



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE & SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, October 11, 2021 | 3:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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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

- 1) **Call to Order**
Councilor Abbott called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes**
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: Seconded.
The Minutes were Approved as Recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #5, 6,7,8,11,13,16, 17a
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: Seconded.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) An Ordinance granting a franchise to Teklinks, Inc. DBA as **C-Spire** for a period of 10 years to install and maintain telecommunication facilities and systems within the City's Rights-of-Way, and certain other matters more fully contained in the franchise agreement. C-Spire will pay to the City an annual franchise fee equal to five percent (5%) of gross receipts collected within the corporate limits of the City and one and one-half percent (1½%) of gross receipts collected within the City's police jurisdiction.
Submitted by: Mayor
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: X2619
Recommended Funding Source: N/A
Amount: Income to the City: 5% and 1.2%
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Vendor Agreement with Kinetic Communications, LLP to provide website maintenance and enhancements for the www.birminghamal.gov website and its subpages for a three-year term from the fiscal year 2022 through the fiscal year 2024 in an amount not to exceed Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$57,600.00).
Submitted by: Patrick McLendon
Department: IMS
Recommended Funding Source: 001_037_01920_01922.526-001

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Amount: \$57,600.00 (\$19,200 per fiscal year)

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to increase funding for an existing Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Benevate, Inc. (d.b.a. Neighborly Software). In the amount of Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$57,600.00) will be added to the existing amount of Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$62,600.00) bringing the total amount of funding available to an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$120,200.00). The Vendor will provide web-based software licenses to support the management and administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Submitted by: Christopher Hatcher

Department: Community Development

Recommended Funding Source: CD035GR

Amount: \$ \$57,600.00 (increase), \$120,200.00 (total)

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement with Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity, Inc. The existing Agreement, dated July 1, 2020, and approved by Resolution No. 739-20, will be amended to increase funding in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) from CDBG funds. This will bring the total amount of funding available to an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$350,000.00). This will increase the housing rehabilitation projects from 7 projects to up to 32 projects.

Submitted by: Christopher Hatcher

Department: Community Development

Recommended Funding Source: CDBG Funds_(CD081GR)

Amount: \$ \$300,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete and submit a grant application with **Bloomberg Philanthropies 2021 Global Mayors Challenge** in the amount of **\$1,000,000.00**. The goal is to implement community-driven solutions to equitably increase access to quality, affordable fresh foods in underserved communities, if awarded.

Submitted by: Amelia Muller

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 205-516-1969

Funding Source: No Matching Funds from the City

Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 9) A Resolution authorizing the City's Authorized Official to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a substantial amendment for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds. Also, to further authorize the City's Authorized Official to enter into necessary agreements under the CARES Act for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant

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Program (ESG) to acquire services as authorized herein, sign grant agreements and other documents as may be required.

Submitted by: Chris Hatcher
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: Federal Funds/HUD
Amount: \$4,365,544.13

- 10) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the East Lake Initiative, a locally-based, IRC Section 501(c)(3) federally income tax-exempt Alabama non-profit corporation in an amount to exceed Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) for a term not to exceed six months. To provide professional assistance in order to conduct one-on-one onboarding and benefits counseling to One Hundred Ten (110) individual benefit recipients of the Mayors. For a Guaranteed Income pilot program in the City of Birmingham.

Submitted by: Amelia Muller
Department: Office of the Mayor
Extension: x1969
Funding Source: Funding Source: 001_052_0080.536-040
Amount: \$10,000.00 (For Case Management)

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

- 11) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, §11-40-1, and §11-47-16 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Sidewalk Film Center and Cinema, Inc., a/k/a Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. To engage children and adults in live and virtual film and theatre productions throughout the City of Birmingham. Said funds to be paid from District 5 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 and District 2 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Submitted by: The Office of the City Attorney
Department: City Council District 2 and District 5 (Councilors William & O'Quinn)
Recommended Funding Source: District 2 & District 5 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$5,000.00 (District 2-\$2,500/District 5-\$2,500)

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

- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with City Center District Management Corporation and expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 pursuant to Section 11-47-19, Code of Alabama 1975, and the City Code of Birmingham to designate geographic areas of the City as **Self-Help Business Improvement Districts**. To contribute to the health, prosperity, and welfare of the people of the City. Funds shall be paid from account number 001_400_96700_96718.550-006..

Submitted by: The Office of the City Attorney
Department: Mayor's Office
Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96718.550-006
Amount: \$9,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.
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- 13) 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 \$35,500.00. To provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students for school programs, equipment and supplies for the following Birmingham City Schools:
Wenonah High School (\$12,000.00); Jones Valley Middle School (\$8,500.00); Arrington Elementary School (\$5,000.00); Oxmoor Valley Elementary School (\$5,000.00); and West End Academy (\$5,000.00).
The allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated. Said funds will come from District #7 Discretionary Funds.
Submitted by: The Office of The City Attorney
Department: City Council District 7 (Councilor Alexander)
Funding Source: District #7 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$35,500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 14) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Memorandum of Understanding with Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, an IRC Section 501(c)(3) federally income tax-exempt non-profit corporation to conduct a guaranteed income pilot program in the City of Birmingham. Utilizing a grant of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) on behalf of the City from Mayors for a Guaranteed Income to provide monthly payments of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00.00) a month to One Hundred *Ten (110 benefit recipients)*.
Submitted by: Amelia Muller
Department: Office of the Mayor
Extension: x1969
Funding Source: Fund 035
Amount: \$500,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the Penny Foundation, a locally based, IRC Section 501(c)(3) federally income tax-exempt Alabama non-profit corporation in an amount to exceed Forty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for a term not to exceed one year to receive of a grant in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00) .From the Mayor for a Guaranteed Income to conduct a guaranteed income pilot in the City to provide monthly payments of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) a month. To One Hundred Ten (110) benefit recipients.
Submitted by: Amelia Muller
Department: Office of the Mayor
Extension: x1969
Funding Source: Funding Source: 001_052_0080.536-040
Amount: ~~\$40,000.00 (Administrative Fee's)~~ \$375,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.
Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 16) 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 Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. To provide the following goods and services for the City: The Provider will provide breast cancer awareness and education programs for the City of Birmingham and the residents within the

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City. Said funds to come from District 7 Discretionary Funds (3,000.00) and District 9 Discretionary Funds (\$1,000.00).

Submitted by: Mayor

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2277

Recommended Funding Source: District 7 & 9 Discretionary Funds

Amount: \$4,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents as may be required to receive funding through the HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan (HOME – ARP) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Submitted by: Chris Hatcher

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: HOME-ARP

Amount: \$5,074,139.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17b) An Ordinance authorizing the issuance and making provision for the payment of General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$63.3 million.

Submitted by: Lester D. Smith, Jr., Senior Financial Advisor to the Mayor

Department: Finance

Extension: 8060

Funding Source:

Amount:

(NOTE: Financial Advisors will be at the meeting to make a presentation.)

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Approve.

Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) **Adjournment**

Councilor Alexander: _____ Moved to Adjourn.

Councilor Abbott: _____ Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.