



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER JANUARY 23, 2023 | 3:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM CRYSTAL N. SMITHERMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT WARDINE T. ALEXANDER & COUNCILOR VALERIE A. ABBOTT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: Smitherman, Abbott, Alexander

- 1) **Call to Order**
The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Pro Tem Smitherman.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
The January 9, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
5,6,7,9,10,11,12
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant with the Alabama Department of Transportation ("ALDOT") for grant funding from ALDOT's Rebuild Alabama Act (RAA) Annual Grant Program for paving Graymont Avenue from Arkadelphia Road to 15th St W in Bush Hills in the City of Birmingham with the total grant not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) with no matching funds required by the City and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the Grant.
Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance (Grants Division)
Extension: N/A
Recommended Funding Source: N/A
Amount: No Funding Source
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) A resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Birmingham, to execute all documents to complete a grant with the United States Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.00 for the purchase of ten (10) ground transport units for the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service. Also, the City shall provide up to \$350,000.00 in matching funds and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary to make application, accept, and expend the grant funds on behalf of the City in accordance with the terms of the Grant.

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Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance (Grants Division)
Extension: N/A
Recommended Funding Source: 001_022_16000_16100.536-040 Grant Match
Amount: \$350,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a third amendment to the agreement with Aletheia House, Inc., to update the scope of services and the funding amount by \$760,000.00, in an amount not to exceed \$1,867,244.00, pursuant to §11-40-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to contract for authorized goods and services. Aletheia House, Inc. will provide additional 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: Wendy Hicks
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2816
Recommended Funding Source: CD035GR
Amount: \$760,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) A resolution declaring the 2023 Jackie Robinson Day Street Festival a public purpose.

Submitted by: Frank Adams
Department: Mayor's Office-NSLM
Extension: 2277
Recommended Funding Source: 001_031_03755.534-010
Amount: \$ 10,000.00 (not to exceed)
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) A Project Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores, Inc.**, under which Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores, Inc. will undertake a project to restore and refurbish the supermarket space formerly known as Piggly Wiggly at 6501 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35206, for the operation of a "Buy-Lo Supermarket". The City will provide an incentive in the amount of **Two Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00)** in up front lease hold improvements needed to accomplish the operation of full line supermarket.

Submitted by: Irenio Johnson
Department IEO
Extension: 8668
Recommended Funding Source: 156_310.511-002 and 156_310.511-003
Amount: \$ 200,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
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- 9) Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **RJ Building, Inc.**, under which the **RJ Building, Inc.** will lease a space totaling approximately 54,136 square feet of that certain property known as Mazer Discount Home Center (the "Property"), which is comprised of a total of approximately 430,888 square feet. The property is located at 2-South 41 St. Street, in the City of Birmingham, Alabama to be used for the sole purpose of conducting business operations related to City of Birmingham Fire Department activities ("the Project") for a term of (1) year commencing and ending on the one-year anniversary of such date, for a rental fee of \$10,800.00 per month for a total amount not to exceed \$129,600.00. Said funds will be paid from **001_022_17000_17401.531-009**
Submitted by: Cory D. Moon (Fire Chief)
Department BFRS
Extension: 2510
Recommended Funding Source: 001_022_17000_17401.531-009
Amount: \$ 129,600.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 10) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and 11-47-190, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Veritext in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$15,000.00). The City is retaining Provider to provide the following goods or services to the City (the "Work"): the Provider will provide Court Reporting Services for the City of Birmingham in civil litigation matters.
Submitted by: City Attorney Department: OCA
Extension: 2369
Recommended Funding Source: 001-028-01600-527-050
Amount: \$15,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 11) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute agreements and administer funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for the **2023 Neighborhood Officer Swearing in Ceremony**, to be held at the Boutwell Auditorium on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., which will serve to enable the Neighborhood Officers to facilitate the City's vision of open communication between the City and its citizens related to resources for community and economic development within the City. The 2023 Neighborhood Officer Swearing in Ceremony will serve a valid public purpose in that it will promote goodwill and serve the public's interest. Said funding to come from Professional Fees Election Expense Funds.
Submitted by: Alice Williams Department:
Community Development Extension: 8085
Recommended Funding Source: 001 013 03780.527-025
Amount: \$5000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the **Birmingham Board of Education** in an amount not to exceed \$16,000, to provide services and allow the Board to coordinate with Princeton Elementary School to purchase an outdoor marquee sign and any related equipment and supplies.

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Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels

Department: City Council

Extension: 2035

Funding Source: 001_000_04280.542-001 Amount: \$10,000.00 (not to exceed) CORRECTION to Amount - \$16,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

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- 13) Old & New Business
Councilor Abbott inquired about the timeframe for the Rental Assistance Program.
Chaz Mitchell will provide an update to the Committee.

- 14) Adjournment
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
The Meeting was Adjourned.