

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 | 3:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT WARDINE T. ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Councilor(s) Present: Alexander, Abbott, Clarke, Moore, O'Quinn, Smitherman, Tate, Woods; Mayor Woodfin

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Alexander.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Tate Seconded the Motion.

Councilor Clarke Abstained.

The May 18, 2022 Committee the Whole Minutes were Approved as Recorded.

III. UPDATE: RECYCLING – DIRECTOR JOSH YATES, PUBLIC WORKS, COB

Josh Yates presented information to the Committee (Power Point support) on Recycling, Route Optimization, and Routeware.

Benefits of Recycling

- Protect the environment
- Saves resources
- Prevent Pollution
- Supports Public Health
- Green
- Overall less waste and green gas emissions

Benefits of Optimization

- Prevents pollution
- Less trucks on the road
- Less fuel
- Less greenhouse gas emission
- Saves resources
- Overall less waste

Mr. Yates introduced Routeware, an integrated technology that will assist in balancing out all phases of waste operations. It has the ability to do an opt-in/opt program. It helps figure out where the recycling program is; who wants to recycle, etc. It also has the ability to build a basis of routes around where people wants to recycle. Public Works is currently attempting to cover the entire city in one day, which is non-effective. This program will assist in putting a route together to better service citizens, assist with optimizing routes, bring technology into the trucks, determine the best routes, etc. The goal is to create an opt-in/opt-out program for recycling, establish the best routes for recycling, increase recycling participation, etc. The program is driven on true recycling participation. It will provide the ability for education, real-time notices, and information to residents.

Cost

The Council set aside \$600K for recycling efforts.

The cost for year one is \$595K.

Re-occurring cost is approximately 240K.

The upfront cost of \$250k will cover hardware, installation, training, and the re-collect.

All of the systems combined are approximately \$250K initially. This included four cameras per truck, computer tablet, GPS, etc.

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Cell network for real-time location, video, etc. will also be available.
The monthly cost is approximately \$20K (billed quarterly) with an annual cost of \$240K.
The recycle drop off trailers cost \$35K each (will be starting out with three).
There will be four cameras per truck, computer, tablets, GPS, cell network for real-time location, video, etc.
Most costs of \$20k will be billed quarterly.
The total annual re-occurring costs are \$240K
The software will enhance the City's overall waste system.
Full implementation of the program should take 90-120 days.
The Administration will submit a proposal for the software to be implemented, which will require Council's approval.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

IV. UPDATE: GRANICUS/I-LEGISLATE – CITY CLERK LEE FRAZIER, J.D., MMC, CERA, COB

Lee Frazier discussed the iLegislate component of Granicus.

The iLegislate is an application that can be accessed via the Apple app via on either a personal or City-issued iPads/tablet and be utilized away from City Hall.

The Council can create their own password or allow Mr. Frazier to create and store it to Granicus.

iLegislate enables government officials to modernize their day-to-day agenda management by digitally reviewing meeting agendas, supporting documents and even archived meeting recordings via an app on their tablet. Instead of printing a thick agenda packet for each meeting attendee, iLegislate will allow a paperless system to review agendas, reducing the cost of distributing materials, etc. and digitally annotate and bookmark agendas, PDF attachments and items of interest while on or offline.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

V. 2022 – 2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION – BIR. CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR ADMINISTRATION

Council President Alexander stated that the Council has reviewed the proposed budget.

Questions were submitted and answered by the Administration.

The meeting was turned over to the Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, Council Pro Tem Smitherman for further discussion.

The proposed 2022-2023 budget includes the following:

Rollover of the cost of living adjustment

Proposed five percent (5%) Merit increases

Proposed longevity pay for long-term employees.

Public Safety uniforms are included.

Fire Department Recruitment and Retention is included.

Recruitment and Retention for BPD will be presented in a forthcoming proposal.

Via on Demand Expansion

The Transit Authority has received and is reviewing a proposal to reconfigure routes. This process should be completed the Summer 2022.

Birmingham City Schools Expanded Partnership – Mental Health Services Finance Literacy

The total package for the Financial Literacy is \$2.1 million. Half the monies is seed money and the remaining monies will be raised.

The robust curriculum is in partnership with the school system.

Instead of the money going directly to the BSC to pay the vendor, the person who is building the curriculum has been engaged first and then they will engage the school system.

The funds are being housed in the Division of Youth Services, which is now a department in lieu of it being a division because of the relationship with JCCEO (no longer exist).

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The Conflict Resolution is not as built out as the financial literacy, but is being housed in DYS instead of going to the school system.

The \$2 million contract will go to Mental Health Services at \$1 million.

The Safe Havens will go to Park and Rec at \$1 million.

The Summer Jobs Program of \$210k and Reentry of \$225K will go to Youth Services.

The Early Childhood Development piece will be in Community Development.

Birmingham Zoo

The City had an agreement with the Zoo, where \$180k/year in sales and use taxes were rebate. That agreement has expired.

The Administration is in negotiations with the Zoo to develop a similar type rebate that will be based on how the Zoo produces their revenues.

The Administration is working on the incentive agreement with the Zoo.

Strategic Paving Management Plan

A strategic pavement management plan is included in the proposed budget.

The City will hire a consultant to update citywide data to rate streets throughout the city.

Most of the streets are rated on a score of one to five.

The strategic management plan will assign scores to each roadway based on an index.

Applebee's Incentive

The Applebee's incentive is increasing from \$50,000.00 to \$94,000.00.

The property was done in a cooperative district.

That was the mechanism that was used to allow the developer to develop the land; the Regions Bank and Applebee's buildings.

The taxes will pay down the debt related to both sites, Applebee's and Regions Bank.

The City owns the land.

Sidewalks

There was a previous allocation of \$500,000.00; with that money a \$2 million project is being completed.

With the funds that are allocated to sidewalks the goal is to try using the funds as match money.

The \$2 million allocation is going towards the first priorities.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information/Discussion Only

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Williams Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

The Meeting was Adjourned.