS, The CONTRACT provides for the final design/demolition and restoration of the relocated Birmingham passenger rail platform at the Intermodal Transit Facility; and
 WHEREAS, the parties desire to increase the CONTRACT value to provide sufficient funds for the City to perform the services;
 NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree that the CONTRACT exists and that the same is amended as follows:
1. In order increase the CONTRACT by \$50,000, for a revised total CONTRACT amount of \$90,000, Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5(c) of the CONTRACT are amended as follows:

 "MDOT will reimburse the CITY for all eligible PROJECT costs, as set forth in Revised Attachment A, within thirty (30) days of receiving said billings, up to a maximum amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000)."
 2. All other provisions of the CONTRACT, except as herein amended, remain in full force and effect as originally set forth.
 3. The CITY waives any and all claims it has or may have against the DEPARTMENT that arise out of the need to amend and/or extend the CONTRACT.
 4. This amendatory Contract will become binding on the parties and of full force and effect upon signing by the duly authorized representatives of the CITY and the DEPARTMENT and upon adoption of a resolution approving said Amendatory Contract and authorizing the signature(s) thereto of the respective representative of the CITY, a certified copy of which resolution will be sent to the DEPARTMENT with this Amendatory Contract, as applicable.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Amendatory Contract to be awarded.
- J. Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to sign the MLCC Police Investigation Report (LC-1800) and approving the liquor license request of La Strada Café that requests a new Class C License to be issued under MCL 436.1521(A)(1)(B) and SDM License with Outdoor Service (1 Area) to be located at 243 E Merrill, Birmingham, Oakland County, MI 48009. Furthermore, pursuant to Birmingham City Ordinance, authorizing the City Clerk to complete the Local Approval Notice at the request of La Strada Café approving the liquor license request of La Strada Café that requested a New Class C License to be issued under MCL 436.1521 (A)(1)(B) & SDM License with Outdoor Service (1 Area) to be located at 243 E Merrill, Birmingham, Oakland County, MI 48009.
- K. Resolution approving the service agreement with the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield in the amount of \$4,200 for services described in Attachment A of the agreement for fiscal year 2015-2016, account number 101-299.000-811.0000,

and further directing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

- L. Resolution approving the purchase of ten (10) Dumor benches and twelve (12) trash receptacles for a total purchase price of \$29,871.00 from the sole source vendor, Penchura, LLC. Further, waiving the formal bidding requirements for this purchase with a sole source vendor. The money has been budgeted in fiscal year 2015-2016 Capital Projects Fund- Park Benches & Trash Cans for Streetscapes account #401-901.009-981.0100 for this equipment purchase.
- M. Resolution accepting the resignation of Ms. Kara Lividini from the Public Arts Board, thanking her for her service, and directing the Clerk to begin the process to fill the vacancy.
- N. Resolution setting Monday, April 11, 2016, at 7:30 P.M., to conduct a public hearing of necessity for the installation of new street lights where none currently exist within the Hamilton Ave. Paving project area. If necessity is declared, setting Monday, April 25, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. for a public hearing to confirm the roll for the installation of street lights where none currently exist in the Hamilton Ave. Paving project area.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas, Commissioner Bordman
 Commissioner Boutros
 Commissioner DeWeese
 Commissioner Harris
 Mayor Pro Tem Nickita
 Commissioner Sherman
 Mayor Hoff

 Nays, None
 Absent, None
 Abstention, None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**03-73-16 CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING
 LOT REARRAGMENT OF 1366 HAYNES CT AND 725 S ADAMS**

Mayor Hoff stated that the applicant withdrew the request for a lot rearrangement of 1366 Haynes Ct. and 725 S. Adams. She closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM.

03-74-16 STREET NAME CHANGE REVIEW POLICY

Assistant to the Manager Haines presented the revisions to the Street Name Change Review Policy as requested by the City Commission at the February 22nd meeting. She explained that the policy was created to give the Commission more information to make a decision and to provide a way that the Commission could get information from other impacted agencies.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Bordman:
 To adopt the proposed Street Name Change Review Policy.

Mr. Valentine confirmed for Commissioner Harris that the ninety-day timeframe does allow for each agency to provide its input.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:
To submit the November 18, 2015 request for the street name change of Millrace Road to Lakeside Court for review in accordance with the Street Name Change Review Policy.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

03-75-16 NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE CONNECTOR ROUTE

City Engineer O'Meara reviewed the changes to the Neighborhood Bike Connector Route, as recommended by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, which include utilizing a more traditional means of signage. He noted that the sharrows will remain as originally proposed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bordman, Mr. O'Meara explained that bicyclists will be encouraged to use the signal at Maple and Chesterfield. He noted a concrete path will be added and striped to be used for bikes only on the south side of Maple between Larchlea and Chesterfield. He noted that it would not affect the trees in that area.

Mr. O'Meara confirmed for Mayor Hoff that notification postcards were mailed out.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Nickita:
To concur with the recommendation of the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, and directing staff to implement a Neighborhood Connector Route in 2016 as follows:

1. Per the revised map, the connector route will be denoted using signs and pavement markings as directed in this package, using the bike symbol sign with a white arrow on green background at all turns and key crossings, as well as sharrow pavement markings at similar locations,
2. Banning all street parking on Oak St. between Lakepark Dr. and Lakeside Dr. to allow the extension of the existing Oak St. bike lanes for one block to the east as depicted on the attached plan,
3. Installing a ten foot wide concrete off street bike path on W. Maple Rd. between Larchlea Dr. and Chesterfield Ave., to be constructed as a part of the W. Maple Rd. Resurfacing Project.

Once bids are received and the contract is ready for award, a separate motion awarding the Contract and authorizing the expenditures shall be returned to the Commission for approval.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

03-76-16 TORRY NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEYARD EASEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

City Engineer O'Meara explained that in the neighborhood to the east of Adams and west of Eton, there is a sideyard half easement that allows pedestrians to walk through. He explained that Torry is being rebuilt this year and the intersection between Haynes and Torry will be improved. Mr. O'Meara explained the pedestrian improvements to the other intersections.

Commissioner Bordman noted that there was flooding in this area today. Mr. O'Meara stated that the area will be reviewed.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To direct staff to make the following improvements to the Torry Neighborhood sideyard easement at each public street crossing, as follows:

- Villa Ave. – Install new handicap ramps at all four corners of the Yankee Ave. intersection and install marked crosswalks, as part of the Villa Ave. Paving Project.
- Hazel Ave. – Remove and replace the existing crosswalk pavement markings with current City standard (continental style).
- Bowers Ave. - Remove and replace the existing crosswalk pavement markings with current City standard (continental style).
- Haynes Ave. - Install new handicap ramps at all four corners of the Torry St. intersection and install marked crosswalks, as part of the Webster Ave./Torry St. Paving Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita stated that he appreciates that the City is unifying the crosswalk approach from the double lines to the continental pattern. He suggested the Multi-Modal Transportation Board consider altering or intensifying the current pattern to a pattern that is being used around the country. He stated that it is worth it to determine what the City's pattern will be and to be consistent moving forward.

Adam Charles, resident, suggested the standards be given out with bid packets.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

03-77-16 BUMPOUT (CURB EXTENSION) POLICY

City Planner Ecker explained that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board reviewed the previously proposed bumpout policy. She explained that the Board reinforced their previous finding that the standards are relevant and consistent with all the guidelines and the AASHTO standards. She noted that the policy states that all City street projects will be reviewed by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board with final decision to be made by the City Commission. The policy also includes curb bumpout standards for midblock crossings and curb radi for the corners.

The Commission discussed the curve of the bumpouts which is based on the speed of the traffic and turning radius.

MOTION: Motion by Boutros, seconded by DeWeese:

To adopt the Bumpout (Curb Extension) Policy as amended and recommended by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board on February 11, 2016.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

03-78-16 HAMILTON AVE PAVEMENT DESIGN REVISION

City Engineer O'Meara explained that the plan was redrawn with a six foot curb extension at the alley, Ferndale and Park Street. He noted that the design will remain a four foot extension at Woodward due to the higher speeds. He stated that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board has reviewed and approved the plan.

In response to a question from Mayor Hoff regarding notification of the change to the business owners, Mr. O'Meara explained that notification was not sent as this is not a large change in the plan.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Nickita:
To accept the recommendation of the Multi-Modal Transportation Board, and direct the Engineering Dept. to have the Hamilton Ave. pavement design revised to reflect a six foot encroachment for the bumpouts on the project, except for those located at the Woodward Ave. intersection, which will remain unchanged. The additional costs, estimated at \$2,000, shall be charged to account number 203-449.001-981.0100.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

03-79-16 PUBLIC HEARING – RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE ROJO, 250 MERRILL
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Mayor Hoff explained that Rojo has entered into a payment plan for their delinquent water bill and property tax bill.

MOTION: Motion by Boutrous, seconded by Bordman:
To cancel the Public Hearing to consider objecting to the renewal of the liquor license held by Rojo, 250 Merrill.

- AND -

To approve the renewal, for the 2016 licensing period, of the liquor license held by the owners/operators of Rojo, 250 Merrill.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

03-80-16 PUBLIC HEARING OF CONFIRMATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENTS HAMILTON AVE FROM N OLD WOODWARD TO WOODWARD PARK FROM HAMILTON AVE TO E MAPLE

Mayor Hoff opened the Public Hearing of Confirmation for sidewalk enhancements on Hamilton Ave. from N. Old Woodward Ave. to Woodward Ave., and Park St. from Hamilton Ave. to E. Maple Rd. at 8:48 PM.

Deputy Treasurer Klobucar recommended adoption of the resolution to confirm special assessment roll 874. She explained that billing will be done at or near the time of construction.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:49 PM.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To confirm the Special Assessment Roll #874 to defray the cost of the streetscape on Hamilton Avenue:

WHEREAS, Special Assessment Roll, designated Roll No. 874, has been heretofore prepared for collection, and

WHEREAS, notice was given pursuant to Section 94-7 of the City Code, to each owner or party- interest of property to be assessed, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has deemed it practicable to cause payment of the cost thereof to be made at a date closer to the time of construction and

WHEREAS, Commission Resolution No. 02-53-16 provided it would meet this 14th day of March, 2016 for the sole purpose of reviewing the assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, at said hearing held this March 14, 2016, all those property owners or their representatives present have been given an opportunity to be heard specifically concerning costs appearing in said special assessment roll as determined in Section 94-9 of the Code of the City of Birmingham,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Special Assessment Roll No. 874 be in all things ratified and confirmed, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to endorse said roll, showing the date of confirmation thereof, and to certify said assessment roll to the City Treasurer for collection at or near the time of construction of the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special assessments shall be payable in ten (10) payments as provided in Section 94-10 of the Code of the City of Birmingham, with an annual interest rate of four and a quarter percent (4.25%) on all unpaid installments.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

**03-81-16 PUBLIC HEARING OF CONFIRMATION
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
 REPLACEMENT OF SEWER LATERALS
 HAMILTON AVE PAVING PROJECT AREA**

Mayor Hoff opened the Public Hearing of Confirmation for the replacement of sewer laterals within the limits of the Hamilton Avenue paving project area at 8:49 PM.

Deputy Treasurer Klobucar recommended adoption of the resolution to confirm special assessment roll 873. She explained that billing will be done at or near the time of construction.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:50 PM.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Boutros:

To confirm the Special Assessment Roll #873 for the Hamilton Ave. Sewer Lateral Project:

WHEREAS, Special Assessment Roll, designated Roll No. 873, has been heretofore prepared for collection, and

WHEREAS, notice was given pursuant to Section 94-7 of the City Code, to each owner or party- interest of property to be assessed, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has deemed it practicable to cause payment of the cost thereof to be made at a date closer to the time of construction and

WHEREAS, Commission Resolution No. 02-52-16 provided it would meet this 14th day of March, 2016 for the sole purpose of reviewing the assessment roll, and

WHEREAS, at said hearing held this March 14, 2016, all those property owners or their representatives present have been given an opportunity to be heard specifically concerning costs appearing in said special assessment roll as determined in Section 94-9 of the Code of the City of Birmingham,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Special Assessment Roll No. 873 be in all things ratified and confirmed, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to endorse said roll, showing the date of confirmation thereof, and to certify said assessment roll to the City Treasurer for collection at or near the time of construction of the improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special assessments shall be payable in ten (10) payments as provided in Section 94-10 of the Code of the City of Birmingham, with an annual interest rate of four and a quarter percent (4.25%) on all unpaid installments.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

**03-82-16 HISTORIC DESIGNATION REQUEST
 927 PURDY**

City Planner Baka explained that the applicant has requested that the City consider designating the home historic. City research shows that the home is at least 100 years old. The applicant has submitted extensive research that shows that it is likely quite a bit older. The designation process includes the City Commission direction to the Historic District Study Committee to produce a report which is then reviewed by the Planning Board and several historic boards and organizations within the state. Any recommendations from those entities would be brought back to the City Commission for consideration to determine whether or not to adopt the house as a historic district.

Mr. Baka explained that most of the City's historic structures are considered non-contiguous districts which contain one home that establishes a district onto itself. He confirmed that this item will return to the Commission within one year.

MOTION: Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Boutros:

To direct the Historic District Study Committee to prepare a study committee report on 927 Purdy as outlined in section 127-4 of the City Code:

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property located at 927 Purdy has requested that this home be considered for Historic Designation within the City of Birmingham,

WHEREAS, The land for which the Historic Designation is sought is located on the east side of Purdy between George and Ann St.,

WHEREAS, Section 127-5 of the City Code, Historic Districts, requires that the City Commission pass a resolution directing the Historic District Study Committee to prepare a Study Committee Report;

WHEREAS, The Birmingham City Commission has reviewed the request of the property owner and has found that a Study Committee Report to determine the historic merit of the home at 927 Purdy is warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Birmingham City Commission directs the Historic District Study Committee to prepare a Study Committee Report as outlined in section 127-4 of the City Code for the property located at 927 Purdy.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

**03-83-16 PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
 AT 33422 & 33466 WOODWARD**

City Planner Baka explained that any use that goes into an existing building must provide a certain amount of parking based on the intensity of the use. He explained that they would need six or seven spaces to fulfill their requirement. He noted that the ordinance allows the City Commission to allow the property owner to count right-of-way parking toward their parking requirement as long as they agree to make any necessary improvements to the pavement in the area.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To approve the use of six (6) parking spaces in the right of way directly abutting the property located at 33422 & 33466 Woodward to fulfill a portion of the off-street parking requirements per Article 4, section 4.43 (G)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

**03-84-16 CHANGE TO MUSEUM NAME AND MISSION STATEMENT
AND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Museum Director Pielack explained that the Museum Board has been studying the museum's message and image for quite some time. She explained that the change to the mission statement covers the same material, but changes the focus from things and objects to the community and people served by the museum.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by DeWeese:

To approve the proposed name change for the museum from "Birmingham Historical Museum & Park" to "The Birmingham Museum"

- AND -

To approve the recommended change in the Museum Mission statement from "The Birmingham Historical Museum and Park seeks to foster a greater appreciation and understanding of the city's unique heritage by collecting, preserving, cataloguing, and exhibiting cultural material relevant to Birmingham's story, and by providing engaging and entertaining educational programs that promote this story to a diverse audience" to "The Birmingham Museum will explore meaningful connections with our past, in order to enrich our community and enhance its character and sustainability. Our mission is to promote understanding of Birmingham's historical and cultural legacy through preservation and interpretation of its ongoing story."

- AND -

To adopt an ordinance amending Sections 62-31 and 62-33 of the Code of the City of Birmingham to reflect the museum name change and revised mission statement.

Mayor Hoff expressed concern with changing the name based on the low number of survey responses. She suggested more of an effort should be made to get more input from the residents. Ms. Pielack explained that many attempts were made to solicit input. In addition, this was discussed by the Friends of the Birmingham Historical Museum ~~Historical Society Board~~. She stated that the museum received a lot of unofficial input from people as well.

Commissioner Sherman stated that as organizations change and communities grow and develop, there are certain words that tend to elicit a positive image of preserving the past, yet looking forward. It should be branded in a way that the past is being protected, but the City is looking forward to the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita stated that people inherently recognize that the museum is a place to learn about the history of the City. He stated that there were a lot of avenues explored and a lot of dialog on this issues. He questioned the word historic in the name. Ms. Pielack explained that one of the key aspects of the branding is how quickly is the message getting across without using the word "historical" in the title. She further explained that the name of the museum is not the last word that is conveyed about the museum. She noted that they have yet to explore slogans or subtitling.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Nickita, Ms. Pielack confirmed that she is seeing a national trend that the word historical is being dropped. She pointed out that the Creem collection did not fall under historic and attracted numerous people to the museum.

Mayor Hoff commented on the Hunter House and Allen House and questioned if the furniture would be replaced. Ms. Pielack noted that the Hunter House is the settlement period house and there is no intention to change it. She noted that the Allen House has rotating exhibits and there is no intention of removing the historic from it, instead building upon it.

VOTE: Yeas, 5
 Nays, 2 (Bordman, Hoff)
 Absent, None

03-85-16 BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS ACADEMY PROGRAM

Assistant to the Manager Haines presented the Citizens Academy program. The Commission expressed support of this program.

MOTION: Motion by Bordman, seconded by Boutros:
To endorse the Birmingham Citizens Academy program for the City of Birmingham.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
 Nays, None
 Absent, None

03-86-16 I-75 EXPANSION PROJECT

Assistant to the Manager Haines explained the background and funding of the I-75 Expansion Project which is sponsored through MDOT. She stated that the question is how will this impact the funding for the City's MDOT road which is Woodward Ave. She explained that each project that MDOT encounters is considered on a project by project basis and MDOT has stated that the I-75 project would not take away from any projects that would impact Birmingham. The project expands over 2038 and will be done on even years.

The Commission discussed the I-75 Expansion Project, funding of the project, and the potential impacts on Birmingham its residents. The Commission discussed the communities that have passed resolutions in opposition to the project as well as those who are considering resolutions and are not directly affected by the project.

The Commission agreed to direct the City Manager to keep eye on it the project and keep the Commission apprised on the decisions of other communities and the implication of funding in long term and the direct/indirect impact on the city.

VII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

03-87-16 DTE ENERGY STREET LIGHT AGREEMENT FOR HAMILTON AVE PAVING PROJECT AREA

Commissioner Sherman commented that he felt the public should be aware that this item is significantly under budget.

MOTION: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Nickita:

To authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$136,465.85 to DTE Energy, for the removal of existing lights, and the manufacture and installation of 26 new street lights within the Hamilton Ave. Paving Project area. The work will be charged to account number 401-901-010-981.0100.

VOTE: Yeas, 7
Nays, None
Absent, None

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

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

X. REPORTS

03-88-16 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Commission intends to appoint members to the Architectural Review Committee and Public Arts Board on April 11, 2016.

03-89-16 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bordman noted that Next is sponsoring a Boomer Summit on April 30th. She stated that she attended the elected officials academy in Frankenmuth and thanked the previous commission on the unbelievable job they did to steer the community financially.

Mayor Hoff noted that she attended the Home Builders Association meeting and the National League of Cities conference. She noted that transportation and multi-transit options are big throughout the county.

03-90-16 CITY STAFF REPORTS

The Commission received the Golf Report submitted by Golf Manager Brito. Golf Manager Brito explained the new activities planned for this season.

The Commission received the Community Development Department Planning Division Report submitted by Planning Director Ecker.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.

Laura M. Pierce
City Clerk