

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCILOR HUNTER WILLIAMS, CHAIR
COUNCILORS CAROL E. CLARKE AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s): Present: Williams, Clarke, Tate

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Approval of the Minutes**

Action Taken:

Councilor Williams Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Clarke Seconded the Motion.

The December 19, 2023 Joint Economic Development & Tourism and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

3. **The Movement**

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, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

4. **McWane Science Center**

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, Mayor's Office

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

5. **BBRC**

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.

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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 Wesly, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

6. Kuntry Kitchen

A Project Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Kuntry Kitchen, LLC**, under which Kuntry Kitchen will undertake a project that will involve the hiring of an additional 5 employees at the Kuntry Kitchen restaurant located at 101 40th Street South, Avondale, and the City will provide financial incentives to Kuntry Kitchen in the amount of \$15,000 under the RISE program in support of the project.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Abstained.

Item Forwarded to the City Council Agenda.

7. Birmingham Bound

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Funding Agreement with **BIRMINGHAM BOUND, INC.**, under which **BIRMINGHAM BOUND, INC.**, shall plan, execute and host events at the 2024 South by Southwest conference from March 8th – March 16th, 2024 to recruit and attract scaling and growing businesses to expand or relocate their businesses to Birmingham. The City will provide incentives to **BIRMINGHAM BOUND, 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 Houser, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

8. HBCU SpringComing

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Funding Agreement with HBCU SpringComing, LLC, under which HBCU Spring Coming, LLC shall promote, market, and host the HBCU SpringComing X through events, panels, and service activities on March 27 through 29, 2024. The City will provide incentives to HBCU Spring Coming, LLC in the form of a \$100,000.00 sponsorship pursuant to Amendment No. 772 to host the HBCU SpringComing X which will generate revenue from out-of-town visitors and will provide positive publicity for the City.

Submitted by: Coreata Houser, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Williams Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Clarke Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

9. NorthStar Soccer Ministries

A Redevelopment Agreement with NorthStar Soccer Ministries, under which NorthStar Soccer Ministries will undertake a project and purchase two vacant lots known as 4520 and 4601 - 14th Avenue, North Birmingham, AL 35212. The organization will develop a soccer complex that will provide soccer driven programs to serve the youth and their families in the City of Birmingham. The City has agreed to make the property available to North Star Soccer Ministries at a use value of Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$425,000.00) in support of the project.

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Submitted by: Coreata Houser, IEO

Action Taken:

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

10. Real Estate Purchase Agreement

Submitted by: James Stanley, OCA

Action Taken:

Item Forwarded to the City Council Agenda with No Recommendation from the Economic Development & Tourism Committee.

11. Adjournment

Councilor Clarke Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Williams Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.