

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 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

- 1) **Call to Order**
The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Smitherman
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes – April 28, 2025**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
The April 14, 2025 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 and execute contracts with the Birmingham Board of Education to allow the Board to provide services to the City by coordinating with Huffman Academy, Huffman Middle, and Huffman High School to provide \$5,000.00 to support Teachers Appreciation and Student Literacy. Said funds will come from Spring Lake Neighborhood Association Funds.
Submitted by: Melony Martin
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2535
Funding Source: 031_200_12100_12103_15198.540-001
Amount: \$5000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 5) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., §11-47-16, §11-47-19, and §38-2-9, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 with Mason Music Foundation to allow Mason Music Foundation to provide a summer music camp for ten (10) poor and needy students. Said funding to come from the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association.
Submitted by: Willie Watson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2035
Funding Source: 031_200_12210_12214_15198.540-001

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Amount: \$2500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 and execute contracts with the Birmingham Board of Education to allow the Board to provide services to the City by coordinating with Huffman Academy, Huffman Middle, and Huffman High School to provide \$5,000.00 to support Teachers Appreciation and Student Literacy. Said funds will come from Spring Lake Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Melony Martin

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2535

Funding Source: 031_200_12100_12103_15198.540-001

Amount: \$5000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$50,000.00 to Police, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Grant per grant award received. Resolution # 112-25.

Submitted by: Michael Pickett Department: Police

Extension: 1701

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035 Amount: \$50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 8) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$7,500.00 from General Fund to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 031 Neighborhood Allocations Fund: and amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriation \$7,500.00 to Museum of Art.

Submitted by: Graham Boettcher Department: Museum of Art

Extension: 8048

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001 and Fund 031

Amount: \$7,500.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 9) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$3,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for Ensley Recreation Center Senior's Youth at Heart to Ensley Park per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025-00003702.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

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Amount: \$ 3,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$10,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for basketball floor and gym equipment to Ensley Park per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025- 00003701.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

Amount: \$ 10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 11) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$10,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for equipment to MLK Recreation Center per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025-000024761.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

Amount: \$ 10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 12) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$5,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for renovation and beautification of Harrison Park per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025- 00003699.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

Amount: \$ 5,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 13) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$5,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for improving lives of people through physical activities and education to Memorial Park per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025-000024760.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

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Amount: \$ 5,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 14) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$10,000.00 to Parking & Recreation for Memorial Park; equipment for Martin Luther King Recreation Center per donation received from Jefferson County Commission. Receipt Number 2025-00016687.

Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director

Department: Park & Recreation

Extension: 2394

Recommended Funding Source: 032

Amount: \$ 10,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 15) 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 Empowerment, Incorporated ("Empowerment"), under which Empowerment shall plan, implement, and host the "Steel City Smooth Jazz Festival" ("Jazz Festival") at Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama on June 5, 2025 and Linn Park on June 6 through 8, 2025. The Jazz Festival is expected to generate revenue from out-of-town visitors and tourists and will provide positive publicity for the City, and the City will provide incentives and in-kind services to Empowerment, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 pursuant to Amendment No. 772 for hosting the Jazz Festival in Birmingham.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding: 057_000.527-050 Sporting & Entertainment Recruit_Nondepartmental Professional Fees

Amount: \$175,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) 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 U.S. Department of Transportation. FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding to be used to update all our traffic signals in the most walkable part of the City to be compliant with federal PROWAG requirements, including APS push buttons, upgraded pedestrian heads, High Vis crosswalks, and updated signal timing for pedestrians. The funding request is up to \$25,000,000.00 with 20 grant match on behalf of the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt Department: Finance/Grants Extension: x2434 Recommended Funding:

Grant Amount: up to \$25,000,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 17) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant with Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) for the FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) to be used to purchase equipment. The funding request is up to \$200,000.00 per project with no match from the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt Department: Finance/Grants Extension: 2434 Recommended Funding: Grant

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Amount: up to \$200,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 18) A Resolution approving and authorizing the payment of the Mayor's annual membership dues for the Jefferson County Mayor's Association in an amount not to exceed \$44,000.00 per year, renewable annually subject to availability of funds, for a term not to exceed three (3) years.

Submitted by: The Mayor Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001 400 96100 96106.550-002 (General Assoc. Annual Contributions-Contractual).

Amount: \$44,000.00 per year, not to exceed a term of three (3) years.

Action Taken:

Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 19) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Iron Hills Productions, LLC, under which Iron Hills Productions, LLC, shall plan, implement, and host the "Magic City Flow Festival" in Birmingham, Alabama on October 18, 2025. The Magic City Flow Festival is expected to generate revenue from out-of-town visitors and tourists and will provide positive publicity for the city, and the City will provide an incentives in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 pursuant to Amendment No. 772 for hosting the Magic City Flow Festival in Birmingham.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley, Director

Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding: Hotel Lodging

Amount: \$100,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Downtown Jimmie Hale Mission, Inc. under which Downtown Jimmie Hale Mission, Inc. will ensure the safety and well-being of the vulnerable populations during extreme weather; provide efficient operational staffing which includes reliable transportation to the shelter, nutritious meals, cleaning supplies and laundry services for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding: 057_000.527-050 Sporting & Entertainment Recruit Nondepartmental Professional Fees

Amount: \$75,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 21) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$250,000.00 to City Walk Maintenance (ADECA) grant per award received. Resolution 114-25.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: 035_031.446-050

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Amount: \$ 250,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 22) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$1,500,000.00 from Capital Projects, Consulting Fees and appropriating \$1,500,000.00 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; and amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$1,500,000.00 to DCP, Emergencies/Planned Projects.

Submitted by: Denise Bell, Capital Projects

Department: Capital Projects

Extension: 2206

Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001 and 102

Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 23) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$489,269.02 from Information Management Systems, Non-Capital Equipment, \$452,092.52 from Information Management Systems, Other Professional Services, \$381,667.88 from Information Management Systems, Maintenance Software, \$85,000.00 from Information Management Systems, Maintenance Mainframe, \$602,992.00 from Information Management Systems, Maintenance Desktop, \$209,000.00 from Information Management Systems, Network Support Tech Maintenance, \$2,500,000.00 from Information Management Systems, Audio/Visual Professional Services and appropriating \$4,720,021.42 to Non- Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; and amend the Capital Improvement Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$2,220,021.42 to IMS102CP 003871A IMS Computer Software/Professional Service, \$2,500,000.00 to IMS102CP 003871B IMS Telecom Project,

Submitted by: Darryl Burroughs, Chief Technology Officer

Department: IMS

Extension: 2812

Recommended Funding Source: 001 General Fund

Amount: \$ 4,720,021.42

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 24) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$200,000.00 to Birmingham Rapid Transit System (BRT) ADECA grant per award received. (Resolution 113-25).

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: 035_031.446-050

Amount: \$ 200,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

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- 25) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$7,000,000.00 from General Fund Police, Salaries and Wages Salaries and appropriating \$7,000,000.00 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 103 Neighborhood Revitalization Fund; and amend the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriation \$7,000,000.00 to Birmingham Police Department Recruitment and Retention Strategic Plan.
Submitted by: Michael Pickett Department: Police Department
Extension: 1701
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001
Amount: \$7,000,000.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn per the Administration
- 26) **Old & New Business**
A Agreement between the City of Birmingham UKG Kronos System, dated September 30, 2022, to provide new services due to the City's migrations to the company's new Cloud and environment and project management services for Birmingham Police Detention and Fire facilities, by increasing the annual amount to \$178,100.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$40,024.00.
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- A request to transfer funds totaling \$80,501.00 from District 3 accounts to the Capital Projects Account.
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 27) **Adjournment**
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.