

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, March 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 – February 24, 2025**

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

The February 24, 2025 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**

Items #4,5,6,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,18,19,20

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 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: Cornell Wesley, Director

Department: Fire

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: 001 General Fund

Amount: \$ 3,252.36

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

5) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$500.00 from Sandusky NA and amend the Donation Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$500.00 to Parks & Recreation: Jimmie Hudson Recreation Center for equipment purchase.

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: 031

Amount: \$ 500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

6) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$1,200.00 from West End - Oakwood Place NA and amend the Donation Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$1,200.00 to Parks & Recreation - Harrison Park for Harrison Park Youth Basketball League.

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Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: 031 A

Amount: \$ 1,200.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) 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 three (3) years, between the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County, Alabama (the "County") to authorize the County to make improvements to Birmingham area interstates and highways on/off ramps within ALDOT right of way in compliance with all rules, laws and regulations applicable to its undertaking, performance, completion and maintenance of the Gateway Beautification project ("the Work"). The County shall be designated as the joint purchasing or bidding agent for materials and 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 **One Million One Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,171,300.00)**. The County will assume responsibility for the management of the Work. 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. The Work will include maintenance of the Gateway Beautification project by the County.

Submitted by: James Fowler, Director of BDOT

Department: BDOT

Extension: x 2622

Recommended Funding Source: Funding Source: G/L 103_000.513-020 R &M Infrastructure Weed Abatement

Amount: \$ 1,171,300.00

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 that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute various agreements with various vendors in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per Neighborhood Association for the registration of Neighborhood Officers, Neighborhood Association Committee Members or Neighborhood Volunteers, not to exceed two (2) attendees per Neighborhood Association to attend the 2025 NUSA Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, May 20, 2025 to May 24, 2025, or in the alternative, not to exceed one (1) member from each of the communities represented by the 23 member Citizens Advisory Board to attend the 2025 Main Street Now Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from April 7, 2025 to April 9, 2025. Registration shall also include up to ten (10) Community Resource Services ("CRS") staff members for each conference attended. Attendees representing neighborhood associations or communities cannot attend more than one (1) conference in a calendar year. These events will serve to educate and train the Neighborhood Volunteers and CRRs on a vision of communities and provide information that will benefit those seeking resources for community and economic development within the City of Birmingham, Alabama. Said funds to come from the respective Neighborhood Association funds.

Submitted by: Alice Williams Department: Community Development

Extension: 8085

Funding Source: The Requesting Neighborhood Associations

Amount: not to exceed \$5,000.00 per Neighborhood Association

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 9) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **TERRIFIC NEW THEATRE, INC.**, for a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development five-year forgivable loan for façade improvement under which **TERRIFIC NEW THEATRE, INC.** will undertake a project to improve the building façade of the Terrific New Theatre Building located at 2112 5th Ave. North, Birmingham, AL 35203. The loan amount will be Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$50,000.00) and is provided pursuant to Amendment No. 772. No payments will be required if **TERRIFIC NEW THEATRE, INC.** complies with the loan agreement by retaining ownership of the property, paying all taxes due on the property in full, maintaining property insurance on the property, maintaining the façade in good condition, and occupying the property.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth Department: Community Development
Extension: 2309
Funding Source: G/L: 081_013.536-001; Project: CD081GR 022060_004_005 CD-Façade Improvement Program
Amount: \$ 50,000.00
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 to enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **WOODFIELD HOLDINGS, LLC**, for a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development five-year forgivable loan for façade improvement under which **WOODFIELD HOLDINGS, LLC** will undertake a project to improve the building façade of the Woodfield Holdings Building located at 4701 Avenue V, Birmingham, AL 35208. The loan amount will be Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars and No/100 (\$46,830.00) and is provided pursuant to Amendment No. 772. No payments will be required if **WOODFIELD HOLDINGS, LLC** comply with the loan agreement by retaining ownership of the property, paying all taxes due on the property in full, maintaining property insurance on the property, maintaining the façade in good condition, and occupying the property.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth Department: Community Development
Extension: 2309
Funding Source: G/L: 081_013.536-001; Project: CD081GR 022060_004_005 CD-Façade Improvement Program
Amount: \$ 46,830.00
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 enter into a Loan Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **BP COMMERCIAL CONDO, LLC**, for a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development five-year forgivable loan for façade improvement under which **BP COMMERCIAL CONDO, LLC** will undertake a project to improve the building façade of the Burger Phillips Building located at 1914 3rd Avenue North, Unit C-1, Birmingham, AL 35203. The loan amount will be Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and No/100 (\$49,535.00) and is provided pursuant to Amendment No. 772. No payments will be required if **BP COMMERCIAL CONDO, LLC** complies with the loan agreement by retaining ownership of the property, paying all taxes due on the property in full, maintaining property insurance on the property, maintaining the façade in good condition, and occupying the property.
Submitted by: Corey Stallworth Department: Community Development
Extension: 2309
Funding Source: G/L: 081_013.536-001; Project: CD081GR 022060_004_005 CD- Façade Improvement Program
Amount: \$49,535.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
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- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept an unconditional donation to the City of Birmingham from James Fisher-Davis, Co-CEO, Equilibrium Up & Associates, LLC, and from Kevin Gatlin, Co-CEO of Playtime Edventures, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 2224, Matthews, North Carolina 28106. Mr. Fisher-Davis and Mr. Gatlin have offered to donate child- friendly trauma kits for first responders to provide to children. The kits will be provided to the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service and the Birmingham Police Department. The kits provide over thirty (30) interactive games and hygiene products for children. The quality of the items has been verified as usable by City personnel for this purpose. The City will accept the donation to promote the health and welfare of the City. The Mayor is authorized to accept assistance to help facilitate the acceptance of the equipment to the City of Birmingham.
Submitted by: Cory Moon
Department: Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service
Extension: 2510
Recommended Funding Source: N/A
Amount: \$ N/A
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 13) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with L.M. Smith Middle School to provide services to L.M. Smith Middle School for expenses related to providing support for the L.M. Smith Middle School Band and providing other school equipment and supplies. Said to come from Killough Springs Neighborhood Associations Funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031 200 12100 12102 15198.540-001
Amount: \$1000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 14) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for the purchase of ten (10) coroplastic neighborhood meeting signs with wire stakes for use in the North Birmingham Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the North Birmingham Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031 200 12110 12116 15198.540-001
Amount: \$300.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 15) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Princeton Alternative Elementary School associated with expenses related to the Princeton Alternative Elementary School's Teacher Appreciation Week Program. Said funds come from Rising West Princeton Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Whitney Mullen
Department: Community Development

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Extension: 2523
Funding Source: 031 200 12200 12204 15198.540-001
Amount: \$1000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, a professional services contract with Gray Quarter Inc, for technical expertise in network infrastructure, software development process or SDLC, system to system interfaces, API's, web services, databases, SaaS, SOA, and Accela Methodologies for assistance with phase 4 of the Accela Permitting implementation project for a term of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00.

Submitted by: Annette Harris
Department: IMS
Extension: 2571
Recommended Funding: 102_000.527-050 IMS102CP 003871A
Amount: \$66,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 17) A resolution authorizing the Mayor for a payment to be given to the Southern Museum of Flight Foundation, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$9690.00, subject to the availability of funding, to arrange for and provide payments to program assistants conducting public programs for the Southern Museum of Flight and for part-time help for the fiscal year through June 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Daphne Dunn
Department: Southern Museum of Flight
Extension: 205.833.8226
Recommended Funding: 8501-527-014, 527-050
Amount: \$9,690.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) 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, an Agreement with The Friends of Rickwood Field ("Rickwood"), under which Rickwood will provide community outreach, educational and recreational services at Rickwood Field for the citizens of Birmingham, for a term of one (1) year and for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 from District 8 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniel
Department: Council Office
Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding: 001_000_04280.542-001 District # 8 Discretionary
Amount: \$15,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 19) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Sidewalk Film Center and Cinema, Inc., a/k/a Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, to provide the 27th annual sidewalk film festival throughout the City of Birmingham; welcoming more than 15,000 visitors and more than 200 visiting filmmakers, pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-16 and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975.

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Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding: 001_031_03700.527-050 General Fund - Mayors Office - Administrative Services - Professional Fees - Other Professional Services

Amount: \$20,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution approving any and all necessary payments for goods and services costing in excess of \$10,000.00 to Jefferson County, Jefferson County General Services, Elections Systems & Software (ES&S), Access Mailing and any other sole source vendors for the purpose of conducting the August 26, 2025, Mayor, Council and Board of Education elections and the October 7, 2025, run-off elections (if necessary), and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all necessary contracts and agreements.

Submitted by: Mayor's Office

Department: Clerk's Office

Extension: 2298

Recommended Funding: GL 001_019_00001.527-050 Amount: \$325,000.00 (year-end total will depend on the run-off election submissions).

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 21) A License Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Alabama Regional Medical Services, Inc.**, under which the City shall contract with **Alabama Regional Medical Services, Inc.**, to license a vacant parking lot located at 1927 Avenue D, Birmingham, AL 35218 ("the Lot") to park a mobile unit and provide free prevention screenings for blood pressure, HIV and blood and glucose screenings free of charge to Birmingham citizens as consideration for the allowed use of the lot on the second and fourth Monday of each month for a term of one year.

Submitted by: Chief Sparks

Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: \$ N/A

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 22) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Alabama Power Company (APC) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a term of up to three (3) years, under which APC will provide power and house small cell equipment on select poles for Trainfo unique railroad crossing prediction solution sound sensors to identify when a train crossing is blocked and alert the public ahead of time through dynamic messaging boards, software, remote installation, for the Birmingham Department of Transportation, which is predicted to significantly reduce traffic congestion surrounding rail crossings, vehicle interactions with active crossings, and first responder delays at crossings.

Submitted by: Kelvin Blevins

Department: Extension: 2467

Recommended Funding Source: 001_052_00840_00842.528-002 - Utilities Street Lighting

Amount: \$10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

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- 23) Old & New Business
Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds Resolution
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 24) Adjournment
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.