

JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024 | 3:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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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**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
The March 25, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #8,10,12,13,14,15,17
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Items Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Project Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and John'na, LLC, under which John'na, LLC will undertake a project to open a five-star Japanese restaurant whose unique concept will blend traditional Japanese cuisine with a modern flare to the downtown Birmingham area, and generate employment opportunities for over 40 individuals, fostering job growth and economic development. The City will provide financial incentives to John'na, LLC under the RISE program in the amount of \$50,000 and a tax incentive over the next three (3) years in an amount up to, but not to exceed \$371,833.00 to assist with operations in the city and in support of the project.
Submitted by: Cornell Wesley
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: x2799
Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00900.476-003-Rise Funds
Amount: \$50,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) A Project Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Armour House, LLC (Developer)**, in substantially the form attached, under which **Armour House, LLC** will undertake a project to redevelop, rehabilitate, equip, operate and convert the Armour & Co. Building located at 2309 First Avenue North, Birmingham, into a Fine-Dining Restaurant and Speakeasy destination in the City of Birmingham known as "Armour House," and the City will provide the Developer a revenue sharing incentive based on a percentage of actual sales tax revenue following each year during the payment term of the Agreement of 5 years, in an amount up to, but not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$650,000.00), provided that Developer is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

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Submitted by: Cornell Wesley
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: x2799
Recommended Funding Source: Future Sales Tax Revenue
Amount: \$650,000.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn by Administration

- 6) A Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **LRY Media Group, LLC**, under which LRY Media Group, LLC will undertake a project to refurbish and transform the former "Birmingham Credit Union Building" located at 708-17th Street North, Birmingham, AL 35203, including interior and exterior reconstruction, for Event Management and Logistics, which will serve as a major resource to the Downtown Birmingham area by eliminating blight. The City has agreed to make the property available to **LRY MEDIA GROUP, LLC** at a use value of Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) in support of the project.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: x2799
Recommended Funding Source: N/A
Amount: \$30,000.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn by Administration

- 7) A Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Omega Bridge Builders Foundation, under which Omega Bridge Builders Foundation will undertake a project to refurbish and transform the former Ensley Precinct located at 624 19th Street Ensley, Birmingham, AL 35218, including interior and exterior reconstruction, for the development of a multi-purpose outreach center, which will serve as a major resource to the Ensley community by eliminating blight, provide youth and community training programs and conduct other revenue generating programs as they become available. The City has agreed to make the property available to Omega Bridge Builders Foundation at a use value of Thirty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) in support of the project.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: x2799
Recommended Funding Source: N/A
Amount: \$30,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City with Denise Koch Events to provide health, wellness, cultural and small business event and presentations within the City of Birmingham, for a term not to exceed June 30, 2024 for an amount not to exceed eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$8000.00).

Submitted by: Connie Horn
Department: City Council
Extension: 2907
Recommended Funding Source: Councilor Williams- 001_000_04220.542-001
Amount: \$8,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
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- 9) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for and on behalf of the City with the Nadyne G. Johnson Foundation to host a spring film camp for grades 8-12 for Birmingham City School students during which the students will be introduced to the many facets of the filmmaking industry including learning skills in editing, acting, production and more for a term not to exceed June 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed One Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1000.00).
Submitted by: Paulette Sims
Department: City Council
Extension: 2294
Recommended Funding Source: Councilor Williams- / \$1,000.00- 001_000_04220.542-001
Amount: \$1,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander added additional funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 from District 7 Discretionary.
New Amount - \$2,500.00
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 10) An Ordinance to amend the General and Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by appropriating \$13,226.15 to Equipment Management, Fleet Replacement. Funding source is reimbursement received from insurance proceeds.
Submitted by: Cedric Roberts, Director
Department: Equipment Management
Extension: 6300
Recommended Funding Source: 001
Amount: \$13,226.15
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 11) Consent by the City to an Assignment of Incentive Agreement under which Jim Burke Automotive, Inc. will assign an Incentive Agreement between the City and Jim Burke Automotive, Inc. dated October 1, 2009, to Hallmark Auto Group, LLC, and Hallmark 1, LLC d/b/a Hallmark Hyundai. Pursuant to the Incentive Agreement, the City agreed to provide a sales tax incentive to Jim Burke Automotive as part of the "City of Birmingham New Automotive Sales Stimulus Program" for a term of 30 years.
Submitted by: Irenio Johnson
Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity
Extension: 2279
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.
- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-130, et seq., §22-3-11 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Birmingham Aids Outreach, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,999.00 to allow Birmingham Aids Outreach, Inc. to provide direct services, vital resources, and supportive programs for the LGBTQ community with a primary focus on youth ages 13 to 20 in the City of Birmingham. Said funds to come from the following sources: \$14,999.00 District 5 Discretionary Funds and \$5,000.00 District 2 Discretionary Funds.
Submitted by: Connie Horn
Department: City Council Districts 5 & 2

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Extension: 2907
Funding Source: 001_000_04220.542-001 & 001_000_04250.542-001
Amount: \$19999.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 13) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Freedom Rain, Inc. dba The Lovelady Center ("The Lovelady Center) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to allow The Lovelady Center to provide skills training, meals, counseling, and temporary housing for the poor and needy women of the City of Birmingham. Said funds to come from District 2 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Connie Horn
Department: City Council Districts 2
Extension: 2294
Funding Source: 001_000_04220.542-001
Amount: \$5000.00
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 and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Kid One Transport System, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00 to allow Kid One Transport System, Inc. to provide transportation to medical, dental, and mental health care services for children and expectant mothers who are transportation disadvantaged in the City of Birmingham. Said funds to come from the following sources: \$5,000 District 2 Discretionary Funds; \$2,000 District 4 Discretionary Funds; \$2,500 District 5 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Connie Horn
Department: City Council Districts 2, 4 & 5
Extension: 2907
Funding Source: 001_000_04220.542-001; 001_000_04240.542-001; & 001_000_04250.542-001
Amount: \$9500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Cancer Awareness Network for Children, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, under which Cancer Awareness Network for Children, Inc. will provide services to the City by providing care of the poor and needy of Birmingham and by performing public health work by providing community health activity forums that focus on educational resources to empower those citizens of the City of Birmingham that have been directly or indirectly affected by cancer at no cost to citizens.

Submitted by: The Mayor
Department: Mayor's Office **Extension:** 2430
Recommended Funding Source: District 7 / 001_000_04270.542.001
Amount: \$2,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
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- 16) Approval For the City of Birmingham -Community Development Department to apply for the \$2,000,000. Navigate Affordable Housing -Housing Affordability Trust-Grant (NAH-HAT), in which we seek to receive the funds and administer funds according to the Rules & Regulations as set forth by the City of Birmingham's Finance Department Policies and Procedures for receipt of Grant Funds and the Community Development Department Policies and Procedures for receipt of Grant Funds. The Community Development Department will administer expenditure of funds and draw of grant fund requests to provide financial assistance to the developer of the McArthur School. The redevelopment of McArthur School will be from an experienced and qualified developer who will prioritize the production of affordable housing. The Developer will abide by the Program Requirements and Guiding Principles as set forth by the Request for Proposal for Multifamily Residential Use and Mixed-Use Development.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth
Department: Community Development Extension: 2496
Recommended Funding Source: GL#081_013_.536-001
Amount: \$2,000,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 17) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Be Kind Birmingham, Inc.** in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00, under which Be Kind Birmingham will provide services to the City by providing care of the poor and needy of Birmingham by providing basic necessities, including food items, at its pop- up mobile stores free of charge to poor and needy citizens.
Submitted by: The Mayor
Department: Mayor's Office Extension: 2430
Recommended Funding Source: District 9 / 001_000_04290.542.001
Amount: \$4,500.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 18) **Old & New Business**
None
- 19) **Adjournment**
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Adjourn.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Meeting Adjourned.