



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 | 3:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Councilor(s) Present: Smitherman, Abbott, Alexander

- 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 Seconded the Motion.
The February 26, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #4,7,9,16,19
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$6,097.00 (six thousand ninety-seven dollars 00/100) from the following District # 2 G/L account: # 001_000_04220.542-001 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_000_04220.542-001
Amount: \$ 6,097.00
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 and deliver a third amendment to the agreement with Aletheia House, Inc., to update the scope of services and the funding amount by \$150,000.00, in an amount not to exceed \$1,637,244.00, pursuant to contract for authorized goods and services. Aletheia House, Inc. will provide additional application intake, screening and case management services to support the program administration, management, compliance and financial reporting required to administer the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
Submitted by: Wendy Hicks
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2816
Recommended Funding Source: CD035GR

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Amount: 150,000.00

CORRECTION: This is the fifth (5th) amendment instead of the third (3rd) amendment.

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Lease Agreement that is subject to and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Master Lease Agreement 100-5729969-001 dated on or about September 29, 2021 between the City of Birmingham and PC Connection Sales Corporation dba Connection ("Connection"), under which Connection in accordance with Bid 22-34 shall work to replace the Cisco networking components that connects Internet, Data, and voice communication across the City of Birmingham for a term not to exceed three (3) years and in an amount not to exceed (\$188,741.77).

Submitted by: Darryl Burroughs

Department: IMS

Extension: 2803

Recommended Funding Source: 001_037-01910-01912-526-003

Amount: \$188,741.77

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 7) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Funding Agreement with **National Main Street Center, Inc.**, under which **National Main Street Center, Inc.**, shall plan, execute and host the 2024 Main Street Now Conference from May 6 – May 8, 2024 to provide a framework for community revitalization and equip local leaders with a practical, adaptable, and balance approach to achieve economic health and quality of life outcomes. The City will provide incentives to **National Main Street Center, Inc.** in the form of a \$25,000.00 sponsorship pursuant to Amendment No. 772 to host the events which will generate revenue and will provide positive publicity for the City.

Submitted by: Coreata' R. Houser

Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00900.545-001

Amount: \$25,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent 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 the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 to convert a portion of the City's rolling stock to electric vehicles and install EV chargers, develop an E-Bike rebate program, and develop complete street conversion adjacent to Railroad Park and develop a plan for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) locations 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.

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- 9) An Agreement with the **Birmingham Public Library/Five Points West Library**, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, under which the Birmingham Public Library/Five Points West Library will facilitate access to senior citizen activities and programs that will enhance awareness of the library system while increasing utilization of books, audio music, movies, presentations, exhibits, and other library resources, both digitally and in person. Said funds to come from District 8 discretionary funds.
Submitted by: Jeff McDaniels
Department: City Council
Extension: 2035
Funding Source: 001_000_04280.542-001
Amount: \$5,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 10) An Agreement with **Brunk Auctions, Inc.**, under which Brunk Auctions will provide services involving the consignment for sale of surplus Birmingham Museum of Art items of art, and the City will pay Brunk Auctions the sum of 5.0% of every dollar of the sales price of items sold by Brunk Auctions.
Submitted by: Rose Wood
Department: Museum of Art
Extension: 2973
Funding Source: sales price of items sold
Amount: 5.0% of the sales price of items sold
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 11) 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, a sub-recipient Agreement with the Jefferson County Family Resource Center, Incorporated ("JCFRC"). The City is the recipient of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 23 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grant (the "Grant") in the amount of \$1,998,001.00 for a term of three (3) years. Under the sub-recipient Agreement JCFRC shall expand the RESTORE program re-entry services to youth ages 16 to 19 and develop and implement plans to increase RESTORE program services to include youth ages 11 to 15. The objective is to reduce criminal activity involving young people residing in the City through proactive, strength-based, trauma-informed, mental health services, and developmentally appropriate case management services geared to help build on participant's potential for success. The sub-recipient Agreement is for a term of thirty (30) months and the City shall allocate grant funds to JCFRC in an amount not to exceed \$1,135,282.20.
Submitted by: Uche Bean
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 205.297.8026
Recommended Funding Source: Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-05228-CVIP
Amount: \$1,135,282.20
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 12) 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 for the FY 2023 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) Program in the amount not to exceed \$25,336.80 for to provision of smoke alarms to high-risk areas throughout the City and the City shall provide up to \$4,471.20 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

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application, accept, and expend the grant funds on behalf of the City in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance (Grants Division)

Extension: 2434

Recommended Funding: N/A

Amount: N/A

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 13) A Professional Services Agreement for a period of not more than 3 years with the Law Firms of **Culpepper and Associates and The Law Office of Barrett Yarbrough, LLC** (hereinafter the "Attorneys"), for legal representation related to Interchange Fee Litigation. The Attorneys will represent the City on a contingent fee basis, and the total amount of attorney's fees owed by the City shall not exceed 10% of the total recovery. The City will also reimburse the Attorneys for reasonable costs and expenses which shall not exceed twenty five percent (25%) of the total recovery (gross) in favor of the City and this percentage will come from the fees recovered by the Attorneys and are not to be charged as additional fees. A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the purchase and delivery of Native trees and mulch for Highland Park. Said funds to come from the Highland Park Neighborhood Association Fund.

Submitted by: The City Attorney

Department: Office of the City Attorney

Extension: 2369

Funding Source: Fee and costs will come from recovery, if any

Amount: TBD

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 14) 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 the National Historical Publications and Records Commission FY 2023 Publishing Historical Records in Collaborative Digital Editions Grant in the amount of \$124,180.00 with a required match of \$41,666.67 to take the thousands of photos and 350+ oral histories in the Center for Negro League Baseball Research's museum collection that are related to the history of Negro League baseball and create a photo archives and oral histories library.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance (Grants Division)

Extension: 2434

Recommended Funding: N/A

Amount: N/A

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn

- 15) An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of the City, a Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the City of Birmingham and Ruddell, LLC, for property located 4330 Florence Street and 4305 Eutaw Street for the purchase price of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$290,000.00).

Submitted by: Janice Douthard

Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

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Amount: \$290,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 16) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds in the amount totaling \$6,000.00 (six thousand dollars 00/100) from the following District # 2 G/L account: # 001_000_04220.542- 001 to following neighborhood associations. Roebuck Springs - \$2000 account # 031_200_12150_12152_15199 Crestwood South -\$2000 account # 031_200_12040_12042_15199 South East Lake - \$2000 account # 031_200_12150_12153_15199
Total Amount \$6000.00

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels

Department: City Council (10)

Extension: 2035

Recommended Funding Source: Williams G/L Account # 001_000_04220.542-001

Amount: \$ 6,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §16-11-9.1 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with The Birmingham Board of Education in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students of the Birmingham City Schools. The Board will provide assistance to create a Birmingham City School System School Based Mental Health Services Program that will provide mental health support on every Birmingham City School System campus selected by the Birmingham Board of Education. This allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated. Said funds shall be paid from Account Number 001_400_96200_96214.550-003.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source 001_400_96200_96214.550-003- Annual Contributions Board of Education

Amount: \$ 500,000.00 (not to exceed)

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn

- 18) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Project Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **CModel Data, Inc. (CModel)**, under which **CModel** will undertake a project to relocate from Vallejo, California to Birmingham, Alabama at 1500 1st Avenue North #21 Birmingham, AL 35203 making capital investments in the location of \$120,000 for equipment and bring approximately 80 new jobs to the city. The City will provide financial incentives to and **CModel Data, Inc.** under the RISE program in the amount of \$50,000 in support of the project.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department IEO

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00900.476-003_Rise Funds

Amount: \$ 50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 19) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by transferring \$88,458.46 from Park & Recreation, Miscellaneous Revenue and appropriating \$88,458.46 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; and amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by appropriating \$88,458.46 to Public Works Deferred Maintenance Program, High Park Golf Repairs.
Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director
Department: Park & Recreation
Extension: 2391
Recommended Funding Source: 001 & 102
Amount: \$88,458.07
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 20) A Down Payment Assistance Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham**, under which **Neighborhood Housing Services of Birmingham** will be awarded funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), to administer the city-wide Ready to Own Birmingham Program, which will assist with down payment assistance and closing costs that will provide homebuyers with flexible gap financing for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred thousand and No/100 (\$600,000.00).
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2496
Recommended Funding Source: GL# 081_013_05400_052_05416.536-001 and GL#083_013_07500_07504.536-001
Amount: \$ 600,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 21) **Old & New Business**
None
- 22) **Adjournment**
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.