



JOINT ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024 | 2:00 PM | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## MINUTES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM WARDINE ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR  
COUNCILORS DARRELL O'QUINN AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COUNCILOR(S) PRESENT: Alexander, O'Quinn

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Pro Tem Alexander.

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES

Action Taken:

There were no Minutes for Approval.

### III. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

#### A. 2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA REPORT - EARL HILLIARD, JR. - COB SR. PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

**Earl Hilliard, Jr.**

The 2024 Legislative Session will start February 4, 2025 – May 15, 2025.

When bills are pre-filed, it lends an opportunity to decide if they support the bill or oppose the bill and create a not.

It is anticipated that approximately 2000 bills will be pre-filed.

**HB26** – Switch State Ban, Similar to the Glock Switch Bill Glock – Sponsored by Representative Enslar

- The bill prohibits the possession of pistols with parts installed to convert to a machine gun. This bill was not discussed during the session.

**SB3** - Submitted by Senator Barfoot and **HB14** - Sponsored by Representative Ingram

Both bills would authorize the Attorney General or Governor to appoint an interim police chief under certain circumstance.

**Alabama Landbank Act Amendment** – Sponsored by Senator Coleman-Madison

The County and State are moving towards selling tax liens. It amends provisions of the existing Alabama Land Bank Act. It allows local land bank authorities to acquire tax delinquent properties in shortened redemption period. It adds possibility of the creation of a multi-jurisdictional local land bank, and creation of local land bank authority by the Governor upon declaration of a natural disaster.

**Housing Trust Fund** – will allow for financing affordable housing or affordable housing programs in the City of Birmingham. This will be a program that's outside of the current CDBG and HOME Fund. This legislation will allow the City to set up a citywide housing trust where it can be funded using bonds, loans from the City, or uses from across the City. Corporations can also provide funding. This will be a separate entity outside of Community Development. It will have its own board and director. They can only make financing available for affordable housing projects.

**Community Land Trust** – This is an Act that will establish and regulate Community Land Trusts within municipalities and counties, ensuring the provision of affordable housing for low-to-moderate-income families, and promoting sustainable community development. The Community Land Trust works very similar to the Landbank; they have a board and program manager.

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**Squatters Bill Amendment – HB182** - Squatters Bill was passed in 2023. One of the aspects of the bill that left out of the bill is what to do with the individual's property.

**Personnel Board Opt-out** – This will be in efforts to hire police and fire more quickly.

**Alabama Vacant Property Registration Bill** – this proposed bill is intended to create a vacant registry that will allow the City to have owners better secure properties. The registry will incentivize property owners to repair the properties.

**Unauthorized Drop-Offs** – This act will prohibit unauthorized drop-offs of persons into the City of Birmingham from surrounding jurisdiction.

**Other Legislation**

Simplified Sellers Usage Tax (SSUT) Amendment – this legislation involves Internet tax clarification.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only**

**B. 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRE- FILED BILLS**

**a. THE JONES GROUP**

**No Report**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.**

**Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**