



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 13, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #7,8,9,10,11,12
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit to HUD on or before March 31, 2023; (1) a Proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; (2) a signed Standard Form 424 (SF-424); (3) signed certifications or other documents as may be required; and (4) to act as the authorized correspondent of the City.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – HOME-ARP
Amount: \$5,074,139.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) A Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Own It Property Solutions LLC, Inc.**, under which **Own It Property Solutions LLC, Inc.**, 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: CDBG Grant

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Amount: \$ 400,000.00

Action Taken:

Item Moved to “Old and New Business” for informational purposes. The item will appear on the March 13, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda.

- 6) A Project Funding Agreement with **Nextec, LLC**, under which Nextec will undertake a project to redevelop and rehabilitate the approximately 65,000 square foot Edwards Motor Company Building (former Sticks ‘N’ Stuff Building) located at 1531 3rd Avenue North, which will be leased for use as flexible workspace and collaboration areas for start-up businesses graduating from Innovation Depot, and the City will provide incentives in support of the project to be paid in five annual installments of \$400,000 each, provided certain leasing milestones are met, for a total incentive of up to \$2,000,000.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 039_000.527-050 (American Rescue Plan)

Amount: \$2,000,000

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 7) A Tax Rebate Incentive Agreement with **Birmingham Zoo, Inc. (“BZI”)**, under which the City will provide an incentive to BZI as reimbursement of BZI’s costs for promoting and improving the Zoo, payable from sales tax revenue generated by the Zoo, with a minimum incentive payment of \$340,000 annually and a maximum incentive payment of \$562,500.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell

Department: Mayor’s Office Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: Future Sales and Use Tax

Amount: Up to \$562,500 payable over 12 years

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) An Agreement with **Birmingham AIDS Outreach, Inc. (“BAO”)**, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, under which BAO’s Magic City Acceptance Center (MCAC) will provide direct services, vital resources, supportive programs, summer camp, and Prom and Pride activities for LGBTQ youth and will provide services to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS, at- risk, affected individuals and the LGBTQ community through outreach, age-appropriate prevention educational and supportive services. Said funds to come from District #2 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$5,000 and District #5 Discretionary Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Submitted by: Paulette Sims

Department: City Council

Extension: 2294

Funding Source: District #2 Discretionary Funds – (\$5,000) 001_000_04220.542001 District #5 Discretionary Funds – (\$5,000) 001_000_04250.542001

Amount: \$10,000

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 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,200, to purchase four (4) neighborhood meeting signs for the Woodland Park Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from the Woodland Park Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12190_12193_15198.540.001
Amount: \$1,200
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 10) An Agreement with the YMCA, in an amount not to exceed \$500, under which the Northeast YMCA will provide services to the City, related to facilitating a community health fair. Said funds to come from the Killough Springs Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12100_12102_15198.540.001
Amount: \$500
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 11) An Agreement with the Birmingham Board of Education, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, under which the Birmingham Board of Education will coordinate with L.M. Smith Middle School, associated with expenses related to supporting students through the purchase of supplies, camps, and athletic equipment. Said funds to come from the Killough Springs Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12100_12102_15198.540.001
Amount: \$1,200
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Alabama Sports Festival Foundation (ASF), to host the 40t Anniversary of the Alabama State Games which will feature 25-30 Olympic style sporting events that will be open to Alabama athletes of all ages and abilities. The opening ceremony will take place on Friday, June 9, 2023, and the games will take place on June 9-11, 2023, in the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County. The City will make an appropriation to (ASF) in an amount up to, but not to exceed \$50,000.00, Said funds shall come from Funding Source: 001_400_96400_96417.550-005
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2771

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Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96400_96417.550-005

Amount: \$50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

13) Old & New Business

A Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Own It Property Solutions LLC, Inc.**, under which **Own It Property Solutions LLC, Inc.**, 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: CDBG Grant

Amount: \$ 400,000.00

The request is to support the development and renovation of four (4) single-family detached homes in the Eastlake area, located primarily along 4th Avenue North off of the Oporto Madrid exit. The \$400K will go towards supporting acquisition and rehabilitation of the existing properties. One of the properties was purchased through the Land Bank and will be brought back on line as a result of this process.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

14) Adjournment

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.