

CONSENT

ITEM 29.

A Resolution opposing the proposed Cahaba Beach Road development and declaring the development to be adverse to the best interests of Birmingham citizens and the Birmingham Water Works Board customers. (Submitted by Councilor O’Quinn) (Recommended by the Transportation Committee and the Committee of the Whole)**

CONSENT

ITEM 30.

A Resolution determining that the building or structure located at 2120 Dawson Avenue, Birmingham, to be unsafe, a public nuisance, and directing that it be demolished. (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits)

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ITEM 31.

A Resolution determining that the building or structure located at 5613 Avenue I Ensley, Birmingham, to be unsafe, a public nuisance, and directing that it be demolished. (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits)

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ITEM 32.

A Resolution determining that the building or structure located at 805 Avenue F, Birmingham, to be unsafe, a public nuisance, and directing that it be demolished. (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits)

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ITEM 33.

A Resolution determining that the building or structure located at 513 Lorain Street, Birmingham, to be unsafe, a public nuisance, and directing that it be demolished. (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits)

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ITEM 34.

A Resolution determining that the building or structure located at 1428 – 5th Street North, Birmingham, to be unsafe, a public nuisance, and directing that it be demolished. (Submitted by the Mayor) (Recommended by the Director of Planning, Engineering, and Permits)

RECOMMENDED BY: COUNCILOR DARRELL O'QUINN

SUBMITTED BY: THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
and the COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CAHABA BEACH ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING THE DEVELOPMENT TO BE ADVERSE TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS AND THE WATER WORKS BOARD CUSTOMERS.

Whereas, the City of Birmingham believes that maintaining the condition of Birmingham's drinking water is crucial to its citizens' health and financial well-being; and

Whereas, years ago, public lands were purchased around Lake Purdy, the Little Cahaba River, and the Cahaba River in order to protect the condition of Birmingham's drinking water and the natural forests that maintain water quality and supply; and

Whereas, the Little Cahaba River carries raw drinking water from Lake Purdy to the Cahaba River drinking water pool and thence to the Birmingham Water Works Board (BWVB) drinking water intake; and

Whereas, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and Shelby County government are proposing that a road, Cahaba Beach Road, and a new bridge over the Little Cahaba River be built to carry cut-through traffic from Highway 280 through some of the land that is owned and mandated to be protected by the BWVB; and

Whereas, all the proposed routes for Cahaba Beach Road cross the Little Cahaba River between Lake Purdy and the Cahaba River approximately one to four miles upstream of the drinking water pool; and

Whereas, a road would threaten the drinking water by bringing thousands of cars and trucks (some carrying hazardous materials) dangerously close to the drinking water pool and intake each day; and
Whereas, a road would threaten the drinking water source by increasing pollution, sediment and trash in the Little Cahaba River and Cahaba River from the road and from induced development in this sensitive area; and

Whereas, if additional cleaning is needed for the drinking water, then additional costs would be borne by the Birmingham Water Works Board and passed on to residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Birmingham City Council hereby opposes the proposed Cahaba Beach Road development and declares the development to be adverse to the interests of Birmingham citizens and BWWB customers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Birmingham citizens, along with other Jefferson County elected officials, strongly encourage Shelby County and the Alabama Department of Transportation to discontinue its work on this project and to use the budgeted resources for other transportation infrastructure projects.

Adopted this 20th day of November 2018

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