



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER JANUARY 9, 2023 | 3:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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## MINUTES

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, Clarke, Tate

- 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 Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**The December 12, 2022 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.**
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**  
Items #7,11,12,13,14,16,17,18  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 4) An Agreement for Professional Services with D. Smith Technology and Consulting LLC dba DSTC, LLC under which DSTC, LLC will facilitate the creation of a data warehouse solution for the archival of 311 case data for the City of Birmingham over a term not to exceed three (3) years for an amount not to exceed \$92,669.50 in year one.  
**Submitted by: Annette Harris**  
**Department: IMS**  
**Extension: 2751**  
**Recommended Funding Source:001\_037\_01920\_01922.527-050; FY23**  
**Amount: \$92,669.50**  
**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 to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as authorized under U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for grant funding from the EPA's Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program to establish, increase, expand, or optimize collection and improve materials management infrastructure; reduce contamination in the recycled materials stream; and identify, establish, or improve end-markets for the use of recycled materials by implementing the series of strategies on building a circular economy for all; supporting improvements to local post-consumer materials management, including municipal recycling programs; and assisting local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems with

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the total grant award not exceed \$4,000,000.00 with no matching funds required by the City for a term of three years 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.**

- 6) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as authorized under U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), for grant funding from the EPA's Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program to improve the effectiveness of residential and community recycling programs through public education and outreach by informing the public about residential or community recycling programs, providing information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program that provides for the separate collection of residential solid waste from recycled material; and increasing collection rates and decreasing contamination in residential and community recycling programs with the total grant award not exceed \$2,000,000.00 with no matching funds required by the City for a term of three years 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.**

- 7) Agreement for Professional Services with the Center for Law Enforcement Technology, Training & Research, Inc. ("LETTR"), under which LETTR will facilitate the sharing of law enforcement data through the Federated Integrated Network for Data Exchange and Retrieval program ("FINDER"), which is an information sharing system with the purpose of eliminating exorbitant pricing for technology that facilitates the apprehension of criminals. LETTR will complete the performance of the services over a term of one year for an amount not to exceed \$14,500.

**Submitted by: Annette Harris**  
**Department: IMS**  
**Extension: 2751**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_037\_01920\_01922.526-001. FY23**  
**Amount: \$14,500**

**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**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 a grant with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) for grant funding from the ADEM's Recycling Fund Grant Program to achieve or surpass both the recycling or waste reduction/minimization efforts set forth in

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the City's solid waste management plan and the purpose and goals of the Solid Wastes and Recyclable Materials Management Act of 2008 through the purchase of a recycling truck for the City of Birmingham with the total grant award to exceed \$350,000.00 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.**

- 9) A Memorandum of Agreement between the Birmingham Police Department and **Alabama A&M University**, to allow students attending Alabama A&M University to work as interns with the Birmingham Police Department's "Community Outreach and Public Education Division," to participate in the "Graduate Field Instruction Program," which will provide the students an opportunity to gain experience and educational knowledge while providing assistance to the City.

**Submitted by: Janice M. Blackwell**  
**Department: Police**  
**Extension: 205-933-4177**  
**Recommended Funding Source: N/A**

**Amount:**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 10) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-1 and §11-47-9 Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Courtney French Broadcasting, LLC (Courtney French Broadcasting), under which Courtney French Broadcasting will provide radio advertisement, remote broadcasting, and communication services to inform and engage residents on issues relative to neighborhood revitalization efforts, jobs and business opportunities, crime awareness and prevention, and other issues of concerns for residents via a variety of public information medias. The term of the Agreement is one year, and the City shall pay Courtney French Broadcasting in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

**Submitted by: Ed Fields**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2609**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_031\_03700.534-050**  
**Amount: \$50,000.00**

**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 11) A Resolution pursuant to §11-43-140 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, for the purchase of flashlights for Fire Station No. 16 and Fire Station No. 17. Said funds to come from the Sherman Heights Neighborhood Association Funds.

**Submitted by: Melony Martin**  
**Department: Community Development, Extension: 2535**

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**Recommended Funding Source: 031\_200\_12080\_12082\_15198.540.001**

**Amount: \$3,500.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-16 and §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with the Birmingham Botanical Society, Inc., under which the Birmingham Botanical Society will provide community based educational workshops, exhibits, and presentations to families (i.e., children, parents, etc.) in order to provide a broad range of opportunities to raise awareness for science, parenting, distance learning, and basic quality of life for the poor and needy in the City of Birmingham. Said total funds will come from District #3 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**

**Department: City Council**

**Extension: 2035**

**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04230.542-001**

**Amount: \$20,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 13) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-16 and §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with Vulcan Park Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Vulcan Park and Museum, under which Vulcan Park and Museum will provide community based educational workshops, exhibits, and presentations to families in order to provide age appropriate educational programs for the citizens of Birmingham to learn the history of the museum through art, dance, music, and culture through online platforms. Said total funds will come from District #3 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**

**Department: City Council**

**Extension: 2035**

**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04230.542-001**

**Amount: \$20,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 14) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-16 and §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 with Birmingham Zoo, Inc., under which Birmingham Zoo will provide community based educational workshops, exhibits, and presentations to families in order to provide a broad range of opportunities to raise awareness for science, animals, nature, and basic quality of life for the poor and needy in the City of Birmingham. Said total funds will come from District #3 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels Department: City Council Extension: 2035**

**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04230.542-001 Amount: \$20,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

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- 15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Jefferson County Family Resource Center (R.E.S.T.O.R.E), under which R.E.S.T.O.R.E will offer support services to court-involved youth ages 16 -19 and their families through the Jefferson County Family Resource Center. The program is designed to reduce criminal activity involving young people residing in the City to provide proactive, strength-based, trauma-informed, mental health services, and developmentally appropriate case management services geared to help build on participant's potential for success. The term of the agreement is for one year and the funding amount is \$225,000 from Professional Fees-Youth Services.  
**Submitted by: Brandon F. Johnson**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2771**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_061\_01000.527-091 (General Fund-Youth Services- Administration)**  
**Amount: \$225,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- 16) An agreement between the City of Birmingham and AG Gaston Boy and Girls Club in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide educational and enrichment services for youth, ages 6-18, experiencing academic learning loss due to COVID restrictions on classroom learning and overall academic recovery for disproportionately impacted youth.  
**Submitted by: Chris Hatcher**  
**Department: Recovery Team (Mayor's Office)**  
**Extension: 2807**  
**Recommended Funding Source: ARPA-Dist. 8: G/L 039\_010.445-035**  
**Amount: \$100,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 17) An Ordinance to amend the Grant Match Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by transferring \$250,000.00 from Fund 36 Grant Match and appropriating \$250,000.00 to Fund 035 Grant Match for Finley Avenue Access Road.  
**Submitted by: Katrina Thomas, Director**  
**Department: PEP**  
**Extension: 2288**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 035 Grants Match Fund and 036 Grants Match Fund**  
**Amount: \$ 250,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 18) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by transferring \$3,500.00 from Sherman Heights NA and appropriating \$3,500.00 to Transfer to Fund 001 General Fund; and amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$3,500 to the Fire Department, Fire Station #16 and 17, Supplies - Other Small Equipment.  
**Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2723**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 032**

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Amount: \$ 3,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

19) Presentations

1. A Resolution of Intent to provide financial support for the construction and maintenance upgrades of various City of Birmingham Cultural & Historical assets owned and operated by the City of Birmingham.

The Administration presented documents to the Council for review and discussion.

The requests will include approval of \$4 million for upgrades to Legion Field; \$2 million for upgrades to Rickwood Field, build a family fun center at the CrossPlex, and additional upgrades to Uptown.

Action Taken:

councilor Alexander Motioned to Recommend item to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the Committee of the Whole.

2. A Resolution of Intent to provide a financial commitment to the employees of the City of Birmingham.

Submitted by: Mayor Randall L. Woodfin & Chief of Operations Chaz Mitchell

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2271

Recommended Funding Source:

Amount:

Action Taken:

councilor Alexander Motioned to Recommend item to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the Committee of the Whole.

Presentation - Informational presentation on transitional housing for the homeless pilot program.

Action Taken:

councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

20) Old & New Business

None

22) Adjourn

Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

The Meeting was Adjourned.