



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, August 12, 2024 | 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**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
The July 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 #8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22
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 \$15,000.00 from Park & Recreation, Miscellaneous Revenue and amend the Donations Fund for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$5,000.00 to Pratt City Park and \$10,000.00 to Summer Camp/Enrichment program.
Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennett, Director
Department: Park & Recreation
Extension: 2391
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 001 & 032
Amount: \$15,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Councilor Smitherman Abstained.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$800,000.00 to Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP) per award received. (Resolution Number 1733-22).
Submitted by: James Fowler, Director
Department: Department of Transportation
Extension: 2622
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035
Amount: \$800,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
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- 6) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$100,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and appropriating \$100,000.00 to non-departmental, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$100,000.00 to Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) per grants award received. (Resolution Number 1733-22).
Submitted by: James Fowler, Director
Department: Department of Transportation
Extension: 2622
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 039
Amount: \$100,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 7) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$256,379.14 from General Fund, Miscellaneous Clearing and appropriating \$256,379.14 to Non-Departmental, Transfer to Fund 103 Neighborhood Revitalization; and amend the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$256,379.14 to Office of the City Attorney. Funding source is settlement funds from opiate litigation.
Submitted by: Nicole King, City Attorney
Department: Office of the City Attorney
Extension: 2369
Recommended Funding Source: 001 & 103
Amount: \$256,379.14
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 8) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$1,440.00 from Forest Park - South Avondale NA and appropriating \$1,440.00 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs (i.e. speed cushions) at 4th Avenue South near 38th Street for traffic calming efforts.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 102
Amount: \$1,440.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 9) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with **McWane Science Center d/b/a McWane Center**, under which McWane will provide services in the City to promote public understanding of science, technology and the environment by making learning an adventure by providing hands-on exhibits and programs for students, teachers and the general public for a term to commence of one (1) year and the City agrees to pay an amount not to exceed \$159,104.00 for the services.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2144

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Funding Source: 001_400_96500_96510.550-005 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Economic Servs_McWANE Center. Annual Contributions-Youth Programs)

Amount: \$159,104.00

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 execute an Agreement with **Red Mountain Theatre Company, Inc.**, under which Red Mountain Theatre Company will agree to make its facilities available, to the public, for cultural events and training in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for its 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Funding Source: 001_400_96400_96431.550-005

Amount: \$75,000.00

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 execute and deliver an agreement with Alabama Symphonic Association, Inc. ("ASO"), under which ASO shall (i) coordinate and administer the Coffee Concert Series, (ii) coordinate and administer new music education opportunities, (iii) create long-term partnerships with young people, free of charge to **ALL** school age audiences. In addition, ASO will also provide free tickets to the concert series "Symphony in the Summer", free of charge to all age audiences for a term of one (1) year and for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96727.550-008

Amount: \$25,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and State of Alabama Ballet, Inc. ("The Alabama Ballet"), under which The Alabama Ballet will provide the following services within the City of Birmingham: (i) world class stunning and innovative performances to the residents of the community; (ii) serve the community through outreach and music education programs that strive to expand the opportunity for youth to participate in the programs (iii) allow access to view behind the scene glimpses of ballet productions; maintain and cultivate relationships with other art groups including the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama Dance Council, Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, for a term of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2 144

Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96727.550-008 A

Amount: \$25,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 13) BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham that the Mayor in accordance with §11-40-01 and §11-47-16 is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Jones Valley Teaching Farm (JVTF), wherein, JVTF will implement aggressive programs of sustainable urban agricultural, promoting food markets, and economic development potential for the City and for said services the City shall pay JVTF an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for a term of one (1) year.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2144
Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96600_96629.550-007
Amount: \$50,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 14) 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 National Veterans Day Foundation, under which The National Veterans Day Foundation shall plan, implement, and provide services and infrastructure related to and required for the Birmingham Veterans Day Parade (the "Event"). The Mayor, pursuant to §11-47-19 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, to expend funds and execute such contracts for the promotion of the event and the City's participation in the event. The Agreement is for a term of one (1) and the City will pay an amount not to exceed \$12,896.00.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 8940
Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96700_9671
Amount: \$12,896.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, a Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **RJ Building, LLC**, under which **RJ Building, LLC** will lease a space totaling approximately 27,500 square feet of that certain property formerly known as Mazer Discount Home Center located at 2-41Street S, in the City of Birmingham, Alabama (the "Property"), for the sole purpose of conducting business operations related to City of Birmingham Fire Department activities ("the Project") for a term of six (6) months, with an option for early termination, in an amount not to exceed \$47,760.00.
Submitted by: Cory Moon, Fire Chief
Department: Birmingham Fire and Rescue Services (BFRS)
Extension: 2510
Funding Source: 001_022_17000_17401.531-009
Submitted by: Cory Moon, Fire Chief
Amount: \$47,760.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 16) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars and 00/Cents (\$1,000.00) for the purchase of ten (10) two-sided 24" x 18" yard signs in English and Spanish to announce neighborhood meetings for the Woodland Park Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from the Woodland Park Neighborhood Association.

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Submitted by: Flora Johnson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2423
Recommended Funding Source: 031_200_12190_12193_15198.540-001
Amount: \$1000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
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- 17) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Wylam Youth Football Association in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and 00/Cents (\$1,600.00) to allow the Wylam Youth Football Association to provide services to the City by providing assistance to the Wylam Gators Youth Football team. Said funds will come from Wylam Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Herman Lumzy
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8244
Recommended Funding Source: 031_200_12080_12084_15198.540-001
Amount: \$1,600.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 18) 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 \$4000.00 for the purchase of two (2) 72- inch steel benches to be used within the Eastwood neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Eastwood Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Jason Walton
Department: Capital Projects
Extension: 2247
Recommended Funding Source: 031_200_12030_12032_15198.540-001
Amount: \$4000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
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- 19) 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 \$450.00 for the purchase of two (2) foldable, A-frame boards and four (4) coroplast meeting signs. Said funds to come from the Tarpley City Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Ceara Benson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2548
Recommended Funding Source: 031_200_12090_12095_15198.540-001
Amount: \$450.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$251.98 for the purchase of one (1) reflective aluminum "No Dumping" sign with mounting for the Rising West Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from the Rising West Neighborhood Association.

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Submitted by: Jason Walton
Department: Community Development
Extension: 6369
Funding Source: 031_200_12200_12204_15198.540-001
Amount: \$251.98

Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 21) 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 \$4500.00 for the purchase of three (3) 72-inch Bohlmann round, steel, benches to be used within the Central Pratt neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Central Pratt Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Herman Lumzy
Department: Community Development
Extension: 8244
Funding Source: 031_200_12130_12131_15198.540-001
Amount: \$4,500.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 22) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing one (1) lectern, one (1) rechargeable microphone with receiver, and one (1) portable speaker system to be used at Oakwood Place Neighborhood Association meetings. Said funding to be paid from the Oakwood Place Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Jason Walton
Department: Community Development
Extension: 6369
Funding Source: 031_200_12200_12203_15198.540-001
Amount: \$2,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 23) A Resolution pursuant to §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$3000.00 for the purchase of a heated holding cabinet and 10 stainless steel sheet pans for use by the Powderly Neighborhood Association. Said funds to come from the Powderly Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Ceara Benson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2548
Funding Source: 031_200_12180_12184_15198.540-001
Amount: \$3,000.00

Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
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- 24) A Project Agreement with Magnolia Point Restaurant, LLC, under which Magnolia Point will undertake a project to make improvements to the “Magnolia Point Building,” located at 2234 Magnolia Avenue South, in connection with the development and operation of a restaurant, and the City will provide financial incentives to Magnolia Point in an amount not to exceed \$364,000 in support of the project, payable in five annual installments equal to the lesser of \$72,800 or 50% of the sales tax revenue generated to the City from the restaurant.

Submitted by: Cornell Wesley

Department: Innovation & Economic Opportunity

Extension: 3007

Funding Source: Future Sales Tax Revenue

Amount: \$364,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 25) **Old & New Business**
None

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