



JOINT BUDGET & FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 | 3:30 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOMS D&E

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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 August 14, 2023 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as record.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #4,6,7,8,9,10
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, an Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Inc. (AJHoF), dated November 8, 2022 and approved by Resolution 1917-22, in substantially the same form as on file in the Office of the City Clerk, under which the City during its 2024 fiscal year will provide an additional amount of Forty Thousand and 00/100 (\$40,000.00), to assist with cost of purchasing, installing, and maintaining a handicap accessible wheelchair lift at the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame.
Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels
Department: City Council
Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding Source: G/L DCP102CP003532
Amount: \$40,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 5) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to apply for a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood (RCN) Program grant from United States Department of Transportation in the amount of up to \$15,000,000.00 to convert 4th Ave N from a one-way to a two-way from 24th St to 9th St. This grant requires matching funds in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the total grant received by the City and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such documents as are appropriate and necessary to accept and expend the grant funds on behalf of the City in accordance with the grant documents.
Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

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Department: Finance/Grants
Extension: 2434
Recommended Funding Source: n/a
Amount: \$15,000,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander 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 Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and the Alabama Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in the amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$67,800.00), for the purpose of increased surveillance and detection in the Alabama Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Said Funds shall be appropriated to the Birmingham Police Department (BPD) and no matching funds are due from the City and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such documents as are appropriate and necessary to accept and expend the grant funds on behalf of the City for use by the Birmingham Police Department in accordance with the grant documents.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance/Grants
Extension: 2434
Recommended Funding Source: n/a
Amount: \$67,800.00

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

- 7) An Agreement with **Flix, Inc.**, under which Flix will provide the “Movies in Avondale Park Series,” which is a community-wide outdoor movie series offered in the iconic Avondale Park Amphitheatre, to support the Birmingham community that will be highlighted in local media and open to the families in the market. FLIX will host a movie on September 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 2023. The events will be free to the public. The fee for these services is not to exceed total funds in the amount of \$5,000.00. Said funds will come from District #5 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Paulette Sims
Department: City Council
Extension: 2294
Recommended Funding Source: District #5 Discretionary 001_000_04250.542-001
Amount: \$5,000.00

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

- 8) An Agreement with **Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance**, under which Central Alabama Redevelopment Alliance will provide neighborhood environment initiatives, support for community/teaching gardens, landfill and clean up initiatives, economic growth and sustainability, job training seminars, fairs, workforce development workshops, business development workshops, legal aid workshops, youth program initiatives, enrichment programs, educational summer camps, technology enhancement opportunities, music, arts, sports and health awareness initiatives, healthcare training seminars, fairs, educational panels, community garden seminars, food preparation and demonstrations, and physical fitness. The fee for these services is not to exceed total funds in the amount of \$7,000.00. These services will conclude no later than June 30, 2024. Said funds will come from District #5 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Paulette Sims
Department: City Council
Extension: 2907
Recommended Funding Source: District #5 Discretionary 001_000_04250.542-001

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Amount: \$7,000.00

Amendment - District 8 wants to add \$10,000.00 to the item with Councilor O'Quinn, increasing the total to \$17,000.00.

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 9) The City Council has broad authority to educate its advisory Boards and the City Council may authorize the Mayor to appropriate funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to provide Neighborhood Association Officers Training Events and promote them in substantial form under which The City of Birmingham will host these events from July 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Submitted by: Alice Williams

Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 8086

Funding Source: Professional Fees Election Expense 001_013_03780_527-025

Amount: \$5,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) An Agreement with the Birmingham Board of Education, in an amount not to exceed \$7,998.00, to provide services and allow the Board to coordinate with Glen Iris Elementary School (\$2,666.00) to assist with school expenses; Avondale Elementary School (\$2,666.00) to assist with school expenses; EPIC Elementary School (\$2,166.00) to assist with school expenses; and EPIC Elementary School (\$500.00) to assist with band supplies. Said funds will come from District #3 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Paulette Sims

Department: City Council

Extension: 2907

Recommended Funding Source: District #3 Discretionary 00/001_000_04230.542- 001

Amount: \$7,998.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 11) A Resolution finding that the City has established ninety-nine (99) Neighborhood Association advisory committees for the City; finding that the City is authorized to provide necessary office supplies for its advisory committees; and authorizing the Mayor to expend an annual allocation amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 per Neighborhood Association for the purchase of office supplies for the City's Neighborhood Associations. Said funds are to come from the Neighborhood Association Fund of the Neighborhood Association requesting the allocation.

Submitted by: Alice Williams

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 8086

Recommended Funding Source: Neighborhood Association Funds

Amount: \$2500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 12) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement with Red Mountain Greenway and Recreational Area Commission, an agency of the State of Alabama, under which the City will make an appropriation to Red Mountain Greenway and Recreational Area Commission in an amount not to exceed Two

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Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 dollars (\$250,000.00), to support the operations of Red Mountain Park. The term of the Agreement will continue through June 30, 2024, or the appropriation of the City assistance, whichever occurs first.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96500_96546.550-006 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Economic Servs Red Mountain Park Annual Contributions-Economic Services

Amount: \$250,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 13) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement with the Birmingham Jefferson County Port Authority ("BJCPA"), under which the BJCPA will provide for the operation of an inland port facility on the Black Warrior River for recreational, transportational, agricultural, industrial, and commercial purposes and other professional services as needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities and other services that are required to fulfill the intent of the Port Authority Act as defined in Chapter 94 of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975) and the purposes of the Funding Agreement and the City will pay the BJCPA an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for such services, provided that such funding has been approved and included in the City's General Fund Budget for FY2023-2024.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96823.550-008 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Other Servs_Bham Jefferson Port Authority. Annual Contributions-Other Services

Amount: \$125,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 14) An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by transferring \$29,054.05 from FIR102CP 002801 – Fire Station Roof Repairs (#13,19, & 24), \$9,734.17 from FIR102CP 003973 – Fire Station Improvements, \$3,687.60 from PEP102CP 003988 – Fire Station #26 Driveway Repairs, \$4,692.28 from FIR105CP 003988 – Fire Station #26 Driveway Repairs and appropriating \$47,168.10 to Fire Station #9 Roof Repair.

Submitted by: Denise Bell, Director of Capital Projects

Department: Capital Projects

Extension: 2503

Recommended Funding Source: Funds 102 & 105

Amount: \$47,168.10

Action Taken:

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 an Agreement for Services with **Create Birmingham, Inc.**, under which Create Birmingham will provide professional services in attracting and developing film, television, commercial, music video and other media productions that will have a significant impact on the City's local creative economy while raising Birmingham's national profile as a dynamic and hospitable place to do business, for a term of one (1) year and for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$150,000.00).

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

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Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2144
Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96500_9654-0.550-006 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Other Servs B'ham Jefferson Port Authority. Annual Contributions-Other Services
Amount: \$150,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 16) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a purchase order under which the City shall purchase from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) up to 1200 football tickets per UAB home game during the 2023 college football season, at a cost of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$175,000.00). The City shall distribute the football tickets in accordance with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Alabama Ethics Law, Code of Alabama (1975) § 36-25-1. et seq. The City finds that the purchase of the football tickets constitutes important public benefits to the City and its citizens and serves a public purpose and the same hereby is approved.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2291
Recommended Funding Source: Funds 057_400_96100_96105.550-002 - Annual Contributions
Amount: \$175,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 17) A Project Agreement with SecturaSOFT, Inc. and Stella Source, Inc., under which SecturaSOFT and Stella Source will expand their current operations within the City by employing, in addition to their existing 21 Full-Time Employees, at least 50 net new Full-Time Employees, earning an average annual wage of at least \$90,000.00, exclusive of fringe benefits, and the City will provide incentives in support of the project to be 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 \$75,000.00.

Submitted by: Wesley Cornell
Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity
Extension: 3007
Recommended Funding Source: Future Revenue
Amount: \$75,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) Funding Agreement among the City, The Public Athletic, Cultural and Entertainment Facilities Board of the City of Birmingham, Alabama (PACE Board), and PNC Bank, National Association under which the City will pay the principal of and interest on that certain Revenue Bond, Series 2023, to be issued by the PACE Board to PNC Bank in an expected principal amount which will not exceed \$4,500,000.00 to pay the costs of capital improvements to Rickwood Field and Ground Lease between the City and the PACE Board in connection with the MLB at Rickwood Field project.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2136

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Recommended Funding Source: n/a
Amount: Not to exceed \$4,500,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

19) **Old & New Business**
None

20) **Adjournment**
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.