



JOINT SPECIAL BUDGET & FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM  
AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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 Council President Alexander.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**The July 10, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.**
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**  
4,6,9,10,11,12,13,15,19  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 4) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized 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 The Hartford Junior Fire Marshall Grant Program with grant amount to be awarded of \$10,000 with no matching funds due from the City. The proposed grant would be used by the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service for fire safety awareness and education within community and local schools.  
**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt Department: Finance/Grants**  
**Extension:x2434**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 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.**
- 5) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, an Agreement with the Alabama Greek Foundation. Inc. pursuant to Amendment 772 under which the Alabama Greek Foundation, Inc. will promote, market and conduct the 2023 Alabama Greek Picnic on August 3 – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the City of Birmingham which is expected to increase tourism by bringing of visitors to the City, will generate additional revenue and will provide a positive economic benefit to the City, and will provide positive publicity to the City from the extensive print and electronic media coverage of the event, and the City will provide incentives to the Prosper Foundation in amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for conducting the 2023 Alabama Greek Picnic in Birmingham.  
**Submitted by: Cornell Wesley Department: IEO**

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**Extension: 2799**  
**Recommended Funding: G/L: 001\_003\_00940.545-001**  
**Amount: \$15,000.00**

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

- 6) BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Birmingham an agreement with the Friends of Rickwood Field, (Rickwood), an Alabama nonprofit corporation, under which Rickwood shall manage and operate the Birmingham Rickwood Field including providing research, education, and conservation programs for the benefit of the citizens of Birmingham, for a term of three (3) years ending June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 each year subject to an annual appropriation by the City Council in each City's corresponding fiscal year's budget.

**Submitted by: Michelle Inman**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2144**  
**Recommended Funding: G/L: 001\_400\_96500\_96518.550-009 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Economic Servs\_Rickwood Field. Annual Contributions- City Owned Facilities)**  
**Amount: \$250,000.00 – CORRECTION - \$150,000.00 PER CHAZ MITCHELL**

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

- 7) A Lease Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **RJ Building, LLC**. under which RJ Building LLC will lease a space totaling approximately 54,136 square feet of that certain property known as Mazer Discount Home Center located at 2-South 41 Street, in the City of Birmingham, Alabama (the "Property"), which is comprised of a total of approximately 430,888 square feet for the sole purpose of conducting business operations related to City of Birmingham Fire Department activities ("the Project") for a term of (1) one year and for an amount not to exceed \$129,600.00.

**Submitted by: Cory Moon, Fire Chief**  
**Department Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS)**  
**Extension: 2510**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_022\_17000\_1740-1.531-009.**  
**Amount: \$ 129,600.00**

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

- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Birmingham Times Media Group, LLC, under which Birmingham Times Media Group, LLC will provide weekly print and online advertisements to inform and educate the citizens of the City of Birmingham about City codes, Ordinances, programs, and services to positively support the citizens of Birmingham, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. In addition, Birmingham Times Media Group will deliver and distribute 50 weekly copies of the Birmingham Times Newspaper for a sum of \$65,000.00 to be paid in two equal installments of \$32,500.00, for a term beginning December 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

**Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 8940**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_010\_04200.527-050**

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**Amount: \$65,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 9) A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$400 and execute contracts with **THS Productions, LLC**, to allow THS Productions to provide disk jockey services, including equipment, for the Riley Travellick Neighborhood Association's "Get To Know Your Neighbor Day" on September 16, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the City of Birmingham. Said funds are to come from the Riley Travellick Neighborhood Association Fund.

**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2423**

**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12180\_12186\_15198.540-001**

**Amount: \$400.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 10) A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$400 and execute contracts with **THS Productions, LLC**, to allow THS Productions to provide disk jockey services, including equipment, for the East Lake Neighborhood Association's "Get To Know Your Neighbor Day" on September 9, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Downey Park, in the City of Birmingham. Said funds are to come from the East Lake Neighborhood Association Fund.

**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2423**

**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12060\_12066\_15198.540-001**

**Amount: \$400.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 11) A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$400 and execute contracts with **THS Productions, LLC**, to allow THS Productions to provide disk jockey services, including equipment, for the Zion City Neighborhood Association's "Get To Know Your Neighbor Day" on August 5, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at East Lake Park, in the City of Birmingham. Said funds are to come from the Zion City Neighborhood Association Fund.

**Submitted by: Flora Johnson**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2423**

**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12060\_12066\_15198.540-001**

**Amount: \$400.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

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- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$500 for the purchase of four (4) two-sided 18 x 24 Neighborhood Association meeting signs and two hundred (200) two-sided 8 ½ x 11 flyers. Said funds to come from the Apple Valley Neighborhood Association Fund.  
**Submitted by: Harold Houston**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2535**  
**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12070\_12071\_15198.540-001**  
**Amount: \$500.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 13) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to the **Birmingham Board of Education**, to coordinate with Huffman High School for expenses related to the Huffman High School Cheerleaders' gymnastic training. Said funds to come from the Spring Lake Neighborhood Association Fund.  
**Submitted by: Melony Martin**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: 2535**  
**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12100\_12103\_15198.540-001**  
**Amount: \$1,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 14) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an Agreement with the **Birmingham Zoo, Inc.**, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, to 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.  
**Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2035**  
**Funding Source: 001\_000\_04230.542-001**  
**Amount: \$20,000.00**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Add "Discretionary Fund"**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- 15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement with the **Birmingham Board of Education**, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, to provide services and allow the Board to coordinate with Huffman High School associated with expenses for Huffman High School, including \$9,500 for Girls/Boys Basketball, \$7,500 for principal's discretionary fund, \$1,500 for volleyball team supplies/travel, and \$1,500 for cheerleader supplies/travel. Said funds will come from 001\_000\_04210.542-001.  
**Submitted by: Lamford Johnson**  
**Department: City Council**  
**Extension: 2294**  
**Recommended Funding Source: District #1 Discretionary Funds - 001\_000\_04210.542-001**

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**Amount: \$20,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 16) An Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the **Jefferson County Board of Health**, to fund the implementation of the Jefferson County Hospital-linked Violence Intervention Program, which is offered to provide hospital-based intervention and case management to victims of gun violence to address and reduce the gun violence in the City. The City will award funds to the Board in an amount not to exceed \$2,103,312, for a term of 3 years, in support of the program.

**Submitted by: Chris Hatcher**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2807**

**Funding Source: G/L: 039\_000.445-035; FIN039RM 99999A\_006\_002 - American Rescue Plan Act**

**Amount: \$2,103,312.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 17) A Public Transportation Services Agreement between the **Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority ("BJCTA")** and the City of Birmingham, under which the BJCTA will provide public transportation services, as part of a transit system, to include fixed route and demand response (paratransit) services and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services within the City limits, for an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000, which compensation is comprised of \$11,000,000 for fixed route and paratransit services and \$3,000,000 for BRT services.

**Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2771 Recommended Funding Source:**

**[001\_400\_96300\_96301.550-004 - Annual Contributions Transportation – BJCTA Fixed Routes \$11,000,000]**

**[001\_400\_96300\_96316.550-004 - Annual Contributions Transportation – BJCTA Birmingham Xpress - \$3,000,000]**

**Amount: \$14,000,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

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

- 18) A Project Agreement with **SecturaSOFT, Inc.**, under which SecturaSOFT, a software company, will expand its current operations within the City by employing, in addition to its existing 21 full-time employees, at least 50 net new full-time employees, earning an average annual wage of at least \$90,000, exclusive of fringe benefits, and the City will provide incentives in support of the project to paid annually for up to three years in an amount equal to \$1,500 per new full-time employee hired during each project year, not to exceed a total incentive amount of \$75,000.

**Submitted by: Wesley Cornell**

**Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity**

**Extension: 3007**

**Recommended Funding Source: Future Revenue**

**Amount: \$75,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Item Withdrawn**

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- 19) A Resolution approving and authorizing **The Special Care Facilities Financing Authority of the City of Birmingham – Medical Center East** to issue bonds in a maximum amount of up to \$2,000,000 to St. Vincent's East, formerly known as Medical Center East, the proceeds of which will be used by St. Vincent's East to acquire, construct and install certain improvements and renovations throughout St. Vincent's East to be used in connection with medical care provided at the hospital.  
**Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2771**  
**Recommended Funding Source: N/A (City not obligated on bonds)**  
**Amount: \$2,000,000 (maximum amount)**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 20) A Professional Services Contract Inter-Cooperation Agreement for Care of the Mentally Ill with Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Sheriff, the City and UAB, to provide care and evaluation of suspected mentally disturbed persons for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year for a term of three years through September 30, 2026.  
**Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell**  
**Department: Mayor's Office**  
**Extension: 2771**  
**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_400\_96100\_96103.550-002-Annual Contributions Contractual-Housing for the Mentally Ill**  
**Amount: \$100,000.00 per year for three years**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**
- 21) **Old & New Business**  
None
- 22) **Adjournment**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Meeting Adjourned.**