



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 | 3:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCILOR CRYSTAL SMITHERMAN, COMMITTEE CHAIR
COUNCILORS VALERIA A. ABBOTT & WARDINE T. ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: Smitherman, Abbott, Alexander, O'Quinn, Tate

1. **Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Smitherman.

2. **Approval of the Minutes**

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Abstained.

Councilor smith

3. **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**

Items #6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,19, 20,21,22,25,

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

4. A Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Birmingham and The Movement, Inc. ("The Movement"), under which The Movement will purchase properties formerly known as Scott Elementary School located at 1445 Hibernian Street, Birmingham, AL 35214 and the old North Pratt Community Center located at 350 Beech Ave, Birmingham, AL 35214 for redevelopment to serve as a Community Development Center, which will provide Healthcare, Economic Development, Education and Social Services to the surrounding community. The City has agreed to make the property available to The Movement, Inc. at a use value of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Submitted by: Janice Douthard

Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2273

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

5. Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement with Juniper and Myrtle, LLC, to provide professional consulting services to the City and develop a set of plans, strategies, and recommendations to address homelessness and homeless prevention services, for a period not to exceed one year and in an amount not to exceed Eighty- Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$85,000.00).

Submitted by: Chris Hatcher, Chief Community Planner

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: x2807

Recommended Funding Source: G/L: 039_000.445-035; FIN039RM 99999A_006_003 - American Rescue Plan Act

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Amount: \$85,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

6. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with McWane Science Center, under which McWane Science Center will implement the Dropping Science exhibition and programs, which will encourage visitors to use Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) principles for creative and expressive interactions with technologically advanced interactive exhibits, inspired by the Hip Hop cultural movement (the "Exhibition"), for a term of three (3) years. The City agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for the services provided.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001_019_00080.536-040- Grant Expenditures

Amount: \$450,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

7. A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for, submit, execute, expend, accept, and to take any and all actions as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the Grant submission requirements and Grant Agreement with the US Department of Homeland Security's FY 2023 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance Grant in an amount up to \$222,850.00 with a required City match not to exceed \$55,712.50 to receive site investigations, topographic surveys, engineering studies, project design support, and Hydraulic and Hydrology (H&H) studies for the identified potential flood mitigation measures in the Shuttlesworth Park area and within the Jefferson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance/Grants

Extension: x2434

Recommended Funding Source: n/a

Amount: n/a

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

8. An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by transferring \$1,470.00 from Kingston NA and appropriating \$1,470.00 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs purchase install 6- speed bumps on the listed locations; 45th Street North between 12th and 14th Avenue North (2), 9th Terrace North between 45th and 44th Street North (2), & 44th Place North between 12th and 13th Avenue North (2).

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 102

Amount: \$ 1,470.00

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 by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for, submit, execute, expend, accept, and to take any and all actions as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the Grant submission requirements and Grant Agreement with the US Department of Health and Human Service's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration FY 2024 Grants to Expand Substance Use Disorder Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts (Short Title: SAMHSA Treatment Drug Courts) in an amount up to \$400,000.00 for the Adult Enhanced Drug Court Program which focuses on increasing the successful rehabilitation of defendants with co-occurring disorders arrested for misdemeanor drug possession through early, continuous and intense judicially supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, court mandated sanctions and other rehabilitation services. The maximum expected project duration is up to five (5) years at no cost to the City.
- Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**
Department: Finance/Grants
Extension: x2434
Recommended Funding Source: n/a
Amount: up to \$400,000.00
- 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, on behalf of the City of Birmingham, to execute all documents to complete a grant with the United States Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$2,220,000.00 for the purchase of a Ferrara 2000 GPM HALE QMAX PUMP/500 Gallon Water Tank Ladder Truck to replace aging and dilapidated fleet for the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service and the City shall provide \$220,000.00 in matching funds, and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary to make application, accept, and expend the grant fund on behalf of the City in accordance with the terms of the grant.
- Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**
Department: Finance/Grants
Extension: x2434
Recommended Funding Source: n/a
Amount: \$220,000.00
- Action Taken:**
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
11. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to issue, on behalf of the City, a firm commitment to allocate up to \$500,000.00 in support of a 2024 grant application for the U.S. Department of Transportation National Infrastructure Investments (i.e. the Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program) with the City of Fairfield and the Freshwater Land Trust under which the City of Fairfield will contribute \$500,000.00 and the Freshwater Land Trust will contribute \$1,000,000.00 in local match if awarded the grant to construct a trail from the High Or Line Trail to the proposed Valley Creek Trail along MLK Jr Blvd, Vinesville Rd, and 52nd St Ensley. The City of Fairfield is the lead applicant for the grant, but the City of Birmingham is a partner since part of the project will be in the City of Birmingham. The City of Fairfield and the Freshwater Land Trust have committed to pay the remaining balance of the 20% local match requirement for the RAISE grant.
- Submitted by: James Fowler**
Department: BDOT
Extension: 2622

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Recommended Funding Source: FY2026 Budget
Amount: \$500,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

12. A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for, submit, execute, expend, accept, and to take any and all actions as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the Grant submission requirements and Grant Agreement with the US Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) FY 2024 Recycling Grant to promote local recycling efforts by providing reimbursement grants to local governments to develop, implement, and enhance recycling in an amount up to \$1,483,573.00 to programs to expand the City's curbside recycling services and education and outreach campaign at no cost to the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance/Grants

Extension: x2434

Recommended Funding Source: n/a

Amount: up to \$1,483,573.00

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 Event Sponsorship Agreement with Birmingham Business Resource Center, Inc. (BBRC) under which BBRC will host the A. G. Gaston Business Conference (Conference) in Birmingham at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex on February 13 and 14, 2024. The City will provide incentives to BBRC in the amount of \$15,000.00 pursuant to Amendment No. 772 as a sponsorship for the Conference, which will generate revenue from out-of-town visitors and will provide positive publicity for the City.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department: IEO

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00910.545.001

Amount: \$15,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

14. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to enter into an Agreement with the State of Alabama acting through the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), under which City funds will be used for ALDOT to improve U.S. Highway 280 by adding a right turn lane from U.S. Highway 280 West onto Summit Boulevard, reconstructing the existing traffic signal, and improving Summit Boulevard by reconfiguring, resurfacing, and striping. The total improvement cost is \$650,000 to be paid with City funds, and the City shall maintain the improvements as specified in the Agreement.

Submitted by: Colin Alexander, Senior Planner

Department: Department of Transportation

Extension: 2467

Recommended Funding Source: DOT046CP- Street Resurfacing in next fiscal year

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Amount: \$650,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

15. A Resolution to amend Resolution No. 2060-23 to change the funding source from G/L No. 035_043.536-001 Grant Expenditures POL35GR016123_A001 - Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Grant, to G/L No. 001-043_26000_26001.524-040 (other small equipment). This is an Agreement pursuant to §11-40-1 and §11-43-55 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, with Flock Group, Inc. d/b/a Flock Safety, to provide a Flock Safety Platform including 5 Flock Safety Falcon ® Flex cameras with software service and support, for a term not to exceed twenty-four months, for BPD. The total amount to be expended pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed a total of Thirty- five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000.00).

Submitted by: Mayor

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2277

Recommended Funding: G/L No. 001-043_26000_26001.524-040 (other small equipment)

Amount: \$35,000.00 per year

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

16. Lease with Variety Wholesalers, Inc. under which the City will continue to lease to Variety Wholesalers certain improved real property known as the "Maxway store" located at 3012 27th Avenue North Variety for use as a retail store selling general merchandise. The initial term of the lease will 2 years at an annual basic rent of \$70,000 plus percentage rent equal to 3% of gross sales in excess of \$2,333,333.33. Variety Wholesalers will have the option to extend the term of the lease for two additional terms of 2 years each under the same terms and conditions as for the initial term.

Submitted by: Janice Douthard

Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17) Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Positive Development, LLC, under which the City will purchase from Positive Development certain real property consisting of a commercial building located at 735 - 8th Ave. West, vacant land located at 721 -8th Ave. West, and vacant land located at 717 - 8th Ave. West for a purchase price of \$250,000 to be used for future development.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: ARPA Site Acquisition Funds

Amount: \$250,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

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- 18) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with Steel City Creative, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,900.00 for the purchase of one 6 ft 4 in X 5 ft 4 in Marquee sign to be installed on the public right of way or public property located at the corner of 40th Street SW and Bessemer Avenue SW in the Riley Travellick Neighborhood, along with three A-frame boards and 36 A-frame signs. Said funds to come from the following sources: \$2950 Riley 031_200_12180_12186_15198.540-001 & \$2950 031_200_12180_12186_15199.540-001.
Submitted by: Ceara Benson
Department: Community Development Extension: 2548
Funding Source: 031_200_12180_12186_15198.540-001 031_200_12180_12186_15199.540-001
Amount: \$5900.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 19) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for the purchase of trash bags for the Oakwood Place Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from Oakwood Place Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Harold Houston
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2523
Funding Source: 031_200_12200_12203_15198.540-001
Amount: \$200.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 20) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$500, to the Library Board for the Powderly Library Branch's Summer Reading Program. Said funds to come from the Jones Valley Neighborhood Association Funds.
Submitted by: Ceara Benson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2548
Funding Source: 031_200_12180_12181_15198.540-001
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 21) A Public Purpose Resolution authorizing The Department of Human Resources Inaugural Milestones Breakfast to be held on February 22, 2024, at the Boutwell Auditorium for the purpose of recognizing employees who have reached 10, 20, 30, 40, & 50+ years of service to the City of Birmingham and our citizens. The purpose of this event is to demonstrate our appreciation for eligible employees' time and dedication to public service for the City of Birmingham and our citizens.
Submitted by: Nicole Perry, Chief HR Officer Department: Human Resources
Extension: 2834
Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_042_02300.524-042 (Supplies – Other Souvenirs), G/L 001_042_02300.523-006 (Supplies – Food Banquet), G/L 001_042_02300.524-015 (Supplies – Other General Office)

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Amount: Not to exceed \$20,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 22) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with Five Points Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 to allow Five Points Alliance to provide services to the City by holding the 2024 Saint Patrick's Day parade to showcase the Five Points South Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Five Points South Neighborhood Association fund.

Submitted by: Melody Martin

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2535

Funding Source: 031_200_12170_12171_15198.540-001

Amount: \$2000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 23) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$2000 and execute contracts with the Birmingham Board of Education to allow the Board to provide services to the City by coordinating with Avondale Elementary School to support after school programming at Avondale Elementary School. Said funds to come from the Crestwood South Neighborhood Association fund.

Submitted by: Cory Stallworth

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Amount: \$49,263.00

Corrections – The amount should be \$2,500 instead of \$2,000.00. Crestwood North instead of Crestwood South Neighborhood. The GL # 031_200_12040_12041_1598.540-001

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 24) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute various agreements with various vendors in a total 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 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025. Said funds shall come from the following source: PROFESSIONAL FEES ELECTION EXPENSE.

Submitted by: Alice Williams

Department: Community Development

Extension: 8085

Funding Source: 001_013_03780_527-025

Amount: \$5000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

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- 25) A Resolution (1) finding that the City has established ninety-nine (99) Neighborhood Association advisory committees for the City; (2) finding that the City is authorized to provide necessary office supplies for its advisory committee; and (3) authorizing the Mayor to expend an annual allocation amount not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per Neighborhood Association for the purchase of office supplies for the City's Neighborhood Associations.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: Neighborhood Association Funds
Amount: \$ 2,500.00 (not to exceed)
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 26) **Old & New Business**
None
- 27) **Adjournment**
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.