

**JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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

- 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 March 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 #4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,18,21,27,28**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 4) An Agreement with the **Birmingham Board of Education**, in an amount not to exceed \$500, to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools: The Board shall coordinate with William J. Christian K-8 School to provide assistance with travel and necessary supplies for the choir department for the 2022-2023 school year. The allocation is exclusively for the purpose stated. Said funds will come from District #1 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Lamford Johnson Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2611**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_000\_04210.542-001**  
**Amount: \$500.00**  
**Amount Amended to \$2,000.00 from District 2**  
**001\_000\_04220.542-001**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 5) An Agreement with Freedom Rain, Inc. d/b/a the Lovelady Center, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to provide care for the poor and needy women of Birmingham by providing job skills training, meals, counseling, and temporary housing. The allocation is exclusively for the purpose stated. Said funds will come from District #2 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Paulette Sims Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2294**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_000\_04220.542-001**

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**Amount: \$5,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 6) 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**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 7) A Sixth Amendment to the Software License Agreement with **MHC Software Holdings, Inc.** ("MHC"), under which MHC, the sole provider of unique Express Payroll software maintenance services, will purchase additional software and maintenance services on behalf of the City of Birmingham for a term of three years in an amount not to exceed \$29,640.00.

**Submitted by: Anette Harris, Deputy Director**

**Department IMS Enterprise Systems**

**Extension: 2751**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_037\_01920\_0192-2.526-001**

**Amount: \$ 29,640.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 8) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, any and all documents necessary for the City to make application, receive and expend grant funding from U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of the Under Secretary for Infrastructure Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECGB) Program grant in the amount of \$252,880.00 to assist the City in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency for a period of two (2) years with no matching funds due from the City.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance (Grants Division)**

**Extension: 2434**

**Recommended Funding: N/A Amount: N/A**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 9) An Agreement with the **Birmingham Public Library**, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, under which the Birmingham Public Library will provide assistance with supplies and projects for the Titusville Library. Said funds to come from the North Titusville Neighborhood Association.

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**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2423**  
**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12190\_12191\_15198.540.001**  
**Amount: \$5,000**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 10) An Agreement with **Build UP**, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500, under which Build UP will maintain a Build UP Community School in the North Titusville Neighborhood to facilitate workforce development for poor and needy citizens in the community. Said funds to come from the North Titusville Neighborhood Association.

**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2423**  
**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12190\_12191\_15198.540.001**  
**Amount: \$2,500**  
**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 \$2,500, to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools: The Board shall coordinate with Booker T. Washington K-8 School for the purchase of supplies. Said funds to come from the North Titusville Neighborhood Association.

**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2423**  
**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12190\_12191\_15198.540.001**  
**Amount: \$2,500**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 12) An Agreement with the **Birmingham Board of Education**, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000, to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools: The Board shall coordinate with George W. Carver High School to provide support for the school's soccer team for the school year ending June 2023. Said total funds will come from District #9 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Connie Horn**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2430**  
**Funding Source: 001-000-04290-542-001**  
**Amount: \$3,000**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

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- 13) An Agreement with **Bush Hills Connections, Inc.**, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, under which Bush Hills Connections will aid in the health, wellness and cleanliness of the Bush Hills Neighborhood by operating an urban farm and executing complimentary community-based initiatives. Said total funds will come from District #8 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Lamford Johnson**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2611**  
**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04280.542-001**  
**Amount: \$30,000**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 14) An Agreement with **Step By Step Foundation**, in an amount not to exceed \$14,999.99, under which Step By Step will provide training services to coaches and data managers in coordination with the Magic City Showcase and organize community and outreach activities for the City of Birmingham to support the City in its effort to organize youth sports activities including, but not limited to, the Magic City Showcase.  
**Submitted by: Lamford Johnson**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2611**  
**Funding Source: 001\_010\_04200.527-014 - Professional Fees Consulting**  
**Amount: \$14,999.99**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 15) An Agreement with **Crossroads To Intervention, Inc.**, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, under which Crossroads To Intervention will provide substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, anger management, conflict resolution, weapon and gun counseling/classes to clients who have lost their insurance, are uninsured or deemed indigent by the court or referring agency. Said total funds will come from District #8 Discretionary Funds.  
**Submitted by: Lamford Johnson**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2611**  
**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04280.542-001**  
**Amount: \$5,000**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 16) A Software Maintenance Agreement with **ZOLL Data Systems, Inc. ("ZOLL")**, under which ZOLL, shall provide software updates, annual maintenance and support services to the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Department for the City's emergency dispatch operations and services, for a term not to exceed one year, and for an amount not to exceed \$19,730.88.  
**Submitted by: Anette Harris, Deputy Director**  
**Department IMS Enterprise Systems**  
**Extension: 2751**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_037\_01920\_0192-2.526-001**

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**Amount: \$ 19,730.88**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 17) An Amendment to Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the **City of Mountain Brook**, under which an existing Cost Sharing Agreement between these cities dated July 3, 2019, under which the City of Birmingham agreed to reimburse the City of Mountain Brook for one-half of the local match costs of making certain public improvements consisting of approximately 4,000 linear feet of new sidewalk along Hagood Street, not to exceed \$140,000, will be amended to add to the project, 340 linear feet of new sidewalk situated in Birmingham along Hagood Street between Kingston Avenue and Dunston Avenue, at an additional cost for the local match portion of \$10,848.80, for which the City of Birmingham will be responsible.

**Submitted by: Colin Alexander**

**Department: Transportation**

**Extension: 2467**

**Recommended Funding Source: PEP102CP 004010**

**Amount: \$150,848.80**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 18) A Resolution pursuant to § 11-40-1 et. seq. and § 11-47-16, Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement with Ruffner Mountain Nature Coalition, Inc., under which Ruffner Mountain Nature Coalition will provide services to the City to include (i) facilitate management and offer public access to facilities in order to provide eco- educational opportunities for ecology and environmental history of the community; and (ii) advertise and have media releases of the City services provided in the natural preserve programs that are part of the region wide ecosystem within the City of Birmingham, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for a term of six (6) months. Said total funds will come from District #2 Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**

**Department: City Council**

**Extension: 205.332.2160**

**Recommended Funding: 001\_000\_04220.542-001**

**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 by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, any and all documents necessary for the City to make application, receive and expend grant funding from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development, the Office of Economic Development and the Congressional Grants Division for the FY2022 Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 to assist the City with the North Birmingham Elementary School Redevelopment Project with no matching funds due from the City.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance (Grants Division)**

**Extension: 2434**

**Recommended Funding: N/A**

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**Amount: \$300,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 20) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by transferring \$100,000.00 from General Fund Library - Library Materials to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Project; and amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, by appropriating \$100,000.00 to LIB102CP 003980, Central Various - Fire Alarm System Project.

**Submitted by: Janine Langston, Director**

**Department: Library**

**Extension: 205-226-3616**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001 General Fund**

**Amount: \$ 100,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 21) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, any and all documents necessary for the City to make application, receive and expend grant funding from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development, the Office of Economic Development and the Congressional Grants Division for a FY2023 Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding grant in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 to assist the City with the Valley Creek Rails-to-Trail Project with no matching funds due from the City.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance (Grants Division)**

**Extension: 2434**

**Recommended Funding: N/A**

**Amount: \$4,000,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 22) An Agreement with Heartland Forward, Inc ("Heartland"), under which Heartland will provide and Idea accelerator to small business owners in Birmingham. The City will provide incentives to Heartland Forward in the amount of \$70,000.00 pursuant to Amendment No. 772 to the Constitution of Alabama (1901) ("Amendment No. 772"), which authorizes the City to lend its credit to or grant public funds and things of value in aid of or to any corporation or other business entity for the purpose of promoting the economic development of the City.

**Submitted by: Monique Shorts,**

**Department Dept. of Innovation and Economic Opportunity**

**Extension: 2799**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_003\_00910.545-001**

**Amount: \$ 70,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

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- 23) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and 5503 Investments LLC, d/b/a Woodlawn Theater, located at 5503 First Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35212 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development 5-year forgivable loan for façade improvement in the amount of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) with 5503 Investments LLC, d/b/a Woodlawn Theater, providing 20% match plus architectural fees in the amount of Two Thousand and Two Hundred and Sixty-Six and 25/100 Dollars (\$2,266.25). The funds will be used for new glass storefront windows and doors, painting of the entire building, new exterior signage, brick and mortar repair, and wall extension. 5503 Investments LLC, d/b/a Woodlawn Theater, agrees to hire or retain at least two full time employees for the 5-year period. No payments will be required provided the property continues to be maintained in accordance with program requirements; retention of ownership; occupancy by tenant; maintenance of the façade; maintenance of hazard insurance; and payment of all property taxes due.
- Submitted by: Cory Stallworth**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2723**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
**Amount: \$52,266.25**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 24) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and KJB Group LLC, d/b/a Eleven 02, located at 301 Reverend Abraham Woods, Jr. BLVD, Birmingham, AL 35212 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development 5-year forgivable loan for façade improvement in the amount of Forty Five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Sixty Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$45,763.00) with KJB Group LLC, d/b/a Eleven 02, providing 20% match plus architectural fees in the amount of Three Thousand and Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00). The funds will be used for new glass storefront windows and doors, painting of the entire building, new exterior signage, stucco repair, and a new hydraulic garage door. KJB Group LLC, d/b/a Eleven 02, agrees to hire or retain at least two full time employees for the 5-year period. No payments will be required provided the property continues to be maintained in accordance with program requirements; retention of ownership; occupancy by tenant; maintenance of the façade; maintenance of hazard insurance; and payment of all property taxes due.
- Submitted by: Cory Stallworth**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2723**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
**Amount: \$49,263.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 25) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and 1520 Partners LLC, located at 505 N 20<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1475, Birmingham, AL 35203 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development 5-year forgivable loan for façade improvement in the amount of Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) with 1520 Partners LLC, providing 20% match. The funds will be used for new glass storefront windows and doors, painting of the entire building, and new exterior signage. 1520 Partners LLC, agrees to hire or retain at least two full time employees for the 5-year period. No payments will be required provided the property continues to be maintained in accordance with program requirements; retention of ownership; occupancy by tenant; maintenance of the façade; maintenance of hazard insurance; and payment of all property taxes due.

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**Submitted by: Cory Stallworth**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2723**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
**Amount: \$50,000.00**

- 26) A Public Purpose Resolution authorizing The CEETA Cup Events to be held on April 21, 2023 at the Birmingham CrossPlex for the purpose of projecting a positive image and goodwill in the City; establishing rapport with the public and core constituents; gathering knowledge about community interests and issues; as well as showing appreciations to those participants who benefits from various projects and programs; and where City departments will engage in training and development with both athletic and mental competitive activities; and recognizing that a healthy workforce lowers healthcare cost, and promotes productivity.

**Submitted by: Jill M. Madajczyk, Chief HR Officer**  
**Department: Human Resources**  
**Extension: 2306**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_000\_34000.534-001**  
**Amount: Not to exceed \$75,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 27) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$3,872.00 (three thousand eight hundred seventy-two dollars 00/100) from the following District # 2 G/L account #001\_010\_04220\_04221.534-030 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\_010\_04220\_04221.534-030**  
**Amount: \$ 3,872.00**  
**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 \$6,000.00 (six thousand dollars) from account # 001\_000\_04220.542-001 to the following noncapital accounts.

Crestwood South - 031_200_12040_12042_15199.540-001	(\$2,000.00)
Roebuck Springs - 031_200_12150_12152_15199.540-001	(\$2,000.00)
South Eastlake - 031_200_12150_12153_15199.540-001	(\$2,000.00)

Neighborhood Association

**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council (10)**  
**Extension: 2035**  
**Recommended Funding Source: G/L Account # 001\_000\_04220.542-001**  
**Amount: \$ 6,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**



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- 29) **Old & New Business**  
None
- 30) **Adjournment**  
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.  
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.  
Meeting Adjourned.