



COMMITTEE REPORT



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, March 22, 2021 | 3:30 PM
VIRTUAL

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COUNCILOR VALERIE A. ABBOTT COMMITTEE CHAIR
Councilor Alexander & Councilor Smitherman, Committee Members

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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 Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Minutes Approved.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) **A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Alethia House, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$387,244, pursuant to §11-40-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to contract for authorized goods and services. Alethia House, Inc. will provide application intake, screening, and case management services to support the program administration, management, compliance, and financial reporting required to administer the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The City received approximately \$6,272,092 to provide rental and utility payment assistance to landlords and utility companies on behalf of eligible low-to-moderate income households that have experienced a loss of income due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The City desires to retain Alethia House, Inc. for client application intake, screening, and case management services to support the program administration, management, compliance, and financial reporting required to administer the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program.**
Submitted by: Christopher Hatcher
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Funding Source: CD035GR 022055

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Amount: \$387,244.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 5) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a three (3) year Agreement between the Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) and the City of Birmingham for the purchase and installation of Ticket Vending Machines and infrastructure to support the addition of the Birmingham Xpress BRT system through the delivery of managed ticket vending services, installation, and consulting services for thirty-two (32) stations equipped with TVMs and eleven (11) buses equipped with ticket validators for the BRT Project. The BJCTA will purchase and contract for the installation of Ticket Vending Machines for the BRT Project in accordance with bid laws applicable to BJCTA. The City of Birmingham will provide funding to BJCTA for the total costs of the purchase and installation of Ticket Vending Machines for the BRT Project Using Tiger Grant Funds.

Submitted by: The City Attorney

Department: City Attorney's Office

Extension: 2369

Funding Source: PEP035GR 003771 (012 - ITS & Signal Systems Installation)

PEP151CP 03771A (012 - ITS & Signal Systems Installation)

Amount: TBD

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars and no/cents) from G/L account # 001_010_04200.527-014 to G/L account # 031_205_04400 (PIC – Parks and Recreation) for District # 6 park projects.

Cooper Green \$10,000.00

Harrison \$10,000.00

Memorial \$10,000.00

Woodward \$10,000.00

\$40,000.00

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels

Department: City Council (10)

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: G/L 001_010_04200.527-014

Amount: \$40,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from account # 001_010_04200.527-014 to the following Neighborhood Association non-capital accounts:

Crestline - 031_200_12030_12031_15199.540-001 \$2,000.00

Crestwood South - 031_200_12040_12042_15199.540-001 \$2,000.00

Eastwood - 031_200_12030_12032_15199.540-001 \$2,000.00

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Roebuck Springs - 031_200_12150_12152_15199.540-001	\$2,000.00
South Eastlake - 031_200_12150_12153_15199.540-001	\$2,000.00
Huffman - 031_200_12100_12101_15199.540-001	\$1,000.00
Roebuck - 031_200_12210_12211_15198.540-001	\$1,000.00
Brown Springs -031_200_12060_12061_15199.540-001	\$1,000.00
Liberty Highlands - 031_200_12100_12104_15199.540-001	\$1,000.00
Overton - 031_200_12230_12231_15199.540-001	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
	\$15,000.00

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels
Department: City Council (10)
Extension: 2035
Funding Source: G/L 001_010_04200.527-014
Amount: \$ 15,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer \$15,000.00 from G/L account # 001_010_04200.527-014 to Parks and Recreation (Roosevelt City Park Community Center Improvement Project), G/L account # 031_205_04400.

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels
Department: City Council (10)
Extension: 2035
Funding Source: G/L 001_010_04200.527-014
Amount: \$ 15,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 9) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$20,000.00 from Non-Departmental, District 2 Discretionary Projects and appropriating \$20,000.00 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$20,000.00 from District 2 PIC Projects and appropriate \$20,000.00 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement Fund; amend the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$40,000.00 to Park and Recreation, Clairmont Walking Trail Light Conversion.

REQUESTED BY: Councilor Hunter Williams
Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer
Department: Finance
Extension: 2206
Funding Source: Fund 001, 031 and 102
Amount: \$40,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$16,876.11 from City Council, Instruction/Training and Consulting Fees and appropriate \$16,876.11 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund

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Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$8,123.89 from District 1 PIC Projects and appropriate \$8,123.89 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; amend the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$25,000.00 to District 1 Sidewalk Projects.

REQUESTED BY: Jeffrey McDaniels, City Council

Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 2206

Funding Source: Fund 001, 031 and 102

Amount: \$25,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 11) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$333,233.00 from PEP, Consulting and appropriate \$333,233.00 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement. An Ordinance to amend the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$333,233.00 to PEP, Consulting for Capital Projects.

REQUESTED BY: Michael Moore, Interim Director

Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Extension: 2206

Funding Source: Fund 001 and 102

Amount: \$333,233.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 12) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute (i) a Redevelopment Agreement with ZIMMERMAN PROPERTIES SE, LLC ("Zimmerman"), a North Carolina limited liability company, (hereinafter referred to as "Redeveloper") under which the Redeveloper will redevelop property known as the former Ensley High School, located at 2301 Avenue J, Birmingham ("Redevelopment Property") for a mixed use development and the City shall convey the Redevelopment Property to Redeveloper for a purchase price of Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00), which the City has determined to be the "use value" of the Redevelopment Property as defined in Code of Alabama (1975) Section 24-2-6(a) and shall further provide certain incentives in the form of a City grant of up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in connection with the Project and that providing the City grant will promote the economic development of the City constitutes a public purpose and is authorized by, consistent with, and in furtherance of the objectives of Amendment No. 772.

Submitted by: Janice Douthard

Department: IEO

Extension: 2273

Funding Source: Contingent on CDA Refunding and Future Tax Revenue

Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 13) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, et seq. and §11-47-137 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with T/U Landscape Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide community beautification and landscaping services for the Brownsville Heights entrance sign.

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Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: Brownsville Hgts Neighborhood Association 032_202_12010_12012_540-001
Amount: \$1,500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 14) 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 Christian Service Mission, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The provider will provide care for the poor and needy in need of food and personal care items for the residents that reside in the City of Birmingham. Said funds to come from District 6 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: District 6 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$15,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) 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 A.G. Gaston Boys and Girls Club, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The provider will provide goods and services for the poor and needy in the City of Birmingham through community outreach programs to reduce homelessness and poverty. Said funds to come from District 7 and 8 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: District 7 & 8 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$17,500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the Birmingham Board of Education in an amount not to exceed \$10,375 to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools:

The Board shall coordinate with Barrett Elementary School (\$2,000), Parker High School (\$2,000), Oliver Elementary School (\$3,375), and Phillips Academy (\$3,000), to assist with school expenses. The allocation is exclusively for the purpose stated. Said funds will come from District #5 Discretionary Funds.
Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: District #5 Discretionary Funds

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Amount: \$10,375.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the Birmingham Board of Education in an amount not to exceed \$27,000 to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools:

- 1) The Board shall coordinate with Wenonah High School (\$7,000) to assist with expenses associated with softball, baseball, basketball, and football equipment and “Student and Teacher Supplies.” The allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated. Said funds will come from District #7 Discretionary Funds.
- 2) The Board shall coordinate with Oxmoor Valley Elementary School (\$5,000), West End Academy (\$5,000), Arrington Elementary School (\$5,000), and Jones Valley Middle School (\$5,000), to assist with expenses associated with “Student and Teacher Supplies.” The allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated. Said funds will come from District #7 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Mayor’s Office

Department: Mayor’s Office

Extension: 2277

Funding Source: District #7 Discretionary Funds

Amount: \$27,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 18) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, et seq. and §11-47-137 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Covenant Services Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide community beautification and landscaping services for the South Roebuck-Roebuck Springs entrance sign.

Submitted by: Mayor’s Office

Department: Mayor’s Office

Extension: 2277

Funding Source: South Roebuck-Roebuck Springs Neighborhood Association Funds

Amount: \$3,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 19) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, et seq. and §11-47-137 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Green Life Lawn Service, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$1,300 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide lawn care services for the West Goldwire neighborhood entrance sign.

Submitted by: Mayor’s Office

Department: Mayor’s Office

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Extension: 2277
Funding Source: West Goldwire Neighborhood Association Funds
Amount: \$1,300.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, et seq. and §11-47-137 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with T/U Landscape Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,315 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide community beautification and landscaping services for the Brummitt Heights entrance sign.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2277

Funding Source: Brummitt Heights Neighborhood Association Funds
031_200_12010_12013_15198.540-001

Amount: \$3,315.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 21) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$250 to purchase two (2) tables for the Oxmoor Community Center. Said funds to come from the Oxmoor Neighborhood Association funds.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2277

Funding Source: Oxmoor Neighborhood Association funds

Amount: \$250.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 22) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 to purchase no more than four (4) metal trash cans to be placed on the approved right-of-way. Said funds to come from the Graymont Neighborhood Association funds.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2277

Funding Source: Graymont Neighborhood Association funds

Amount: \$2,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

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- 23) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, et seq. and §11-47-137 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with T/U Landscape Service, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,900 to provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide community beautification and landscaping services for the Brown Springs entrance sign.
Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: Brown Springs Neighborhood Association Funds
031_200_12060_12061_15199.540-001
Amount: \$3,900.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 24) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase a virtual meeting space to enable the Woodlawn neighborhood to host video conference neighborhood meetings for longer than the 40 minutes of allotted free time. Said funds to come from the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: Woodlawn Neighborhood Association funds
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 25) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$250 to purchase a virtual meeting space to enable the Glen Iris neighborhood to host monthly neighborhood association meetings. Said funds to come from the Glen Iris Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: Glen Iris Neighborhood Association funds
Amount: \$250.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Alexander: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 26) A Resolution authorizing an agreement with NUSA, in an amount not to exceed \$125,250, for the registration of up to 495 Neighborhood Officers or volunteers of the City's Neighborhood Associations, not to exceed five (5) per Neighborhood Association, and 6 CRRs as employees of the City of Birmingham, to attend the 2021 Virtual NUSA Conference. The cost of registration for each attendee is not to exceed \$250. The event will serve to educate and train the Neighborhood Officers and CRRs on a vision of communities and provide information that will benefit those seeking resources for community and economic development within the City of Birmingham, Alabama. Said sums to come from the respective Neighborhood Association funds for an amount not to exceed \$1,250 per Neighborhood Association.
Submitted by: Mayor's Office
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2277

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Funding Source: General Fund 01 and Neighborhood Assn. Allocations
Amount: \$125,250.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 27) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Mary Beth Young to provide consulting services that will assist Council District 4 in efforts to promote and enhance growth for Council District 4 and the City of Birmingham and to assist with COVID-19 and vaccination initiatives, for a term ending May 5, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Submitted by: City Council

Department: Jeffery McDaniels

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: 001_000_04240.542-001

Amount: \$10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 28) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with BGrace Media, LLC to provide ad placement, COVID – 19 and 2020 Census crisis management for City Council District 4, for a term ending June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.

Submitted by: City Council

Department: Jeffery McDaniels

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: 001_010_04240_04242.527-014

Amount: \$14,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 29) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with 02 Ideas Incorporated to provide studio time, scripting, ad placement, and communication services on behalf of the Birmingham City Council, for a term ending June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Submitted by: City Council

Department: Jeffery McDaniels

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: 001_010_04200.527-014

Amount: \$50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 30) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Girls Life Unlimited to provide goods and services to the poor and needy in the City of Birmingham through workforce development training, job readiness/awareness, and mentoring services to reduce homelessness and poverty and will safeguard the public health and welfare through educational services to under-privileged and needy youth and adults of

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the City of Birmingham with unique opportunities for their development, for a term ending June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Submitted by: City Council

Department: Jeffery McDaniels

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: District 7 Discretionary Funds - 001_000_04270.542-001

Amount: \$2,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 31) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by transferring \$400.00 from College Hills NA-Capital Projects, \$3,087.25 from Highland Park NA-Capital Projects, and appropriate \$3,487.25 to Transfer to Fund 001 General Fund. An Ordinance to amend the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by appropriating \$400.00 to Transportation Department, R&M Street and Traffic Signs (i.e. for 10 "No Dumping" signs) and \$3,087.25 to Public Works, R&M Horticulture (i.e. for Weed control along ROW in Highland neighborhood).

REQUESTED BY: Councilor Hunter Williams

Submitted by: Lester Smith, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001 and 031

Amount: \$3,487.25

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Alexander: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

32. Adjournment

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Adjourn.

Councilor Smitherman: Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.