

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, February 24, 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

1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of the Minutes – January 27, 2025

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

The January 27, 2025 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

3) Consideration of the Consent Agenda

Items #6,7,9,10,11,12,13, 14,15

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

4) An Ordinance to amend the General and Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$756,143.06 to Capital Projects, Neighborhood Revitalization, for the demolition of Hill School. Funding source is reimbursement received from insurance proceeds.

Submitted by: Denise Bell, Director

Department: Capital Projects

Extension: 2503

Recommended Funding Source: 001

Amount: \$756,143.06

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

5) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$1,522,192.00 to Mayor's Office from Bloomberg Philanthropies, Bloomberg Sustainable Cities Program for a three-person innovation team to reduce pollution and address impacts of climate change for disadvantaged Black communities per grant award received. (Resolution # 1779-23).

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell, Chief of Operations

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension:

Recommended Funding Source: 035 Grants Fund

Amount: \$1,522,192.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

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- 6) An Ordinance, pursuant to Section 11-102-1 et seq., Code of Alabama and §41-16-50, Code of Alabama, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, for a term not to exceed two (2) years, between the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County, Alabama to authorize the County to purchase certain services and materials for use by the parties, in order for the County and Birmingham to make improvements to and pave portions of 4th Street, 55th Street Southwest, Birchwood Street, Coalburg Road, Linwood Street, Montevallo Road, Raceway Parkway, Red Mill Road, Sycamore Avenue, Tin Mill Road, and Woodslee Street in Birmingham, AL, Jefferson County (the "Roadways"). The County shall be designated as the joint purchasing or bidding agent for materials and labor and will add this work to its open paving contract or utilize force account labor. The County will invoice Birmingham for the construction costs and Birmingham shall pay the invoiced amount prior to the County beginning work. The total costs to be paid by the City to the County shall not exceed Three Hundred Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$303,720.88). The County will assume responsibility for the management of the Project. Except as expressly provided in the agreement, no party to the contract shall have any other power to incur any debt which shall become the responsibility of any other contracting people. After completion and acceptance, the City shall assume responsibility for future maintenance of the Roadways.
Submitted by: James Fowler
Department: Transportation
Extension: 2622
Funding Source: G/L No. 046_000.690-001 (Highway Improvement Fund Nondepartmental
Amount: \$303,720.88
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 7) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$210,608.51 from Fire Department, Salaries and Wages, Transfer to Fund 036 Grant Match Fund; and amend the BFRS -Recruitment and Retention Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$210,608.51 to FIR036GM 020129 BFRS-Recruitment and Retention.
Submitted by: Cory Moon, Fire Chief
Department: Fire
Extension: 2510
Recommended Funding Source: 001 General Fund
Amount: \$210,608.51
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama 1975, to appropriate funds in an amount not to exceed \$500 per neighborhood, per calendar year, for authorized goods and services, consistent with the purpose of supporting the annual holiday party events to be held between November and December, in lieu of the CAB annual event. Said sum to come from the requesting neighborhood association's fund.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: 031_20015198 or 15199.540-001
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
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- 9) 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.
- 10) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, to authorize the Mayor to appropriate funds in the amount of Two-Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per neighborhood, per calendar year, for authorized goods and services, such as the rental of inflatables, interactives, carnival equipment, tents, tables, large industrial fans, generators, portable restrooms, and concession equipment, for the services of a disk jockey and for any other service or equipment that is like the specifically listed items above, consistent with the purpose of supporting the annual community picnic events. If food is purchased, an additional amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) is authorized for the purchase of concessions, expenditures on food and non-alcoholic beverages, for an annual amount not to exceed Three Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00). Said sum to come from the requesting neighborhood association's fund.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: 031_200_15198 or 15199.540-001
Amount: \$3000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander 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 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, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Said funds shall come from the following source: 001_013_03780.523-006.
Submitted by: Alice Williams
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8085
Funding Source: 001_013_03780.523-006
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with ZOOM Motorsports under which Zoom shall manage and host the Indy Racing League event scheduled for May 2nd through May 4th, 2025, and for said services the City shall provide incentives in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$350,000.00) for a term of up to one (1) year.

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Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding: \$350,000.00

Amount: Sporting & Entertainment Recruit Boards & Agencies Boards 057_400_96500_96538.550-002

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 13) 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 2026 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 \$732,000.00 to programs to expand the City's curbside recycling services and education outreach campaign with no cost to the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance/Grants

Extension: 2434

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.

- 14) A Resolution 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 Agreement with Magic City Fashion Week, Inc. under which Magic City Fashion Week, Inc. shall assist the City with the design and implementation of fashion and art initiatives that promote social change, cultural education, and community engagement to include curating socially conscious collections, organizing educational campaigns, and fostering partnerships with artists, organizations, and communities to amplify impact in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00.

Submitted by: Jeff McDaniels

Department: City Council

Extension: 2305

Recommended Funding Source: 001_000_04250.542.001-District 5 (\$5,000) 001_000_04260.542.001

District 6 (\$500) 001_000_04260.542.001

Amount: \$5,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a First Amendment to the Agreement with The Friends of Rickwood Field (Rickwood) adopted by the Council on August 31, 2023, under Resolution No. 1342-23, to increase the management fee paid to Rickwood for the City's 2025 fiscal year by an additional sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00), for a total sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00). Said sum shall be used to expand Rickwood's scope of services to include turf management, maintenance, and other such services.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

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Extension: x 2277

Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96500_96518.550-009 (General Fund_Boards & Agencies_Boards & Agencies Economic Servs_Rickwood Field.Annual Contributions-City Owned Facilites)

Amount: \$100,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

16) Old & New Business
None

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