

JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Monday, June 22, 2020  
3:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers

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Council President Abbott, Committee Chair  
Councilor Alexander & Councilor Smitherman, Committee Members

Councilor(s) Present: Abbott, Alexander, Smitherman

- 1) **Call to Order**  
Councilor Abbott called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes**  
**Action Taken:**  
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.  
Councilor Smitherman: Secinded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**  
Items # 4,5,6,8,9,10, 11,12,13,14,15,16,17  
**Action Taken:**  
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.  
Councilor Smitherman: Secinded.  
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with The Birmingham Board of Education (BOE), under which the BOE will provide the following goods and services for Birmingham City Schools (i) School Security Measures (ii) School Academic Support, and the City shall deliver to the BOE funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.  
**Department: Mayor's Office Chaz Mitchell, Deputy Chief of Operations**  
**Extension: 2771**  
**Recommended: Mayor's Office**  
**Funding Source: 001 400 96500 96517.550.005**  
**Amount: \$1,000,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.  
Councilor Smitherman: Secinded.  
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 5) A Vendor Agreement with Greater Birmingham Ministries, Inc., under which Greater Birmingham Ministries, Inc. will facilitate the design and installation of historical markers at One Pratt Park and Oak Hill Cemetery, City-owned sites, to memorialize Birmingham's history of racial injustice, and the City will provide funding for the services of Greater Birmingham Ministries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for a term of one (1) year.  
**Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2771**  
**Funding Source: 001\_500\_95086.545-001**  
**Amount: \$25,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.  
Councilor Smitherman: Secinded.  
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- 6) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by transferring \$150,000.00 from Non Departmental, Board of Education and appropriating \$150,000.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement. An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$150,000.00 to Board of Education, Flight Simulator.  
**REQUESTED BY: Chaz Mitchell, DC Operations, Mayor's Office**  
**Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer**  
**Department: Finance**  
**Extension: 2206**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001 and 102**  
**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 7) A Vendor Agreement with Restorative Strategies, LLC, under which Restorative Strategies, LLC will identify, partner and coordinate resources for ninety (90) justice impacted persons who are families of the incarcerated living in the City of Birmingham, specifically parents, guardians, grand-parents, and children, in need of housing, mental health and/or addiction assistance for a period of seven (7) months, and the City will provide funding for the services of Restorative Strategies, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.00, for a term to end on February 15, 2021.  
**Submitted by: Brandon Johnson**  
**Department: Office of Peace & Policy – Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2605**  
**Funding Source: 001\_031\_03750.527-014 - Professional Fees**  
**Amount: \$14,500.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with BGrace Media, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to provide the following goods or services to the City: To provide web development, ad placement, COVID 19 community engagement, and videography as described in the stated Scope of Service that will assist the City of Birmingham's District #7 interacting with constituents. The fee for these services is not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00), inclusive of any reimbursable expenses. These services will begin June 1, 2020 and conclude no later than June 30, 2020. Said funds will come from District 7 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: City Attorney**  
**Department: City Attorney's Office**  
**Extension: 2369**  
**Recommended Funding Source: District 7 (\$10,000.00) 001\_010\_04270\_04272.527-014**  
**Amount: \$10,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 9) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Synergy Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00 to provide the following goods or services to the City: To provide consulting services that will assist the City of Birmingham Council District #9 constituents and community engagement efforts to promote and enhance growth and service within the City of Birmingham District #9. The fee for these services is

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not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$47,000.00), inclusive of any reimbursable expenses. These services will begin July 1, 2020 and conclude no later than June 30, 2021. Said funds will come from District 9 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: City Attorney**

**Department: City Attorney's Office**

**Extension: 2369**

**Recommended Funding Source: and District 9 001\_000\_04210.542-001**

**Amount: \$47,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 10) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding in the amount of up to \$200,000.00. Upon award of said grant the Mayor is further authorized to enter into Emergency Solutions Grant Agreements in a format prescribed by the Emergency Solutions Grant Program regulations to provide Emergency Solutions Grant Operations funding to support ongoing homeless shelter expenses.

**Submitted by: Chris Hatcher**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2723**

**Recommended Funding Source: State Funds/ADECA**

**Amount: \$200,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 11) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by transferring \$10,000.000 from Glen Iris NA and appropriating \$10,000.00 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement Fund. An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$10,000.00 to Parks and Recreation, Bessie Estelle Park for special needs playground.

**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**

**REQUESTED BY: Christopher Hatcher, Director**

**Submitted by: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer**

**Department: Finance**

**Extension: 8060**

**Recommended Funding Source: 031 and 102**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 12) An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$2,319.00 to Equipment Management, Vehicles. Funding Source is Miscellaneous Revenue, Damage to City Property (i.e. Insurance Reimbursement).

**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**

**REQUESTED BY: Cedric Roberts, Director of Equipment Management**

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Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 2205

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 102

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 13) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$103,707.37 to Fire, US Dept of Health & Human Services, Public Health & Social Services Emergency Fund (Families First Coronavirus Response Act) per grant award received. (Resolution Number 915-20)

**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**

REQUESTED BY: Cory Moon, Chief

Submitted by: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 8060

Recommended Funding Source: 035

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 14) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$789,110.00 to Finance, Department of Justice (DOJ) BJA FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program per grant award received.

**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**

REQUESTED BY: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Submitted by: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 8060

Recommended Funding Source: 035

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by transferring \$11,500.00 from Museum of Art, R&M Buildings & Facilities and appropriating \$11,500.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement Fund. An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$11,500.00 to Museum of Art, Canopy Project.

**NOTE: Please note this item will appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**

REQUESTED BY: Graham Boettcher, Director, Museum of Art

Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 2205

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001 and 102

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

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- 16) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by transferring \$400,000.00 from various City Departments Insurance – Fringe Cost Health Insurance and appropriate \$400,000.000 to Human Resources, Professional Fees Medical Worker’s Comp Claims.  
**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the June 23, 2020 Council Agenda.**  
**REQUESTED BY: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer**  
**Submitted by: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Chief Financial Officer**  
**Department: Finance**  
**Extension: 8060**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 17) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to bind Excess Workers’ Comp insurance with Midwest Employer’s Casualty Company, coverage period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, total annual premium Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$297,437.00) payable within 20 days of the policy effective date (see attached insurance proposal - page 1, Renewal 2020-2021).  
Nine (9) out of ten (10) carriers declined to quote (see attached Marketing Summary).  
**Submitted by: Jill M. Madajczyk, Chief HR Officer**  
**Department: Human Resources**  
**Extension: 2306**  
**Recommended Funding Source: G/L Account: 001\_042\_02300.527-046**  
**Amount: \$297,437.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 17b) **Addendum**  
A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars no/cents) from the following G/L account: account #001\_000\_04210.542-001 (Council Discretionary Projects) to account #031\_205\_04400.542-001 for a sidewalk improvement project in District 1.  
**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council (10)**  
**Extension: 22035**  
**Recommended Funding Source:**  
**Amount: \$3,000.00**
- 18) **Adjournment**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Adjourn.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Meeting Adjourned.**