



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MONDAY, August 26, 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 Committee Member, Council President Pro Tem Alexander.
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
The August 12, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #6,12,13, 14,15,24
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 execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Food+Culture to promote and host its annual Food +Cultural Festival in the City of Birmingham beginning on September 19- 22, 2024 at Pepper Place and other venues around the City, under which the City will sponsor Food+Culture which is designed to celebrate the Magic City's dynamic culinary industry, provide a platform and a table where people come together to learn about the region's rich culture, and discuss issues of deeper cultural significance (the "Event"). In accordance with Amendment No. 772 the City will contribute up to \$25,000 in financial incentives to host the Event in Birmingham.
Submitted by: Cornell Wesley, Director of IEO
Department: Innovation and Economic Opportunity
Extension: 2751
Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_003_00940545001
Amount: \$25,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 5) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an Agreement for Services with **Create Birmingham, Inc.**, under which Create Birmingham will provide professional services in attracting and developing film, television, commercial, music video and other media productions that will have significant impact on the City's local creative economy while raising Birmingham's national profile as a dynamic and hospitable place to do business. The City will provide financial incentives, pursuant to Amendment No.772 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a term of one (1) year.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department Mayor's Office
Extension: 2144

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Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96500_96540.550-006 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Economic Servs_Create Birmingham. Annual Contributions-Economic Services)

Amount: \$ 150,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, for and as the act of said City, an agreement with Rebirth Community Corporation, under which Rebirth Community Corporation will organize, plan, and facilitate the following: District 1 Initiatives- Be Litter Free Events, Youth Enrichment Activities, Financial Literacy, and Community Outreach for a term of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed (\$50,000.00).

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: City Council

Extension: 2907

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_010_04210_04211.527-014

Amount: \$50,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 7) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with A.G. GASTON BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, INC., in substantially the same form as on file in the Office of the City Clerk, to give support and coordinate goods and services for the care of the poor and needy through community outreach programs to provide extended learning opportunities & educational enrichment programming during out of school time and during the summer for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Submitted by: Chanda Temple

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: x2622

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.

- 8) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and the **Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham ("RPCGB")**, under which the RPCGB (i) shall assist the City with applications for federal and state grants (ii) provide multi-jurisdictional planning for comprehensive land use, corridor and strategic development (iii) provide long range programs and planning including urbanized area and greenway plans (iii) RPCGB shall assist the City with GIS data development, analysis, and deployment assistance for a term of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$128,403.00 for the services provided.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96727.550-008 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Other Servs_ Alabama Ballet. Annual Contributions-Other Services)

Amount: \$ 128,403.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

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- 9) A Funding Agreement with **Jefferson County Greenways Commission**, an agency of the State of Alabama, under which the City will make an appropriation to Jefferson County Greenways Commission in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 dollars \$250,000, to support the operations of Red Mountain Park. The term of the Agreement will continue through June 30, 2025, subject to annual appropriation of funds by the City.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman
Department Mayor's Office
Extension: 2144
Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_400_96500_96546.550-006 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Economic Servs Red Mountain Park_ Annual Contributions-Economic Services)
Amount: \$ 250,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 10) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Housing Reinvestment Corporation of America (HRCA)**, under which HRCA will be awarded funds under the "American Rescue Plan Act," ("ARPA") in an amount not to exceed \$1,622,163.00.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth, Deputy Director
Department Community Development Extension: 2241
Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_022_17000_17401.531-009
Amount: \$1,622,163.00
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 a Development Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Woodlawn Foundation, Inc.** under which **Woodlawn Foundation, Inc** will be awarded funds under the "CDBG", HOME, and the "American Rescue Plan Act," ("ARPA") for the purpose of (i) constructing up to (8) affordable new construction rental units located in South Woodlawn on 2.8 acres currently owned by Woodlawn United; (ii) on-site infrastructure improvements; and (iii), and provide housing for HABD residents at or below 30% AMI to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)., for an amount not to exceed \$1,641,803.00.
Submitted by: Cory Stallworth, Deputy Director
Department Community Development
Extension: 2241
Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_022_17000_17401.531-009
Amount: \$1,641,803.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$2500.00 to the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to transporting Carver High School students to Arthur Shores Park for the Annual Christmas Parade in December of 2024. Said funds to come from the Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds.
Submitted by: Willie Watson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2066
Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001

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Amount: \$2500.00

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 et. seq. and §11-47-19 Codes of Alabama, 1975, authorizing the Mayor to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the purchase of one (1) double-sided, ornamental, aluminum neighborhood sign with 7.5 ft posts and shrubs to be locate on city owned property at 29th Street SW and Walnut Street within the Industrial Center Neighborhood. Said funds to come from the Industrial Center Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Ceara Benson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2548

Funding Source: 031_200_12090_12094_15198.540-001

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 §11-47-19, 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 \$1000, to allow the Library Board to provide supplies and equipment for the East Ensley Library Branch. Said funds shall come from the Sherman Heights Neighborhood Association.

Submitted by: Herman Lumzy

Department: Community Development

Extension: 8244

Funding Source: 031_200_12080_12082_15198.540-001

Amount: \$1000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to allocate funds in an amount not to exceed \$300.00 and execute contracts with Sean Burrell to allow Sean Burrell to provide disk jockey services, including equipment, for the Industrial Center Neighborhood Association's Fun Day on September 28, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mary Dorsey Center located at 4560 Park Avenue in the City of Birmingham. Said funds are to come from the Industrial Center Neighborhood Association Funds.

Submitted by: Ceara Benson

Department: Community Development Extension: 2548

Funding Source: 031_200_12090_12094_15198.540-001

Amount: \$300.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 16) An Ordinance, pursuant to §36-21-49 Code of Alabama and Alabama Act 1969-916, authorizing the Mayor and/or the Chief of Police to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and the City of Birmingham for its Birmingham Police Department (BPD), for a term of up to three years, for the issuance of UC DL or ID Cards for BPD Officers working in Investigative Operations. The Mayor and/or the Chief of Police shall be authorized to expend up to \$1,000.00 for fees related to issuance of DL or ID cards and to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the purpose of the Agreement.

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Submitted by: Mayor
Department: Mayor
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: BPD Operating Budget
Amount: \$1,000.00

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

- 17) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-11, §11-43-55 and §41-16-51.(b)(9), Code of Alabama, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama, Inc. ("Crime Stoppers"), an Alabama non-profit corporation, under which Crime Stoppers agrees to provide to the City of Birmingham, recurring advertising and promotion of the resources of BPD via multiple media sources including, but not be limited to such media sources as fliers, signs, webpages, social media, newspapers, radio or television, for the purpose of aiding BPD in the prevention and detection of criminal activity. The term of the Agreement shall not exceed one (1) year and shall end on June 30, 2025. For said services the City will pay to Crime Stoppers a total sum not to exceed Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Submitted by: Mayor
Department: Mayor
Extension: 2277
Funding Source: G/L # 001_031_03700.527-014
Amount: \$50,000.00

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

- 18) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Urban Alchemy in an amount not to exceed \$1,717,881.00, under which Urban Alchemy will provide services to the City by providing community engagement & outreach, homeless outreach, interim housing, hygiene services, street cleaning, and community crisis response to nonemergency 911 and other calls related to homelessness, mental health, and addiction to address the challenges created by the intersection of poverty, mental illness, addiction and homelessness.

Submitted by: Chris Hatcher
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2807
Funding Source: G/L 039_000.527-050 ARPA
Amount: \$1,717,881.00

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

- 19) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Housing Reinvestment Corporation of America (HRCA)**, under which HRCA will be awarded funds under the HOME and "American Rescue Plan Act," ("ARPA") in an amount not to exceed \$1,539,000.00.

Submitted by: Cory Stallworth, Deputy Director
Department Community Development
Extension: 2241
Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_022_17000_17401.531-009

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Amount: \$1,539,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 20) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **Housing Reinvestment Corporation of America (HRCA)**, under which HRCA will be awarded funds under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program (“CDBG-DR”) and the “American Rescue Plan Act,” (“ARPA”) in an amount not to exceed \$3,950.984.00.

Submitted by: Cory Stallworth, Deputy Director

Department Community Development

Extension: 2241

Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_022_17000_17401.531-009

Amount: \$3,950.84.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 21) **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, a Management Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Board of Directors (BCRI), under which BCRI shall manage, operate, supervise and maintain all property comprising the Institute, for a term of three (3) years, and each year the City shall provide operational funding to BCRI in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 payable in four (4) equal installments, subject to an appropriation by the City in each corresponding fiscal year budget.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor’s Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96500_96519.550-009

Amount: \$1,000,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 22) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Birmingham Times Media Group, LLC, under which Birmingham Times Media Group, LLC will provide weekly print and online advertisements to inform and educate the citizens of the City of Birmingham about City codes, Ordinances, programs and services to positively support the citizens of Birmingham, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. In addition, Birmingham Times Media Group will deliver and distribute 50 weekly copies of the Birmingham Times Newspaper for a sum of \$65,000 to be paid in two equal installments of \$32,500.00, for a term beginning September 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels

Department: City Council

Extension: 8940

Recommended Funding Source: 001_010_04200.527-050

Amount: \$65,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

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- 23) A resolution by the Council of the City of Birmingham authorizing the Mayor 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. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) for its Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program. This grant will be used to partner with Cornerstone Revitalization Foundation to perform energy burden reduction work city-wide and create workforce development opportunities by partnering with the Black Business Center that's being created through the Recompete grant. The funding request is up to \$20,000,000.00 with no City match required.
Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance (Grants Division)
Extension: 2434
Recommended Funding: N/A
Amount: N/A
Action Taken:
Councilor Smitherman Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Councilor Alexander Abstained.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 24) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with **Oak Hill Memorial Association** ("Oak Hill Association") to provide for the maintenance, care and control of the Oak Hill, Elyton and East Lake Cemeteries, as authorized in City Code Section 12-4-21, for a term of 3 years commencing August 2024 and ending June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$201,297.00, subject to annual appropriation of funds by the City.
Submitted by: Michelle Inman Department Mayor's Office Extension: 2144
Recommended Funding Source: GL/ 001_400_96000_96001.550-001 (General Fund_Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies Required Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery. Annual Contributions-Required)
Amount: \$ \$201,297.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 25) **Old & New Business**
Homelessness Social Services Request
Councilor Smitherman asked for an update from the organizations that are in the budget, how the City can reach out to them for any instances occurring in the districts.
AIDS Alabama - provides a range of essential services to support the community in the battle against HIV. The comprehensive offerings include social services, transportation assistance, support for substance misuse, mental healthcare, etc. they also offer, free, confidential and anonymous rapid HIV testing, Hepatitis C testing, STI infections, and treatment at no cost. They are administering over \$4 million annually in affordable housing initiatives. Their primary goal is to enhance access to affordable housing and transition clients from emergency shelters to stable and independent homes.
Family Connection – a non-profit organization that serves youth through safety, shelter and counseling services. They operate their project Hope facility that serves run-away, homeless, street, and at-risk youth ages 12 to 21. They provide case management, life skills training, transportation, access to medical supplies, hygiene products, clothing etc.
Pathways – a shelter for women and children experiencing homelessness. They offer three programs for women and children experiencing street homelessness. They have the safe haven program for women with severe mental illness experiencing homelessness. They are a United Way agency, and receives City of Birmingham and Jefferson County funding.
First Light Shelter – provides emergency shelter to homeless women and woman with children. They also assist with finding permanent supportive housing. They provide weekly group and individual counseling.
Community on the Rise – opened in 2020. They focus on providing the homeless with housing, employment, education and healing around trauma. One of the primary outreach services they provide is twice weekly ID clinics. Their comprehensive housing program serves women experiencing homelessness.

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The Firehouse Shelter – a lifeline for Birmingham’s chronically homeless men since 1983. They provide essential services to over 5,000 of the most venerable individuals through a broad and comprehensive range of programs. The day shelter operates 5 days a week and is open to anyone in the community. Three nutritious meals are provided daily.

The Jimmy Hale Mission – the mission has been operating in the City of Birmingham for 80 years. It is a comprehensive service provider that provides all services free of charge to all in need. They operate three facilities. They also operating Jesse’s Place, a center for woman and children.

Bridge Ministries – provides homeliness prevention rather than services directly to the homeless. They do not have shelter, but occasionally provide vouchers for motels.

One Roof – coordinate all the homeliness services. They are the conduit through which all the providers play well together. They maintain the data that helps the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County, and surrounding municipalities make data-driven decisions. They help people find the services they need. Their outreach service covers all of the Jefferson, Shelby and St. Clair counties.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

26) Adjournment

Councilor Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.