



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 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 April 22, 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 #4,6,7,15,16,17,18,20,21,22,23**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item 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, 2024, by appropriating \$13,099.99 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: \$13,099.99**  
**Action Taken:**  
**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**  
**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**  
**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**
- 5) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Mobility Capital Finance, Inc. (MoCaFi), a Delaware corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year for an annual Program Management Fee over a three year term to provide a payment card program through the provision of municipal identification cards and immediate response cards, financial and project management and data services to support the management and administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and a 3% Disbursement Fee for all funds distributed by MoCaFi on behalf of the City with a maximum annual amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 in total fees. The City received Emergency Rental Assistance to provide rental and utility payment assistance to landlord and utility companies on behalf of eligible low-to-moderate income households that have experienced loss of income due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The City desires to retain MoCaFi for the provision of a payment card program and financial and project management and data services in an amount not to exceed the identified amount to support program management, compliance and financial reporting required under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.  
**Submitted by: Wendy Hicks**  
**Department: Community Development**  
**Extension: x2816**  
**Recommended Funding Source: Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance CD035GR**

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**Amount: \$150,000.00 per year (three year term)**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 6) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant, execute and deliver an Agreement and all required documents to the Alabama Department of Transportation (“ALDOT”) for the FY 2024 Local Roads Safety Initiative (LRSI) to repair the shoulder along Wenonah Rd at 22nd St SW and install a guardrail and accept a grant fund disbursement to the City of Birmingham in the amount of up to \$1,260,000.00 with a ten percent (10%) match of \$140,000.00 required from the City from the Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax account.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance/Grants E**

**Extension: x2434**

**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 Consent Agenda.**

- 7) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with **SHI International Corp. ("SHI")** to purchase DocuSign software and services for a period not to exceed one year. The City is authorized by §41- 16-51(a)(18), Code of Alabama to purchase, without competitive bidding, goods or services from vendors that have been awarded a current and valid statewide contract listed on the Alabama Buys e-procurement system, under the same terms and conditions as provided in the statewide contract if the prices paid do not exceed the amount provided in the statewide contract. The needed software is currently available from Vendor which has been awarded a current and valid statewide contract (No. MA 230000003919) listed on the Alabama Buys e-procurement system. The City is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed \$45,194.51 for this purchase.

**Submitted by: Annette Harris Department: IMS**

**Extension: 2751**

**Recommended Funding Source: 00001\_037\_01920\_01922.531-020 - Rental**

**Software Leases**

**Amount \$45,194.51**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 8) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, a sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Market at Pepper Place**. The City is the recipient of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services (“USDA NRCS”), in the amount of (\$298,686.00), under the sub-recipient Agreement **Market at Pepper Place** shall implement the Birmingham Market City Initiative in collaboration with the Market Cities Programs to support the City in analyzing the overall food system and farmers market potential which will increase the impact of regional market systems on the health, sustainability, and equity of their communities for a term not to exceed December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

**Submitted by: Thomas Yuill**

**Department: Mayor’s Office**

**Extension: 2022**

**Recommended Funding Source: USDA UAIP Grant**

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**Amount: \$15,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 9) 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 Four Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$450,000.00), provided that Developer is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

**Submitted by: Cornell Wesley, Director**

**Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity**

**Extension: 2799**

**Recommended Funding Source: N/A**

**Amount: \$450,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 10) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, a Software Agreement between the City of Birmingham and VertiGIS North America Ltd., ("VertiGis"), under which VertiGIS shall provide maintenance and technical support services for the GCX Standard and Analytics T2 software for a term of three (3) years FY24: \$10,827; FY25: \$11,901 and FY:26 \$12,853 for a combined total amount not to exceed \$35,581.00.

**Submitted by: Annette Harris**

**Department: Information Management Services**

**Extension: 2751**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_037\_01920\_01922.526-001 IMS-Systems Development-System Support Technology Maintenance-Software Maintenance**

**Amount: \$35,581.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 11) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Software Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Neo Gov dba PowerDMS Inc., under which PowerDMS, Inc. shall provide an annual Software Subscription to the Birmingham Police Department that will include a policy and compliance management platform, to create, organize and distribute content from a cloud-based site and Analytics for advance reporting for a term not to exceed three (3) years FY24: 26,020.94; FY25: \$41,850.84 and FY26:43,843.73 in an amount not to exceed \$111,715.51.

**Submitted by: Annette Harris**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2751**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_037\_01920\_01922.526-001 IMS-Systems Development-System Support Technology Maintenance-Software Maintenance**

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**Amount: \$111,715.51**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 12) An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of the City, a Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the City of Birmingham and The Surge Project, Inc., for the purchase of property known as "Eureka School" located at 816- 18<sup>th</sup> Way Southwest and 801 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Birmingham, AL 35211 for the purchase price of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00).

**Submitted by: Janice Douthard**

**Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity**

**Extension: 2496**

**Recommended Funding Source: N/A**

**Amount: \$25,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 13) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, for and as the act of said City, any and all documents necessary for the City to make application, receive and expend grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), FY 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program, in the amount of \$4,200,000.00. for the Real Time Crime Center with no matching funds due from the City.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance/Grants**

**Extension: x2434**

**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 Agenda.**

- 14) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Program Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham (the "City") and **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM** ("UAB"), under which UAB will construct and operate the Altec/Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building which will accelerate research in genomic medicine computational biology and support facilities located at UAB's hub of basic and translational research enterprise and enable UAB to accommodate an estimated 80 new and existing researchers who will generate approximately \$40M in new awarded funding and employ an estimated 650 additional support staff as they advance medical science. The City will pay UAB pursuant to Amendment No. 772, an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in support of the Program.

**Submitted by: Coreata Houser**

**Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity**

**Extension: x2799**

**Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001\_500\_95100.545-001**

**Amount: \$500,000.00**

- 15) 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 Department of Transportation. Federal Highway Administration Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant for the purpose of to providing complete street amenities such as bike lanes, sidewalks, side paths, and traffic calming

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along 56 road segments across the City to fill in missing gaps in the City's Street network as well as resurfacing streets in need as part of the project in an amount up to \$12,000,000.00 with a \$3,000,000.00 grant match on behalf of the City.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance/Grants**

**Extension: x2434**

**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 Consent Agenda.**

- 16) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham, Alabama that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to apply, accept, and expend the continuation grant funds on behalf of the City of Birmingham, with the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) AmeriCorps VISTA, under Title I, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Services Act of 1973. The continuation grant application will be used to expand the City's reach in building on education, economic opportunities, and healthy futures by supporting 1 VISTA lead position, 21 VISTA members, and 3 cost share positions. The term of the agreement is for one (1) year beginning August 2024 and ending August 2025, with the City contributing \$75,000.00 in matching funds. The Mayor is authorized to take all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary to apply, accept and expend the continuation grant award in accordance with the terms of the Grant.

**Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt**

**Department: Finance/Grants Division**

**Extension: 2482**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001\_019\_00080.536-040- Grant Match**

**Amount \$75,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 17) A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to enter into an Agreement with the State of Alabama acting through the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for a Preliminary Engineering, Utility and Construction Agreement for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program Project for Woodlawn Neighborhood Streetscape—Phase II, Project # CMAQ-3717( ); CPMS Ref# 100066708, 100066710, and 100066709. The total project cost will be \$2,155,045.13, with a local match from the City in the amount of \$431,009.03.

**Submitted by: Department of Transportation**

**Department: Department of Transportation**

**Extension: 2467**

**Recommended Funding Source: DOT058CP 003048- Street Resurfacing**

**Amount: \$431,009.03**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 18) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$4060.00 for the purchase of a cotton candy machine, a heated holding cabinet, and 6 racks for use by the Hooper City Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from the Hooper City Neighborhood Association Funds.

**Submitted by: Melony Martin**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2535**

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**Funding Source: 031 0\_12100\_12115\_15198.540-001**

**Amount: \$4060.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 19) A Redevelopment Agreement with **Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority**, under which the City, once it obtains title to Parking Deck No. 3 on the former Carraway Hospital site from Northside Redevelopment, LLC, will convey title to the Deck to BJCC for \$z.00, and BJCC will redevelop and renovate the Deck to provide parking for the new amphitheater and The Star development.

**Submitted by: Melissa Smiley**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2771**

**Amount: N/A**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 20) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 and execute contracts with the Birmingham Board of Education to allow the Board to provide services to the City by coordinating with Wenonah High School to provide \$500.00 to support the band program at Wenonah High School and \$500.00 to support the football program at Wenonah High School. Said funds will come from Tarpley City Neighborhood Association Funds.

**Submitted by: Ceara Benson**

**Department: Community Development**

**Extension: 2548**

**Funding Source: 031\_200\_12090\_12095\_15198.540-001**

**Amount: \$1000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 21) 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\_200\_ \_ \_15198 or \_15199.540-001**

**Amount: \$500.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 22) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §22-3-11, §38-2-9, and §11-47-130, et seq., Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Black Women's Mental Health Institute in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to allow Black Women's Mental Health Institute to provide free counseling and mental health outreach to the residents of Birmingham in District 6 by partnering with schools, churches, community centers, parks and recreation centers, libraries, hospitals, clinics, daycares, and law enforcement to increase awareness and utilization of the free mental health services. Said funds to come from District 6

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Discretionary Funds.

**Submitted by:** Felicia Jolly

**Department:** City Council Districts 6

**Extension:** 2907

**Funding Source:** 001\_000\_04260.542.001

**Amount:** \$2500.00

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 23) A Master Contract for Public Safety Services (Surveillance Equipment – Governmental) with **Alabama Power Company**, under which an existing contract from public safety video surveillance services and amendments thereto will be consolidated into a single contract under which Alabama Power Company will provide certain public safety-related services to include the installation and maintenance of surveillance equipment for an estimated monthly charge of \$89,900.95, and for a term of 60 months.

**Submitted by:** Chaz Mitchell

**Department:** Mayor's Office

**Extension:** 2136

**Funding Source:** 001\_043\_26000\_26001.527-050 - Professional Fees Other Professional Services

**Amount:** \$89,900.95 per month

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.**

- 24) A Resolution of Intent for the City of Birmingham to provide \$100,000 of funding to the **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham** as part of a required grant match in the event that the Regional Planning Commission is awarded a FY 2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant in the amount of \$2,000,000, which will be used to fund a study of the rail corridors for Norfolk Southern and CSX railroads between I-65 and the City of Bessemer.

**Submitted by:** Colin Alexander

**Department:** Transportation

**Extension:** 2467

**Funding Source:** TBD once grant is awarded

**Amount:** \$100,000.00

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 25) 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 for 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

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**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 Agenda.**

- 26) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by transferring \$250,000 from Finance, Grant Match and appropriating \$250,000 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement; and amend the Capital Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by appropriating \$250,000 to Shades Creek Expansion.

**Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell, Chief of Operations**

**Department: Mayor's Office**

**Extension: 2136**

**Recommended Funding Source: 001 & 102**

**Amount: \$250,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 27) 1. A Development Agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company United-Central, LLC, under which Coca Cola will redevelop the former Stockham Valve Property located at 1101 40th Street North for use as a corporate campus which is expected to include a new corporate headquarters, a state-of-the-art sales, distribution and warehousing center, region, division and local offices, and a customer call center, and the City will provide certain incentives to include construction of an access road to the site, funding for water infrastructure improvements, and tax abatements described below. The City has been awarded Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II ("ATRIP II Grant") funds in the amount of \$1,999,544 (plus local match of \$104,600) and Industrial Access Road and Bridge Grant funds in the amount of \$2,100,000 for the access road work.

2. An Abatement Agreement to provide for the abatement of construction related sales and use taxes and property taxes.

**Submitted by: Cornell Wesley**

**Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity Extension: 2799**

**Funding Source: Future Funding in FY25 Incentive Agreement**

**Amount: Cost of access road improvements plus up to \$400,000 for water infrastructure improvements and value of tax abatements**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

- 28) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with **Board of Trustee of the University of Alabama on behalf of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)**, under which UAB will provide project management services and funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the resurfacing of playground equipment and park improvements in Downey Park to improve and promote the health and safety of the citizens and other issues of concerns for residents. The term of the Agreement is one (1) year and the City shall contribute an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

**Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels**

**Department: City Council Office**

**Extension: 2704**

**Recommended Funding Source: 031\_205\_04250.542-001**



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**Amount: \$25,000.00**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.**

29) **Old & New Business**  
None

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