morning's Birmingham City Council meeting is already underway as I'm writing this and there are several items on <a href="mailto:there">the agenda</a> of interest.

**Item 27** is the first reading of a change to the city code that would alter the look of our city streets. The change would allow our transit authority, the BJCTA, "to advertise on bus stops, benches, and/or shelters" providing a new revenue stream to the agency. The item was withdrawn by Councilor Rafferty because of an addition that needed to be made to the item.

**Item 30** would let Mayor Bell enter into a redevelopment agreement with the <u>Alabama School of Fine Arts</u> providing no more than \$30,300.00 for "public streetscape and infrastructure improvements and rebate of construction fees in support of <u>ASFA's expansion project."</u>

**Items 29 & 68** will make those who owe overdue taxes and parking fines respectively at least a little happier. It would allow for an amnesty period (the month of November for taxes; October and November for parking, traffic and other non-moving violations) for people to pay the amounts due without having to worry about the penalties.

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