

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2025 | 3:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

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

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

- 1) **Call to Order**
The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Smitherman
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes – December 9, 2024**
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
The December 9, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #10,11,12,13,15,19
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A Resolution accepting the bid of National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform ("NICJR") in the amount of \$302,418.00 for the design, implementation, and refinement of the City of Birmingham's gun violence reduction strategy ("GVRS") and community violence intervention ("CVI") ecosystems under the Community Safety Initiatives Immediate Response Action Plan, this being the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with NICJR in substantially the same form contained within the bid documents and in accordance with said bid, providing that the total compensation payable under the agreement not exceed the appropriation.
Submitted by: Uche Bean
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 8026
Funding Source: G/L: 039_000.527-050
Project: FIN039RM 99999C_004 - ARPA Gun Violence Reduction
Amount: \$302,418.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn per the Administration.
- 5) A Resolution accepting the bid of Institute of Research for Social Justice in Action (IRSJA) in the amount of \$700,000.00 for implementation of a Community Practitioner Certification and Transforming Communities Through Effective Violence Intervention Strategies Program under the Community Safety Initiatives Immediate Response Action Plan, this being the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Institute of Research for Social Justice in Action in substantially the same form contained within the bid documents and in accordance with said bid, providing that the total compensation payable under the agreement not exceed the appropriation.
Submitted by: Uche Bean
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 8026
Funding Source: 039_000.527-050

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Project: FIN039RM 99999C_004 - ARPA Gun Violence Reduction

Amount: \$700,000.00

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn per the Administration.

- 6) A Resolution accepting the bid of Trajectory Changing Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$700,000.00 for implementation of a comprehensive Community Violence Intervention Program under the Community Safety Initiatives Immediate Response Action Plan, this being the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted, and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Trajectory Changing Solutions, LLC in substantially the same form contained within the bid documents and in accordance with said bid, providing that the total compensation payable under the agreement not exceed the appropriation.

Submitted by: Uche Bean

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 8026

Funding Source: G/L: 039_000.527-050

Project: FIN039RM 99999C_004 - ARPA Gun Violence Reduction

Amount: \$700,000.00

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn per the Administration.

- 7) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$332,703.00 to Police, 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) per award received. (Resolution Number 1491-24)

Submitted by: Michael Pickett, Interim Police Chief

Department: Police

Extension: 1701

Recommended Funding Source: 035 Grants Fund

Amount: \$332,703.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 8) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$55,000.00 to Arlington House for general use per donation received from Anne M. Cabaniss Charitable Trust.

Submitted by: Toby Richards, Director

Department: Arlington House

Extension: 2599

Recommended Funding Source: 032

Amount: \$55,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 9) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$70,521.00 to Police, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant per award received. (resolution 1418-24)

Submitted by: Michael Pickett, Interim Chief of Police

Department: Police

Extension: 1701

Recommended Funding Source: 035 Grants Fund

Amount: \$ 70,521.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

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- 10) 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 \$2,000.00 for the purchase of refrigerator magnets to distribute to residents of the Kingston neighborhood which announce the date, location and time of regular monthly neighborhood association meetings in the Kingston Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Kingston Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Willie Watson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2066
Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-001
Amount: \$2000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 11) 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 \$1,000.00 for the purchase of forty (40) 18- inch by 24-inch Coroplastic two-sided neighborhood meeting signs to be installed on the public right of ways or public property located in the Roebuck Springs-South Roebuck Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Roebuck Springs-South Roebuck Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12150_12152_15198.540-001
Amount: \$1000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) 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 \$7,200.00 for the purchase and installation of twelve (12) banners and hardware to be installed on public right of ways or public property on Jefferson Avenue and Dennison Avenue in the West End Manor Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the West End Manor Neighborhood Association funds. This expenditure shall rescind and replace the previously Budget and Finance Committee approved expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 on September 25, 2023, and the subsequent Council Resolution No. 1650-23 on October 3, 2023.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: 031_200_12200_12205_15198.540-001
Amount: \$7200.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 13) 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 \$6,000.00 for the purchase of one (1) double-sided, ornamental, aluminum neighborhood sign with 7.5 ft posts and shrubs to be located on city owned property at 29th Street SW and Walnut Street within the Industrial Center Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Industrial Center Neighborhood Association Funds. This expenditure shall rescind and replace the previously Budget and Finance Committee approved expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 on August 26, 2024, and the subsequent Council Resolution No. 1312-24 on September 3, 2024.

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~~A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-11 and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975 approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City an Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Create Birmingham, Inc. under which Create Birmingham, Inc. shall provide a Co. Starters 10 week cohort program, aimed at creating more entrepreneurs, including artists within the City, and teach entrepreneurs how to turn their ideas into sustainable operations for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$2,475.00. Said funds shall come from District # 8 Discretionary funds.~~

Submitted by: Ceara Benson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2548

Funding Source: 031_200_12090_12094_15198.540-001

Amount: \$6000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 14) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §11-47-19 and §11-47-16 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the Ballard House Project Inc. ("Ballard House") in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the Ballard House to provide services to the City of Birmingham by promoting and protecting the cultural heritage and historical assets of The Ballard House through community education and events. Said funds will come from the following source 001-000-04280-542-001 District 8 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: City Council Extension: 2907

Funding Source: 001-000-04280-542-001 District 8 Discretionary Funds

Amount: \$5,000.00

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 and deliver an agreement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham, under which Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham will provide community based assistance to families (i.e. children with incarcerated parents, children of military families, single parents, etc.) through adult volunteers in order to provide a broad range of opportunities to raise awareness for mentoring, parenting, workforce development, and basic quality of life that leads to productive citizenship. The fee for these services is not to exceed total funds in the amount of \$4,500, inclusive of any reimbursable expenses. Said total funds will come from District #2 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: Council

Extension: 2907

Funding Source: 001_000_04220.542-001 District 2 Discretionary

Amount: \$4500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) A Project Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Avenue V Entertainment, LLC dba The Epic Center Birmingham**, under which **The Epic Center Birmingham** will undertake a project that will involve the hiring of an additional (i) 4 full-time employees and (ii) convert (3) part-time positions into full-time positions at The Epic Center Birmingham located at 1301 3rd Avenue West Birmingham, AL 35208. The Epic Center Birmingham is expected to generate an estimated \$784,000 in total gross sales over the next five years and the City will provide financial incentives to The Epic Center Birmingham under the RISE program in the amount of \$15,000 in support of the project, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley, Director of Innovation and Economic Opportunity

Department IEO

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Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00910.545-001

Amount: \$15,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 17) A Project Agreement between the City of Birmingham, and DOLGENCORP, LLC dba DG Market under which DG Market will lease, rehabilitate and remodel existing retail space located at 833 Dennison Avenue Southwest, Birmingham, AL 35210, formerly "Save A Lot" food stores in the Heritage Park Towne Center, delivering everyday low prices on items such as meats, fruits, vegetables, dairy, beverages, snacks, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, basic apparel, housewares and more to meet the needs and desires of shoppers in local neighborhoods in an amount up to but not to exceed \$600,000, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department Innovation Economic Opportunity Extension: 2907

Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00910.45-001 Economic Incentives

Agreements

Amount: \$600,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a First Amendment to the Good Jobs Challenge Subaward Agreement, under which the City will provide funding to the Women's Foundation of Alabama for a term ending on September 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed **\$1,977,500** from a grant received by the City from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration to carry out workforce development activities. The Women's Foundation of Alabama will serve as members of the Worker Success Roundtable, contributing to the co-design of programming and training that is responsive to the needs of industry and jobseekers, and alongside other training providers, will recruit, train and support jobseekers, in accordance with the budget and capacity projects, primarily during the third phase of the grant: Program Implementation, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.

Submitted by: Coreata Houser, Deputy Director

Department IEO

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: MO035GR 020221 – Good Jobs Challenge

Amount: \$1,977,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 19) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-16, and §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with The Penny Foundation, Inc. ("Penny Foundation") in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to allow the Penny Foundation to provide services for the City of Birmingham by assisting the City with the organization, promotion, and funds administration for District # 4 Community Initiatives including Teacher Appreciation Week, Birmingham Youth Advisory Council Summit, and other District 4 programs, (the "Events"), which will be held on various dates and will be open to the public. Said funds to come from the following source: 001-000-04240-542-001 District 4 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: City Council

Extension: 2907

Funding Source: 001_000_04250.542-001

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Amount: \$50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Urban Alchemy in an amount not to exceed \$1,340,255.00, under which Urban Alchemy will provide services to the City by providing homeless outreach which will include providing Care Coordinators to monitor progress, make referrals, provide counselling, and offer other assistance; providing support groups, AA meetings, social events, classes, and other activities; providing employment counseling, referrals and resources; providing assistance with applications for benefits; and providing transportation to unhoused citizens to address the challenges created by the intersection of poverty, mental illness, addiction and homelessness.

Submitted by: Cory Stallworth

Department: Community Development Extension: 2309

Funding Source: ERA2 Project: CD035GR 022057 G/L: 035_013.536-001 (\$255,000.00) CDBG – CARES Project# CD035GR 022056_001_009; G/L: 035_013.536-001 (\$1,300,000.00)

Amount: \$1,340,255.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 21) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Faith Chapel Christian Center in an amount not to exceed \$948,374.00, under which Faith Chapel Christian Center will provide services to the City by providing homeless outreach, case management, mailing addresses, counseling sessions, recovery meetings, independent living skills training, and day shelter, including access to laundry and shower facilities, to up to fifteen (15) residents at a time to address the challenges created by the intersection of poverty, mental illness, addiction and homelessness.

Submitted by: Porcia Rawlings

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2721

Funding Source: G/L 035_013.527-050 for Professional Services

Amount: \$948,374.00 (\$1,015,750.00 - amended amount per Jeffery McDaniels) (\$1,196,561.00 - amended amount per Venable-Thomas, Meghan).

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 22) A Public Purpose Resolution authorizing the Department of Human Resources 2nd Annual Milestones Breakfast to be held on February 20, 2025, at the Boutwell Auditorium for the purpose of recognizing employees who have reached 10, 20, 30, 40, and 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: Jamilah Woods, MPA-PHRM

Department: Human Resources

Extension: x2811

Recommended Funding Source: GIL 001_042_02300.524-042 (Supplies - Other Souvenirs), GIL 001_042_02300.523-006 (Supplies - Food Banquet), GIL 001_042_02300.524-015 (Supplies -Other General Office)

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 Agenda.

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- 23) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with CivicPlus, LLC, a Kansas limited liability company in an amount not to exceed \$173,282.90 for the purchase of web-based, Saas software, specifically SeeClickFix an online and smartphone application (311) that allows citizens to report code enforcement and other non-emergency issues for a term of three years.

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: X2751

RecommendedFunding Source: 001_037_01920_01922.526-001 IMS-Systems

Development-System Support. Technology Maintenance-Software Maintenance

Amount: \$173,282.90

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 24) **Old & New Business**
None

- 25) **Adjournment**
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.