



# COMMITTEE REPORT



**JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Monday, April 13, 2020**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

## MINUTES

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

**Councilor(s) Present:** Abbott, Alexander, Hilliard, Hoyt, Parker, O'Quinn, Smitherman, Williams, Wood  
Mayor Woodfin

1) **Call to Order**  
Councilor Abbott called the meeting to order.

2) **Approval of the Minutes**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander: Seconded.**

3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**  
**Items #4,5,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

4) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Birmingham Black Nurses Association, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,200.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Birmingham Black Nurses will teach Hands Only CPR to residents in need within District 5 between March 20, 2020 and June 30, 2020. Said funds to come from Councilor Darrell O'Quinn Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension:2035**  
**Recommended Funding Source: O'Quinn Discretionary Funds 001\_000\_04250.542-001**  
**Amount: \$5,200.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

5) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Fresh Air Family, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to provide the following goods or services to the City (the "Work"): The Provider will provide supplies for need-based children within the City of Birmingham during the Summer Science Camp to teach at-risk youth about safety during severe weather, gun safety, and home safety. Fresh Air Family, Inc. will also provide opportunities for underserved children in the Birmingham area to attend an award-winning science camp and educational camp opportunities at homeless and battered women shelters in the Birmingham area from March 20, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Said funds to come from Councilor Darrell O'Quinn Discretionary Funds.

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**Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2035**  
**Recommended Funding Source: O'Quinn Discretionary Funds 001\_000\_04250.542-001**  
**Amount: \$2,500.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 6) Approval of Credit Agreement and Revolving Note with BBVA USA, as lender, under which BBVA will loan up to \$3.3 million to the City under a revolving loan arrangement for a term of up to three years at an interest rate equal to LIBOR plus 0.52% per annum, with the loan proceeds to be used as funding for the Police Crime Center, IMS (mainframe), and Public Works – Code Enforcement.

**Submitted by: Lester Smith**  
**Department: Finance**  
**Extension: 8060**  
**Amount: Up to \$3,300,000**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Item Withdrawn**

- 7) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Right-of-Way Property Acquisitions:
1. A Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District, under which the City will purchase a portion of property located at 545 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive S.W., Birmingham, from, for a purchase price of \$1,200.
  2. A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Birmingham and Hollyhand Development, LLC and the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District, under which the parties will agree to coordinate construction of the BRT Project and development of the Loveman Village project.
  3. A donation to the City, of property owned by Gip Plott, located at 4271 1st Avenue North, Birmingham.
  4. A donation to the City, of property owned by William Ballard, located at 4301 1st Avenue North, Birmingham.

**Submitted by: Charlotte Shaw**  
**Department: Capital Projects**  
**Extension: 2634**  
**Amount: \$1,200.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 8) An Agreement under which Build Urban Prosperity/Build Up will purchase City owned property located at 527 5<sup>th</sup> Street North, Birmingham, for a purchase price of \$4,100, for the development of an affordable detached single-family residence.

**Submitted by: Chris Hatcher**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2558**  
**Recommended Funding Source: N/A**  
**Amount: \$4,100.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
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- 9) An Agreement in substantially the form attached, with Red Mountain Theatre Company, Inc., under which RMTC will agree to make its facilities available, free to the public, for cultural events and training in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a term of six (6) months.  
**Submitted by: Michelle Inman**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2144**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001-400-96400-96431.550-005**  
**Amount: \$50,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 10) An Agreement under which L. Williams & Associates will purchase City owned property located at 125 Kappa Avenue, Birmingham, for a purchase price of \$2,700, for the development of an affordable detached single-family residence.  
**Submitted by: Chris Hatcher**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 5688**  
**Recommended Funding Source: N/A**  
**Amount: \$2,700.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 11) An Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 20-45 adopted by the City Council on March 17, 2020, to read as follows: "An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$9,200,000.00 to Various Departments for Operating Expense Gap, \$150,000.00 to Board of Education for Flight Simulator, \$750,000.00 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement Fund, and \$5,065,333.00 to **Non Departmental Transfer to Fund 038 Coronavirus (COVID-19)**. An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$300,000.00 to Oxmoor Community Center Parking Lot Expansion, \$150,000.00 to Traffic Light Installation (Five Mile Road & Azeala Drive) and \$300,000.00 to Park Improvements-District 4. An Ordinance to amend the **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Fund Budget** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, by appropriating \$1,000,000.00 to Small Business Loans/Birmingham Strong Fund, \$4,065,333.00 to First Responders. Funding Source is Fund Balance/Cash Available for on-going operating costs, with the Council finding this appropriation to constitute an extraordinary circumstance for an expenditure from the General Fund to cover budgetary shortfalls resulting from negative economic conditions related to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and that the expenditure is clearly in the best interest of the City and its residents and would address an extraordinary circumstance that was not foreseen or anticipated at the time."  
**NOTE: This item is scheduled to appear on the April 14, 2020 Council Agenda.**  
**Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer**  
**Department: Finance**  
**Extension: 8060**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Grants Fund 035**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
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- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Habitat for Humanity Greater Birmingham in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will assist the District Six (6) citizens with identifying City of Birmingham identified services available for necessary home repairs of low income seniors. Said funds to come from District 6 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2277**  
**Recommended Funding Source: District 6 Discretionary Funds**  
**Amount: \$5,500.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 13) A Resolution authorizing an appropriation, pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama 1975, in the sum of \$3,000.00, for the purpose of purchasing 1 trash can and 2 park benches to be installed at Flora Johnston Nature Park. Said funds to come from the Eastwood Neighborhood Association funds.  
**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2277**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Eastwood Neighborhood Association**  
**Amount: \$3,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 14) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Children's Village, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide shelter, food, transportation and clothing to Birmingham's abandoned, abused and neglected children. Said funds to come from West End Manor Neighborhood Association (\$1,000.00) and City Council District Seven (7) Discretionary Funds (\$5,000.00).  
**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2277**  
**Recommended Funding Source: West End Manor Neighborhood Funds and City Council District Seven (7) Discretionary Funds**  
**Amount: \$6,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 15) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19 and §11-40-1, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to purchase 40 tables for the Eastside Health Expo for May 16, 2020. Said funds to come from the Killough Springs Neighborhood Association funds.  
**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2277**

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**Recommended Funding Source: Killough Springs Neighborhood Association**

**Amount: \$1,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**

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

- 16) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with YWCA Central Alabama in an amount not to exceed 3,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The YWCA Central Alabama will facilitate safe contact between noncustodial parents and their children who are Birmingham residents. It will promote health parent/child relationships that could potentially reduce the number of domestic violence crimes within the City of Birmingham and throughout the county. Utilizing security personnel, it will provide suitable visitation and waiting spaces with separate entrances that provide a safe and comfortable space during current program operations from March 2020 through June 2020. Said funds to come from District 7 Discretionary Funds 001\_000\_04270.542-001.

**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2277**

**Recommended Funding Source: Alexander 001\_000\_04270.542-001.**

**Amount: \$3,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**

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

- 17) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Build Up in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: Build Up will facilitate workforce development training and awareness through rebuilding and cleaning up blight in some of Birmingham's poor and underserved communities. The training will be open to all citizens of Birmingham and will be provided at no cost to those attending. Said funds to come from District 6 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2277**

**Recommended Funding Source: District 6 Discretionary Funds**

**Amount: \$10,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**

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

- 18) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, and §22-3-11 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Bush Hill Connections in an amount not to exceed 10,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: Provider will create and maintain a Community Garden and perform other neighborhood improvement initiatives for the Bush Hills Community in the City of Birmingham. Said funds to come from 001\_400\_96700\_96831\_550-008.

**Submitted by: Mayor's Office**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2277**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_400\_96700\_96831\_550-008**

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**Amount: \$10,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ **Moved to Approve.****

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded.****

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

- 19) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §11-47-19, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Sandusky Neighborhood Association for items necessary for the Red Ribbon Day Event to be held in the Pratt Community on October 17, 2020. Said funds to come from the Sandusky Neighborhood Association funds.

**Submitted by:** Mayor's Office

**Department:** Mayor's Office

**Extension:** 2277

**Recommended Funding Source:** Sandusky Neighborhood Association

**Amount: \$500.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ **Moved to Approve.****

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded.****

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

- 20) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §11-47-19, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Thomas Neighborhood Association for items necessary for the Red Ribbon Day Event to be held in the Pratt Community on October 17, 2020. Said funds to come from the Thomas Neighborhood Association funds.

**Submitted by:** Mayor's Office

**Department:** Mayor's Office

**Extension:** 2277

**Recommended Funding Source:** Thomas Neighborhood Association

**Amount: \$500.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ **Moved to Approve.****

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded.****

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

- 21) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, *et seq.*, §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Douglas Beasley D/B/A "Litter Squad in an amount not to exceed 1,500.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Litter Squad will assist neighborhoods within District 5 (Central City, College Hills, Crestwood North, Druid Hills, East Avondale, Eastlake, Five Points South, Forest Park/South Avondale, Fountain Heights, Gate City, Graymont, Oak Ridge Park, Smithfield, Southside, and Wahouma) in their Clean-Up Days and beautification projects within District 5 from March 20, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Any funds not used for the specific purpose stated above shall be returned to the City immediately or no less than thirty (30) days after the end of this Agreement. Said funds to come from District 5 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by:** Mayor's Office

**Department:** Mayor's Office

**Extension:** 2277

**Recommended Funding Source:** District 5 Discretionary Funds

**Amount: \$1,500.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ **Moved to Approve.****

**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded.****

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

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- 22) **New Business**  
**Birmingham Strong**  
**Action Taken:**  
Mayor Woodfin, Chaz Mitchell, Josh Carpenter and Lester Smith presented information.  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve.**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 23) **Adjournment**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Smitherman: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Adjourn**  
**Councilor Alexander: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.**  
**Meeting Adjourn.**