

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, APRIL 14, 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 – March 24, 2025**

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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

3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**

Items #5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,20,22,24

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 4) A Resolution amending the Agreement approved under Resolution No. 1843-22, adopted by the Council October 25, 2022, under which the Council of the City of Birmingham, Alabama authorized the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Management Agreement with Professional Services Management Agreement Birmingham Talks, Inc., now known as Small Magic ("Small Magic"), under which Small Magic will provide early childhood education services to children from birth to five years to allow Small Magic to provide additional services to the City by expanding the reach of the flagship Program to impact kindergarten readiness in Central Alabama at scale and expanding the scope of innovative early childhood work to develop, pilot, and scale early literacy and numeracy solutions with leading national partners; and to allow additional compensation and to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional period of one year in accordance with these expanded services. The City will pay Small Magic an additional amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for these additional services, for total compensation under the agreement in an amount not to exceed 1,250,000.00.

Submitted by: Galvin Billups

Department: Youth Services

Extension: 205-320-0879

Funding Source: 001 013 05200 05201.527-050-Professional Fees/Other Professional Services

Amount: \$1,250,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

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- 5) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §38-2-9, §22-3-11, and §11-47-130, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with its UAB Live HealthSmart Alabama to provide services to the City of Birmingham by implementing the Live HealthSmart Mobile Market to address the lack of convenient and affordable staple foods in underserved communities. Said funds to come from District 7 Discretionary Funds.
Submitted by: Felicia Jolly
Department: City Council
Extension: 2907
Funding Source: 001-000-04270-542-001 District 7 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$4000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 6) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §38-2-9, §22-3-11, and §11-47-130, et seq., Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Community Care Development Network in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 to allow Community Care Development Network to provide services to the City of Birmingham by providing fresh produce to food insecure families in underserved areas of the City. Said funds to come from the following source: District 9 Discretionary Funds.
Correction: Add District 7 - GL Account # 001-000-04270.542-001 - Amount \$2000.00
Submitted by: Felicia Jolly
Department: City Council
Extension: 2907
Funding Source: 001-000-04290-542-001 District 9 Discretionary Funds
Amount: \$2000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 7) A Resolution, pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-19, and §11-47-130, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Green Life Lawn Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, to allow Green Life Lawn Services, LLC to perform regular lawncare and maintenance around the neighborhood entrance sign located on City owned property at the corner of Springville Road and Edwards Lake Road in the Huffman Neighborhood. Said funding to come from the Huffman Neighborhood Association Funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12100_12101_15198.540-001
Amount: \$5,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 8) 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 \$4000.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Avondale Elementary School associated with expenses related to the Avondale Elementary School's After School Care Program. Said funds to come from Forest Park-South Avondale Neighborhood Association funds.

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Submitted by: Willie Watson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2066
Funding Source: 031_200_12140_12141_15198.540-001
Amount: \$4000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 9) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Library Board (the "Library Board") in an amount not to exceed \$500, to allow the Library Board to support the Powderly Library Branch's Summer Reading Program which will allow the Powderly Library Branch to provide free STEM education and reading services to students in the City of Birmingham. Said funds shall come from the Jones Valley Neighborhood Association.

Submitted by: Ceara Benson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2548
Funding Source: 031_200_12080_12081_15198.540-001
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) 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 \$2,500.00 for the purchase of one (1) outdoor message board sign with posts to be placed at the 8th Court entrance to Crestwood Park. Said funds to come from the Crestwood North Neighborhood Association fund.

Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12070_12074_15198.540-001
Amount: \$500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 11) A Resolution authorizing an appropriation, pursuant to §11-40-1 and §11-47-19, Code of Alabama 1975, in an amount not to exceed \$600.00, for the purpose of purchasing dog waste bags to refill stations located on the Clairmont Walking Trail within the Crestwood South Neighborhood. This funding is to be paid from the Crestwood South Neighborhood Association Fund.

Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12070_12074_15198.540-001
Amount: \$600.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

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- 12) 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 \$3000.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Avondale Elementary School associated with expenses related to the Avondale Elementary School's PTA Programs. Said funds to come from Crestwood North Neighborhood Association funds.
Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12040_12041_15198.540-001

Amount: \$3000.00
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 expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of three (3) A-frame neighborhood meeting signs for use in the Pine Knoll Vista Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Pine Knoll Vista Neighborhood Association fund.
Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12070_12074_15198.540-001 Amount: \$500.00
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, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Holy Family Christo Rey Catholic High School in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00, to allow Holy Family Christo Rey Catholic High School to provide facilities for the South Titusville Neighborhood Association's regularly scheduled meetings, call meetings, and special events. Said funding to be paid from the South Titusville Neighborhood Association Fund.
Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Funding Source: 031_200_12190_12192_15198.540-001
Amount: \$1200.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Childcare Resources**, under which **Childcare Resources** shall plan and host the 2025 Sky's the Limit Conference on July 19, 2025, an annual one-day event of Professional Development for early care educators and provide necessary training hours in childcare and development and the City will provide incentives to Childcare Resources to host its event in Birmingham, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.
Submitted by: Sarah Wilson
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: 2799

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Recommended Funding: 001_003_00930.545-001

Amount: \$20,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a façade improvement loan agreement with Lakeview Oyster House, Inc. dba Moes Original BBQ Lakeview ("Borrower") under which Moes Original BBQ Lakeview will undertake the renovation/ replacement of the building façade of the BP Commercial Condo Building located at 731 29th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233. The City has agreed to lend the borrower \$50,000.00 in the form of an unforgivable loan in support of the Project.

Submitted by: Daphne Dunn

Submitted by: Cory Stallworth

Department: Community Development Extension: x2309

Recommended Funding: G/L: 081_013.536-001; Project: CD081GR 022060_004_005 CD-Façade Improvement Program

Amount: \$50,000.00

Correction:

Forgivable Loan

Address – 731 29thb Street South 35233

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 17) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for, submit, execute, accept, and 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 Department of Transportation. Maritime Administration FY 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant for the purpose of improving the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods through ports and intermodal connections to ports in an amount up to \$25,000,000.00 with Watco Alabama Port Services, LLC, owner and operator of the Port Birmingham Terminal to cover the required PIDP grant match on behalf of the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance/Grants Extension: 2434

Recommended Funding: n/a

Amount: n/a

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Items Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) An Agreement for Professional Services with Finder Software Solutions, LLC. ("FINDER"), under which FINDER will facilitate the sharing of law enforcement data through the Federated Integrated Network for Data Exchange and Retrieval program, which is an information sharing system with the purpose of eliminating exorbitant pricing for technology that facilitates the apprehension of criminals. FINDER will complete the performance of the services over a term of three (3) years for an amount not to exceed \$46,303.65.

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2571

Recommended Funding: 00001_037_01920_01922.531-020 - Rental Software Leases

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Amount: \$46,303.65

Action Taken:

Item Tables

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Table.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Reconsider.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Items Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 19) An Agreement for Professional Services with the Penny Foundation to administer \$60,000.00 of a grant received by the City from Johns Hopkins University related to the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities program to fund an innovation team (i-team) with expertise in data analysis, insight development, human-centered design, systems thinking, and project management to bolster city capacity in driving progress on climate mitigation and promoting equitable outcomes receiving multi-year, in-depth, customized policy and technical assistance in collaboration with community-based organizations and local stakeholders to mobilize public, private, and philanthropic investments to achieve their goals for a term not to exceed February 28, 2027 for an all-inclusive total not to exceed 10% of the funds to be administered or \$6,000.00.

Submitted by: LaTisha Fletcher

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 205.400.9277

Recommended Funding: Fund 35 – Grant Funds

Amount: \$6,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Items Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 to purchase a one (1) year annual subscription to Zoom videoconferencing for the Enon Ridge Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Enon Ridge Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Flora Johnson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2423

Funding Source: 031_200_12160_12163_15198.540-001

Amount: \$300.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 21) A Project Agreement between the City of Birmingham, and **Archibald and Woodrow Enterprise, LLC**, (the "Developer") under which Developer will redevelop, rehabilitate, equip, operate and utilize the existing premises located at **810 and 830 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203**, as a barbecue restaurant and catering operation. The estimated investment by Developer is approximately \$80,000.00 and will result in the creation of approximately 20 new employees and is expected to generate an estimated \$1.5 million in sales tax revenue to the City over the first five years of operation. In consideration for Developer's commitment to complete and undertake the Project, the City hereby agrees to provide Developer with a five (5) year revenue sharing incentive and two (2) year hiring incentive, which cumulative shall amount up to, but not exceed **One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$185,000.00)**, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.

Correction: \$1.5 million per year during the term of the agreement.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

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Department Innovation Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2907

Recommended Funding Source: Future Sales Tax Revenue

Amount: \$185,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council.

- 22) 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 Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame ("Jazz Hall of Fame"), under which Jazz Hall of Fame shall provide not less than seventy (70) hours of jazz education to Birmingham new generation of young musicians, develop and promote artistic activities and events that perpetuate and sustain Birmingham's unique jazz heritage and cultural art form, for the duration of the Agreement and for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Submitted by: Jeffrey Mc Daniels

Department: City Council

Extension: 2035

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

Amount: \$7,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 23) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$2,140,900.00 to Transportation, Industrial Access Road and Bridge Grant (ALDOT) per grant award received. Resolution # 1986-23.

Submitted by: James Fowler

Department: Transportation

Extension: 2622

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035

Amount: \$2,140,900.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council.

- 24) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) from account # 001_010_04290_04291.527-014 to 032_202_84000_84071_84088.478- 070, Parks & Recreation for miscellaneous needs at District # 9 parks.

Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels

Department: City Council (10)

Extension: 2035

Recommended Funding Source: G/L Account # 001_010_04290_04291.527-014 District 9

Amount: \$ 15,000.00

Correction: GL Account #001_000_04290.542-0010

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

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- 25) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, an Amendment to the Project Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Birmingham ("YMCA"), dated December 17, 2024, and approved by Ordinance No. 1736-24, under which the City granted a forgivable loan in the amount of **One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)** to assist the YMCA in making renovations to the existing YMCA in Roebuck, oversee the construction of 22 new Habitat single- family homes and a premier 10,000-sq.-ft. health care center and other services and programs to support individuals and the surrounding neighborhood (the "Project"). The Amendment shall allow for the substitution of the original mortgage used as collateral to insure the development of the Project, for a One Million Dollar and No/100 Letter of Credit from Regions Bank in the event of default by the YMCA.
Submitted by: Corey Stallworth
Department Community Development
Extension: 2907
Recommended Funding Source:
Amount: \$1,000,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.
- 26) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$14,556,039.81 to Transportation, Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood (RCN) Program Grant per grant award received. Resolution # 1429-23.
Submitted by: James Fowler, Director
Department: Transportation
Extension: 2622
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035
Amount: \$14,556,039.81
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.
- 27) An Ordinance to amend the Rebuild AL Gas Tax Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$2,000,000.00 from Street Resurfacing, Undesignated, and appropriate \$2,000,000.00 to Non Departmental, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$2,000,000.00 Transfer to Fund 036 Grant Match; and amend the Grants Match Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$2,000,000.00 to Transportation, Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood (RCN) Program Grant Match. Resolution # 1429- 23.
Submitted by: James Fowler, Director
Department: Transportation
Extension: 2622
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 058 and 036
Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.
- 28) An Ordinance to amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$178,344.22 to Park & Recreation, Legion Field Improvements for repairs. Funding source is reimbursement received from insurance proceeds.
Submitted by: Denise Bell, Director

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Department: Capital Projects
Extension: 2503
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 102
Amount: \$178,344.22
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.

- 29) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$2,433.63 from South East Lake NA and appropriating \$2,433.63 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs (i.e. speed cushions) for traffic calming efforts.

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031
Amount: \$ 2,433.63
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.

- 30) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$5,000.00 from Belview Heights NA and appropriating \$5,000.00 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs (i.e. speed cushions) for traffic calming efforts.

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031
Amount: \$ 5,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council.

- 31) **Old & New Business**
The Budget Town Hall is Wednesday, April 23, 2025

- 32) **Adjournment**
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.