



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
The January 23, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
4,6,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$1,600.00 (one thousand six hundred dollars 00/100) from the following District # 2 G/L account: # 001_000_04220.542-001 to Parks & Recreation, account # 031_202_84000_84165_84167.521-001 for expenses related to the annual fishing rodeo.
Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels
Department: City Council (10) Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding Source: Williams G/L Account # 001_000_04220.542-001
Amount: \$ 1,600.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 5) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Funding Agreement with HBCU SpringComing, LLC, under which the City will provide funding to HBCU SpringComing in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 from monies received by the City under the American Rescue Plan Act pursuant to Amendment 772 to assist, as a Sponsor, in the two day event that celebrates the HBCU experience through events, panels and service activities to be held in Birmingham, Alabama on March 17 - 18, 2023.
Submitted by: Coreata' Houser
Department: IEO
Extension: 2799
Recommended Funding Source:039_000.534-040 G&A Marketing and Promotion

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Amount: \$165,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution approving, and authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Grayshift, LLC under which Grayshift, LLC. shall provide hardware, software, professional services, and ongoing maintenance and support services related to its GrayKey Product, a proprietary software which allows digital forensic access for iOS devices for use by the Birmingham Police Department for a term of one (1) year, and the City shall pay Grayshift, LLC an amount not to exceed \$10,995.00.

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2751

Recommended Funding Source: FY23 - 001_037_01920_01922.526-001

Amount: \$10,995.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) An Amended and Restated License Agreement between the City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board and the **USFL League, LLC**, to amend and restate the License Agreement dated January 21, 2022 (the "Original Agreement") as authorized by the Birmingham City Council on January 11, 2022, by Resolution No. 64-22. The City will provide in-kind services to the USFL in the amount up to, but not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to assist with its use of the Legion Field Stadium, its personnel, police, fire & rescue for the purpose of a practice facility in support of two USFL team in the City in 2023.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell, Chief of Operations

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 057_400_96100_96120.550-002

Amount: \$ 500,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Event Sponsorship Agreement with Birmingham Business Resource Center, Inc. (BRC) under which BRC will host the A. G. Gaston Conference in Birmingham at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex on February 21 and 22, 2023. The City will provide incentives to BRC in the amount of \$10,000.00 pursuant to Amendment No. 772 as a sponsorship for the A. G. Gaston Conference, which will generate revenue from out-of-town visitors and will provide positive publicity for the City.

Submitted by: Coreata` R. Houser, Deputy Director

Department: Dept. of Innovation and Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: G/L001_003_00910.545-001

Amount: \$10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

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- 9) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Purchase Schedule No. 810-6809124-002 with **Dell Financial Services, LLC** that is subject to and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Master Lease Agreement dated March 31, 2020, under which the City of Birmingham will obtain financing to purchase computer equipment to include servers, storage, desktops, laptops, etc. from ConvergeOne through a State of Alabama Contract for the sale of certain software, hardware and related services under the terms of the State of Alabama Master Agreement Number – MA 18000000161-999 in a total amount not to exceed Forty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and 10/100 (\$41,582.10) for a period not to exceed ten (10) years in accordance with Code of Alabama 1975 Section 41-16-57(f).
Submitted by: Darryl L. Burroughs Department: IMS
Extension: 2803
Recommended Funding Source: Dell Financial Services Master Lease No.595295-59684 G/L 001_022_00002698 Non-Capital
Amount: \$41,582.10
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 10) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society, Inc., under which Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society, Inc., shall assist the City in identifying environmentally areas for planning, implementing cleanup, and restoration projects; identify grants to support the City's programs and projects in the Village Creek Park Master Plan and Watershed Management, and assist with facilitating two (2) public awareness meetings by developing presentations and brochures associated with activities. The term of the agreement is for one year and the funding amount is \$7,000.00 from Professional Services.
Submitted by: Sade Mcclaney-Hammond
Department: PEP
Extension: 2663
Recommended Funding Source: 016.527-050 (Professional Service Fees)
Amount: \$7,000.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn
- 11) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a one (1) year Vendor Agreement to purchase Dell EMC, data storage, cloud, converged and data protection through Ahead, an approved reseller of National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) a Cooperative Purchasing Program authorized by the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for use by the City of Birmingham. The City is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight and 46/100 Dollars (\$169,248.46).
Submitted by: Darryl L. Burroughs
Department: IMS
Extension: 2803
Recommended Funding Source: 001_037_01910_01913_526-003
Amount: \$169,248.46
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Purchase Schedule No. No.810-6809124-001 with Dell Financial Services, LLC that is subject to and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Master Lease Agreement dated March 31, 2020, under which the City of Birmingham will obtain financing to purchase Dell EMC, data storage, cloud, converged and data protection through Ahead, an approved reseller of National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) a Cooperative Purchasing Program authorized by the State of Alabama Department of

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Examiners of Public Accounts for use by the City of Birmingham in a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety Dollars and 48/100 (\$185,690.48) for a period not to exceed ten (10) years in accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975 Section 41-16- 57(f).

Submitted by: Darryl L. Burroughs

Department: IMS

Extension: 2803

**Recommended Funding Source: Dell Financial Services Master Lease No.595295-59684 G/L
001_022_00002698 Non-Capital**

Amount: \$185,690.48

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 13) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Birmingham and CI Technologies, Inc., St. Augustine, Florida for the purchase of CrimeNTel Windows and Web Software, BlueTeam Software and EIPro Software and software license maintenance and support services for use by the Birmingham Police Department in an amount not to exceed eighty seven thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$87,000.00).

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2751

Recommended Funding Source: FY 2023 001_037_01920_01922.526-001

Amount: \$87,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 14) A Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the City of Birmingham and **Emily Kate Silliman (Ms. Silliman)**, under which Ms. Silliman will purchase property known located at 1203 Cresthill Road, Birmingham, 35213 for the assessed value of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$28,700.00).

Submitted by: Kirk Epstien

Department: Finance Extension: 2660

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: \$ 28,700.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) 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, Bloomberg Public Art Challenge Grant for up to \$1,000,000.00 in funding to support public art projects that celebrate creativity, enhance urban identity, encourage public-private collaborations, and strengthen local economies with no matching funds required from the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance (Grants Division)

Extension: 2434

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: No Funding Source

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 16) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), under which the Birmingham CrossPlex shall host the 2023 and 2026 Division III Men and Women Indoor Track and Field Championship March 10 - 11, 2023 and March 13 – 14, 2026, and the City shall expend funds in an amount not to exceed **\$112,000.00** for the Championships in their respective years (2023 and 2026), and the NCAA shall reimburse the City the same within sixty (60) day of the Events.
Submitted by: Ruben Perez, Director, Birmingham CrossPlex
Department: Office of Sports and Entertainment
Extension: X-8956
Recommended Funding Source: 035 478-036
Amount: \$112,000.00 (2023 and 2026)
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 17) A Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Own It Property Solutions LLC**, under which **Own It Property Solutions LLC**, will be awarded funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), in the amount of \$400,000, to rehabilitate (4) existing homes located in the Eastlake neighborhood.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2496
Recommended Funding Source: 081_013_05400_05402_05415.536-001 (HUD Block Grant Fund_Community Development_CDBG Housing Rehab.
Amount: \$400,000.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn
- 18) A Public Purpose Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver various agreements with various vendors for the education and training of the City's Neighborhood Association Advisory Board members. These contracted services shall be in an aggregate total not to exceed \$5,000, to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of the Neighborhood Association Advisory Boards: The City will contract for service providers to assist with Neighborhood Association Advisory Board Training Events and promote them in substantial form under which the City of Birmingham will host these events from July 2022 through June 30, 2023. This allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated. Said funds shall be paid from Professional Fees Election Expense Funds.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: Professional Fees Election Expense (001_013_03780.527.025)
Amount: \$5,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 19) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, for the purchase of chairs for the Ensley Recreation Center. Said funds to come from the Ensley Neighborhood Association Funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12080_12081_15198.540.001

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Amount: \$1,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,200, for the allocation of funding to the **Birmingham Board of Education** for the purchase of books, certificates and gift bags for students participating in the "Super Reader Program" at Sun Valley Elementary School. Said funds to come from the Echo Highlands Neighborhood Association fund.

Submitted by: Harold Houston

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2523

Funding Source: 031_200_12070_12073_15198.540.001

Amount: \$1,200.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 21) A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$502,500, for the registration of up to 198 Neighborhood Officers and volunteers of the City's Neighborhood Associations, not to exceed two (2) per Neighborhood Association, and three (3) CRR's as employees of the City of Birmingham, to attend the **2023 Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) Conference** in El Paso, Texas, May 24, 2023, to May 27, 2023. The event will serve to educate and train the Neighborhood Officers and CRR's on a vision of communities and provide information that will benefit those seeking resources for community and economic development within the City of Birmingham. Said funding to come from the respective Neighborhood Association funds for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per Neighborhood Association.

Submitted by: Alice Williams

Department: Community Development

Extension: 8085

Recommended Funding Source: The Requesting Neighborhood Associations

Amount: \$502,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 22) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$5,000.00 to Harrison Park, \$5,000.00 to Memorial Park. Funding Source is a donation received from the Jefferson County Community Service Fund.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Parks and Recreation

Extension: 2867

Recommended Funding Source: 032 Donation Fund

Amount: \$ 10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 23) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$5,000,000.00 to Community Development, Emergency Rental Assistance per grant award received.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 035
Amount: \$ 5,000, 000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 24) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$3,400,000.00 to Community Development, Emergency Rental Assistance per grant award received.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 035
Amount: \$ 3,400.000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 25) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$37,164.00 to Municipal Court, Court Referral Officer (CRO) Grant per award received.
Submitted by: Andra Sparks, Presiding Judge Department: Municipal Court
Extension: 8259
Recommended Funding Source: 035
Amount: \$ 37,164.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 26) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by transferring \$5,000.00 from Highland Park NA and appropriating \$5,000.00 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs (i.e. speed cushions) for traffic calming efforts.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 102
Amount: \$ 5,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 27) An Ordinance to amend the Birmingham Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$25,803.59 to Equipment Management, Fleet Replacement. Funding source is reimbursement received from insurance proceeds.
Submitted by: Cedric Roberts, Director

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Department: Equipment Management
Extension: 6300
Recommended Funding Source: 001
Amount: \$ 25,803.59
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 28) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars and no cents 00/100). Councilors Clarke and O'Quinn are contributing \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars and no cents 00/100) each from the following G/L accounts # 031_205_04250.542-001/031_205_04280.542-001 to the Carver Theater/Jazz Hall of Fame Wheelchair Lift project; capital project account # DCP102CP003532. Clarke-\$20,000.00/031_205_04280.542-001 O'Quinn-\$20,000.00 031_205_04250.542-001

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels
Department: City Council (10)
Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding Source: O'Quinn/Clarke G/L accounts # 031_205_04250.542-001 031_205_04280.542-001
Amount: \$ 40,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 29) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$30,000.00 (thirty thousand dollars and no cents 00/100) from Councilor Clarke's account # 031_205_04280.542-001 to the Bush Hills Neighborhood Association capital account # 031_200_12020_12022_15198.540-001 for drainage improvements within the neighborhood.

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels
Department: City Council (10)
Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding Source: Clarke G/L Account # 031_205_04280.542-001
Amount: \$ 30,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

30) **Old & New Business**

Christina Argo, BDOT, presented information regarding the RAISE grant BDOT will apply for. The project is entitled "Birmingham Civil Rights Crossroads; Reconnecting Historic Neighborhoods Through Active Mobility." It's a 2.64-mile corridor of proposed opened trail, complete street, and improved transit corridor. The total cost for the project is \$29.4 million. The City has set aside \$4 million of matching APRA funds to go into the project. The areas are the 16th Street corridor from City Walk to Morris Avenue (northwest piece) and 5th Avenue to Graymont and ends at Legion Field (east west piece). The grant deadline is February 28, 2023.

Action Taken:
No Action – Information Only.

- 31) **Adjourn**
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Abbott Seconded.
Meeting Adjourned.