

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 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 7:31 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, Clerk Pierce, DPS Director Wood, City Engineer O'Meara, Police Chief Clemence, Police Commander Grewe, City Planner Ecker, Finance Director Gerber

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

**09-269-16 APPOINTMENT TO THE AD HOC BIRMINGHAM BRAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Commission interviewed the following individuals for appointment to the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee.

1. James Iacobucci, 1563 Birmingham Blvd (not in attendance)
2. Arnold Forrester, 1252 Bates
3. Julia Weiss, 1765 Mansfield
4. Jim Cleary, 2001 Fairway (unable to attend)
5. Danny Fellin, 1090 Puritan
6. Celeste Hofley, 443 Wellesley
7. Sharon Edelman, 1845 Yosemite, #13
8. Peter Hollinshead, 590 Lakeview
9. Debbie Spencer, 1067 Wakefield
10. Danielle Todd, 1775 Maryland Blvd

The Commission discussed potentially adding two alternate positions to the Committee, but agreed that with the condensed timeframe, there would be no need for alternates.

**MOTION:** Motion by Bordman:

To appoint Danny Fellin, 1090 Puritan to serve on the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee as the member from different neighborhoods in the City.

**MOTION:** Motion by Nickita:

To appoint Peter Hollinshead, 590 Lakeview to serve on the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee as the member from different neighborhoods in the City.

**MOTION:** Motion by DeWeese:

To appoint Celeste Hofley, 443 Wellesley to serve on the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee as the member from different neighborhoods in the City.

**MOTION:** Motion by Sherman:

To appoint Debbie Spencer, 1067 Wakefield to serve on the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee as the member from different neighborhoods in the City.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF FELLIN:

Yeas, 4 (Bordman, Boutros, Hoff, Sherman)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF HOLLINSHEAD:

Yeas, 4 (Boutros, DeWeese, Harris, Nickita)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF HOFLEY:

Yeas, 4 (DeWeese, Harris, Hoff, Nickita)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF SPENCER:

Yeas, 3 (Bordman, Boutros, Sherman)  
Absent, None

~~Two positions are open and three individuals received the proper number of votes to be selected.~~ One Commissioner voted three times, therefore, the Commission called for a re-vote.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF FELLIN:

Yeas, 3 (Bordman, Hoff, Sherman)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF HOLLINSHEAD:

Yeas, 4 (Boutros, DeWeese, Harris, Nickita)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF HOFLEY:

Yeas, 4 (DeWeese, Harris, Hoff, Nickita)  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF SPENCER:

Yeas, 3 (Bordman, Boutros, Sherman)  
Absent, None

Mr. Hollinshead and Ms. Hofley were appointed to the Committee.

**MOTION:** Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Bordman:

To concur in the recommendation of the following board members to the Ad Hoc Birmingham Brand Development Committee:

- Douglas Fehan, Birmingham Shopping District Board Member
- Bert Koseck, Planning Board Member
- Lilly Stotland, Parks & Recreation Board Member

VOTE:           Yeas, 7  
                  Nays, None  
                  Absent, None

**09-270-16                   APPOINTMENT TO THE  
                                  ADVISORY PARKING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:**     Motion by Boutros:

To appoint Lex Kuhne, 873 Watkins, to the Advisory Parking Committee, as the professional firm representative, to serve a three year term to expire September 4, 2019.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Nickita:

To appoint Judith Paskiewicz, 560 Woodland, to the Advisory Parking Committee, as the resident member, to serve a three year term to expire September 4, 2019.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Harris:

To appoint Gayle Champagne, 833 Hazel, to the Advisory Parking Committee, as the resident shopper member, to serve a three year term to expire September 4, 2019.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF KUHNE:

                  Yeas, 7  
                  Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF PASKIEWICZ:

                  Yeas, 7  
                  Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF CHAMPAGNE:

                  Yeas, 7  
                  Absent, None

**09-271-16                   APPOINTMENT TO THE  
                                  DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

Dulce Fuller, 255 Pierce, was not in attendance to be interviewed.

The Commission discussed the alternate positions and requested staff to review the requirements and return to the Commission if changes are needed to allow for a non-incumbent to be appointed as an alternate.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Nickita:

To appoint Natalia Dukas, 1352 Suffield, to serve a three-year term on the Design Review Board to expire September 25, 2019.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Harris:

To appoint Michael Willoughby, 667 Greenwood, to serve a three-year term on the Design Review Board to expire September 25, 2019.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF DUKAS:

Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF WILLOUGHBY:

Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

**09-272-16                    APPOINTMENT TO THE  
   HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Dulce Fuller, 255 Pierce, was not in attendance to be interviewed.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Bordman:  
To appoint Natalia Dukas, 1352 Suffield, to serve a three-year term on the Historic District Committee to expire September 25, 2019.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Sherman:  
To appoint Michael Willoughby, 667 Greenwood, to serve a three-year term on the Historic District Committee to expire September 25, 2019.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF DUKAS:

Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF WILLOUGHBY:

Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

**09-273-16                    APPOINTMENT TO THE  
   PUBLIC ARTS BOARD**

**MOTION:**     Motion by Boutros:  
To appoint Mary Roberts, 2352 Buckingham, to the Public Arts Board to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire January 28, 2019.

**MOTION:**     Motion by Nickita:  
To appoint Anne Ritchie, 1455 South Eton, to the Public Arts Board to serve the remainder of a three- year term to expire January 28, 2017.

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF ROBERTS:

Yeas, 7  
Absent, None

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF RITCHIE:

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.

#### **09-274-16 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Motion by Sherman, seconded by DeWeese:

To approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of City Commission minutes of August 22, 2016.
- B. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of August 24, 2016 in the amount of \$1,157,658.63.
- C. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of August 31, 2016 in the amount of \$11,534,909.67.
- D. Approval of warrant list, including Automated Clearing House payments, of September 7, 2016 in the amount of \$319,973.44.
- E. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) Memorandum of Agreement with Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency on behalf of the City.
- F. Resolution approving the purchase of two (2) new 2017 Ford AWD Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Gorno Ford, through the State of Michigan extendable purchasing contract #3905-0016 for a total expenditure of \$59,874.00. Funds for this purchase are available in the Auto Equipment Fund, account #641.441.006-971.0100.
- G. Resolution approving a request from the Birmingham Shopping District to place the Santa House in Shain Park from November 23 to December 24, 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 to hold the Tree Lighting on November 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 the contract to purchase three Emergency CallWorks dispatch work stations in the amount \$79,151.37 through the Oakland County cooperative purchasing contract #004698, further waiving the normal bidding requirements and authorizing this expenditure to be funded from account 101-301.001-971.0100. Further, directing the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City.
- J. Resolution approving the Oakland County Public Safety Answering Point agreement. Further, directing the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police to sign the agreement on the behalf of the City.
- K. Resolution concurring in the recommendation of the Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board to deny Mr. Warr's request for an exemption to the flush marker regulation in Section B of Greenwood Cemetery.

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**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**09-275-16 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Mayor Hoff called the Public Hearing to consider amending Zoning Ordinance – Height Standards to order at 8:29 PM.

City Planner Ecker explained the request from Mr. LePage to do a roof deck as part of phase two of the district lofts building on South Eton. She explained that MX District prohibits user occupancy above a certain height and there is more control on the extra height for the mechanical equipment on the roof. She explained the ordinance amendment would allow a maximum overall height in the MX District, including mechanical and other equipment, shall be no more than 60 feet. This will bring the district in line with the other zone districts.

Rick Rattner, representing Mr. LePage, pointed out that emergency access to the roof and mechanical equipment will be improved.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:36 PM.

**MOTION:** Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Bordman:  
To adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 126, Zoning, Article 4, section 4.19, Height Standards, to increase the maximum height of buildings in the MX district.

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

**09-276-16 GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING REQUEST**

Police Commander Grewe explained the recommendation to amend the current guidelines for residential permit parking due to an increase in permit parking requests as well as an increase in the number of permitted streets. He reviewed the proposed changes which will include the current process in use where the petition is reviewed by the Multi-Modal Transportation Board for their recommendation prior to being considered by the City Commission. He noted that references to the Traffic and Safety Board were removed. He explained that the new review process would be added as well.

Commander Grewe explained that all residential permit parking passes are issued on a two year basis, which expires at the end of this year. As residents come in to renew their permits for the next two years, they would be issued a copy of the new guidelines in order to make everyone aware of the new process. During this two year timeframe, the Police Department would start a process to review the streets and identify any that may need a change or no longer needs residential permit parking. Those suggested changes would then be taken to the Multi-Modal

Transportation Board for their review and the residents of those streets would be notified of the meeting. The review of the streets would include identifying the parking demands around the area, checking the conditions in those restrictions to determine if they are the same as existed when the restrictions were in place, and determining if the current restrictions on the street are providing the desired results for the parking on the street.

The Commission asked clarification questions on the proposed review process. Commissioner DeWeese commented on the workload as the procedure would come together at one time and puts a big burden on the department. City Manager Valentine stated that the review would start a year prior to the expiration of that permit.

Commissioner Bordman expressed concern that permits were issued for a certain length of time and that timeframe is no longer necessary. The review should include an examination of the length of time each day the permit applies and the reviewers should be sensitive to the time constraints.

Mayor Hoff noted that the proposed process would put off the annual review for another two years. She expressed concern with the number of permits issued.

Commissioner Sherman commented that he would rather see an annual review until a policy is in place to give the Commission the ability to implement recommendations rather than having to wait multiple years before it occurs. He suggested looking at these in terms of health and safety rather than how they have been looked at in the past until we have guidelines in place. If it is a health and safety issue, it is appropriate. If it is not, maybe it is something that is not granted until the new guidelines are in place after the parking has been studied.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita concurred. He questioned the mechanism in actually doing the review. He questioned if the streets would be surveyed over time to get credible data so the Multi-Modal Transportation Board can make a determination. The goal is to get them to understand the criteria, issues, concerns, the realities, and give the Commission strong recommendations that can be competently use to make a decision. He suggested the review process include a determination as to whether the same conditions exist, what are the restrictions, and what are the options. In addition, he questioned who will do the review and what their expertise is, will the department do the review or will a contractor be hired.

Commissioner Bordman suggested a profile be created for each permit as a record for why the permit was requested and the factual basis for the approval.

Commissioner Boutros stated that there are safety concerns and privacy for residents who cannot park in front of their house. The guidelines are a start, but he suggested professionals do the review with the parking enforcement. He stated that the congestion is very clear. He stated that it should be determined why the permit was issued, for how long, and what are the guidelines so far.

Police Chief Clemence explained that the proposed guidelines will give the Commission criteria, moving forward, that allows them to do the reviews. By doing this now, the City can put those who have had permits long term on notice that there could be changes down the road. He stated that this is the framework to give the Commission the ability to do those changes when the time comes.

Commissioner Harris commented that he likes the idea of using the proposal as a guide; however he is hesitant to implement it now because of the uncertainty of the chronology. He suggested waiting on it as the Ad Hoc Rail and Master Plan will be coming back. For existing applicants, there is an obligation to adhere to the 1999 policy.

Commissioner DeWeese suggested the policy be modified after the implementation period to a yearly evaluation process.

Commissioner Bordman suggested the review begin in 2017, and then start a two year review process after that. She commented that the Commission is supposed to be guiding the City in the aspect of parking. Mayor Hoff agreed the review should be done the end of 2017.

**MOTION:** Motion by Bordman, seconded by Harris:

To amend the Guidelines for Residential Permit Parking Request to replace Traffic and Safety Board with Multi-Modal Transportation Board and including Sec. 8 that outlines the biennial review of all permit parking streets by the police department, with the change that the residential permits that expire in December, 2016 will be reviewed in 2017 and issued for a one year period, thereafter all permits will be issued for a two year period.

The Commission discussed the motion and the review process timeframe. Commissioner DeWeese commented that this will be disruptive for a lot of people and expressed his preference to have staff flush out the process more.

Jacob Deen, 1959 Haynes, questioned if the permits were to be issued for one year, would the administration fee be changed from \$8.00 to \$4.00.

VOTE: Yeas, 3 (Bordman, Harris, Hoff)  
Nays, 4 (Boutros, DeWeese, Nickita, Sherman)  
Absent, None

MOTION FAILED

Commissioner Sherman suggested that this be sent back to staff for further review and return with a timeline that is doable, whether it is one or two years, based on the discussion. He noted that it will take a certain amount of time to review seventy-five streets to determine what is a reasonable timeframe to review the streets and build in there the time spent between the Ad Hoc Rail Committee, the Ad Hoc Parking Development Committee, and the master plan timeline. He stated that it is a significant issue and there is a problem with consecutive streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita commented that it is about the logistics and reality of the job. He noted that additional items to be considered include how are we going to do this, who is going to do this, what is a realistic timeline, and how do we incorporate the insight that we are getting from the master plan process. He suggested this be brought back at the next meeting

**09-277-16 RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING REQUEST  
HAZEL ST BETWEEN SOUTH ETON AND COLUMBIA**

Police Commander Grewe explained that the petition was signed by 92% of the residents requesting residential permit parking, on both sides of Hazel Street between South Eton and Columbia, for all hours. Currently there is no parking from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. He explained that the complaint from the petitioners is that the street is typically full of parked vehicles from

employees and patrons of businesses along South Eton and residents and their guests have a difficult time parking near their houses. He noted that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board recommended approval of the request.

Ramain Fontanges, 1948 Hazel, distributed photos of the parking congestion to the Commission. He noted that it is often the same people and the same cars.

Mayor Hoff noted that Mr. LePage was going to implement measures at Griffin Claw to address the parking issue. Mr. Valentine confirmed that it is part of the Special Land Use Permit. Mayor Hoff suggested a conversation with Mr. LePage is in order.

Constance Romanelli, 1998 Hazel, noted that the issue is also the patrons of the Whistle Stop and Big Rock.

Ken Casida, 1842 Hazel, commented on the health and safety issue as there is only room for one car at a time if cars are parked on both sides of the street. He noted that the children on the street cannot see the moving cars.

Joe Battaglia, 1824 Hazel, stated that he cannot park in front of his own house because of the no parking signs. He noted that it is difficult to get into the street because of Griffin Claw patrons.

**MOTION:** Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Harris:

To approve the installation of residential permit parking on both sides of Hazel St. between S. Eton and Columbia, all hours. Further, directing the Chief of Police and the City Clerk to sign the traffic control order on behalf of the City establishing residential permit parking on Hazel St. between S. Eton and Columbia at all times, with the provision that this is under a one year review.

VOTE: Yeas, 7  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

**09-278-16 RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING REQUEST  
HAYNES ST BETWEEN SOUTH ETON AND COLUMBIA**

Police Commander Grewe explained that the petition was signed by 92% of the residents requesting residential permit parking on both sides of Haynes Street between South Eton and Columbia. He noted that there are no current parking restrictions. He explained that the complaint from the petitioners is that the street is typically full of parked vehicles from employees and patrons of the businesses along South Eton. He noted that the Multi-Modal Transportation Board recommended approval of the request.

Jacob Deen, 1959 Haynes, commented that the restrictions on Bowers Street are causing a spill over onto Haynes Street. He noted that he can barely pull out of the driveway.

Jerry Yaldao, 1997 Haynes, stated that it is difficult to navigate the street and expressed concerned with the safety of the children on the street.

**MOTION:** Motion by Sherman, seconded by DeWeese:

To approve the installation of residential permit parking on both sides of Haynes Street between S. Eton and Columbia, all hours. Further, directing the Chief of Police and the City Clerk to sign the traffic control order on behalf of the City establishing residential permit parking on Haynes Street between S. Eton and Columbia at all times, subject to a one year review.

Commissioner Sherman commented that the Commission is trying to balance the needs of the community as a whole. He noted that once there is a plan to resolve the issue, the parking restrictions may be taken away.

VOTE:           Yeas, 7  
                  Nays, None  
                  Absent, None

**09-279-16                   AD HOC RAIL DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
                                  FUNDING REQUEST**

City Planner Ecker explained the funding request for a parking study. She noted that an inventory of the on-street and off-street parking in the entire district has been completed. She stated the parking study would state where staff should count, at what times, and what areas. She noted that it appears that there is an abundance of parking in the Rail District, but is not efficiently used. She noted that the funding would include a study of two intersections – Eton and Maple and South Eton at Bowers.

**MOTION:**       Motion by Bordman, seconded by DeWeese:  
To approve the Ad Hoc Rail District Committee’s request to hire Fleis and Vandenbrink, in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00 to complete both a parking demand study of key portions of the Rail District, and to review and evaluate potential intersections improvements at Maple and S. Eton and Bowers and S. Eton with the funds to be paid out of Contractual Services - Planning Department, Account #101-721-000-811-0000.

Ms. Ecker confirmed for Mayor Hoff that the contractor will state which areas should be studied and staff will count the cars.

VOTE:           Yeas, 7  
                  Nays, None  
                  Absent, None

**09-280-16                   MAPLE AND OLD WOODWARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
                                  REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR REVIEW OF  
                                  CONCEPTUAL PLANS**

City Planner Ecker explained that the downtown key streets are up for reconstruction next year. Staff has been working on preliminary concept plans for the area which involve streetscape, sidewalk, driving lanes, and parking. She stated that the City is now looking for an urban design professional to review the plans, critique them, make changes as needed, finalize them, hold a public meeting to present the concepts, and do renderings of key segments of the corridors.

Mayor Hoff expressed concern with the proposed timeframe. The Commission agreed with Mayor Hoff’s concern.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita pointed out that the design ideas and analysis that have already been done will be put into the discussion and synthesized by a competent urban design team that knows how to do this kind of thing. He noted that the amount of prep work done by the City will be helpful. He suggested that in order to get a competent grouping of submittals, this be pushed to the next Commission meeting. It will tighten the timeline, but has to be done. Commissioner Sherman agreed and noted that from the standpoint of workflow, it would be more difficult to respond to the RFP with the proposed timeline.

Ms. Ecker confirmed for Mayor Hoff that two public presentations, plus the open house would be required as part of the RFP.

Mayor Pro Tem Nickita suggested the streetscape standards and information on the pedestrian path and alley system be attached to the RFP.

**MOTION:** Motion by DeWeese, seconded by Boutros:

To authorize City staff to issue the Request for Proposals for the Old Woodward Corridor to solicit proposals from urban design professionals to conduct a review and evaluation of the preliminary concept plans for the reconstruction of the Maple and Old Woodward corridors, to finalize the plans and to prepare colored renderings of key segments in the project area, with the changes as addressed at the meeting.

VOTE: Yeas, 7  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

**09-281-16 PERPETUAL CARE FUND INVESTMENT POLICY**

Finance Director Gerber explained that the Perpetual Care Fund Investment Policy mimics a lot of what is in the City's General Investment Policy. He stated that it adds the investment of mutual funds. He noted that this takes off some of the short term limitations from the General Investment Policy and opens it up for longer term investing.

**MOTION:** Motion by Sherman, seconded by Boutros:

To adopt the Perpetual Care Fund Investment Policy for investment of the City's perpetual care funds as proposed by the Finance Director/Treasurer.

VOTE: Yeas, 7  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

**09-282-16 COMPOSITION OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

City Manager Valentine explained that increased responsibilities, in terms of reviewing road projects, have been placed on the Board and most recently there have been a lack of quorum. In light of that, and the importance of the Board and its role in the community, he wanted to ensure the City was meeting the requirements of the positions that are outlined by the Board. He explained that the proposed ordinance allows for up to two members of the board to not be electors or property owners.

Commissioner DeWeese expressed support of the flexibility and suggested the need for alternate positions be considered.

**MOTION:** Motion by Nickita, seconded by Sherman:  
To adopt an ordinance amending Part II of the City Code, Chapter 110 Transportation Systems, Article II, Multi-Modal Transportation Board, Section 110-26 Composition to allow up to two members to serve without being an elector or property owner in the City based on their qualifications.

Commissioner Bordman stated that she will not support the motion and expressed concern with allowing non-residents to influence the critical aspect of the City. Mayor Hoff stated that she shares the concerns.

Commissioner Boutros pointed out the value that an expert in the field would add to the Board.

In response to a question from Commissioner Harris, Mr. Valentine explained that the ordinance would not exclude the current applicants from consideration. It would allow the Commission the opportunity, that if someone else came with qualifications, they could also be considered.

VOTE: Yeas, 4 (Boutros, DeWeese, Nickita, Sherman)  
Nays, 3 (Bordman, Harris, Hoff)  
Absent, None

**VII. REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**09-283-16 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission received a communication from Margaret Betts regarding handicapped parking.

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

**X. REPORTS**

**09-284-16 COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

The Commission intends to appoint members to the Board of Zoning Appeals on October 10, 2016.

**09-285-16 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Harris on the library fundraiser at 220 Merrill Restaurant on Tuesday.

Mayor Hoff noted that four commissioners were going to the Michigan Municipal League conference this week.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM

Laura M. Pierce  
City Clerk