

  [This morning's Birmingham City Council meeting](#) should be an interesting one to watch.

[The agenda itself](#) is not that exciting (526 properties on the list for weed removal notwithstanding). Items 4-7 are normally boilerplate items; approval of contracts with print publications to help publicize notices, ordinances and resolutions. This year the contracts with [The Birmingham News](#) and [The Huntsville Times](#) are on consent; the contracts with the [Alabama Messenger](#) and [The Birmingham Times](#) are not.

Items 32-40 are providing for payouts equaling \$79,195 in disaster relief/critical repair grants.

The more interesting conversation though should be during the mayor's report. This morning's *Birmingham News* front page includes [a piece about the continuing issues surrounding communication between the mayor and council](#). This time it's focused on issues related to the PACE board created to downtown ballpark.

[Last week it was announced](#) that construction on [the \\$60 million new home](#) of the [Birmingham Barons](#) closer to being completed in time for the first pitch of the 2013 season. [Joseph Bryant's piece](#) points out that the loans were approved in meetings that took place prior to the appointment of two board members by the [City Council](#) - after [partial demolition was approved last month](#).

[The meeting is available via live stream](#) on the city's website - as always.