



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, October 28, 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 – October 14, 2024**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.
The October 14, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13,14
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 Neighborhood Allocation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$250.00 from Apple Valley NA and appropriating \$250.00 to Non Departmental, Transfer to Fund 001 General Fund; and amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$250.00 to Department of Transportation for East Precinct Police Department for 7 block watch signs.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 001
Amount: \$250.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 5) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$50,240.44 to Huffman Roebuck Park, for general use per donation received from the Jefferson County Community Service Fund.
Submitted by: Shonae Eddins-Bennet, Director
Department: Park & Recreation
Extension: 2391
Recommended Funding Source: 032 Donation Fund

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Amount: \$50,240.44

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary for the City of Birmingham to enter into a Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Homewood for the public purpose of making certain improvements along Green Springs Highway in the Homewood and Birmingham, Alabama specifically for repairing the drainage ditch along Green Springs Highway that bisects both municipalities for a term not to exceed 180 days and for a total cost not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

Submitted by: James Fowler

Department: BDOT

Extension: 3221

Recommended Funding Source: DOT046CP- Street Resurfacing

Amount: \$30,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 7) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant, execute and deliver an Agreement and all required documents to the State of Alabama Office of Information Technology for the FY 23 to 25 Alabama State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) and accept grant fund disbursement to the City of Birmingham for the purpose of determining current City cybersecurity readiness level, identifying key areas of improvement or enhancement and providing pathways which will enable the City to acquire the necessary resources to strengthen its systems and processes. The funding request is \$1,961,615.11 with a twenty percent (20%) match required from the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance/Grants Division

Extension: 2434

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 pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to supporting educational services for the 2024-25 academic school year. Said funds to come from the following sources: Central City Neighborhood Association (\$900); Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds (\$500); Evergreen Neighborhood Association (\$1,000); Fountain Heights Neighborhood Association (\$1200); Norwood Neighborhood Association (\$4000).

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001 (\$500); 031_200_12120_12121_15198.540-001 (\$900); 031_200_12120_12123_15198.540-001 (\$1000); 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-00 (\$1200); 031_200_12120_12125_15198.540-001 (\$4000).

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Amount: \$7600

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 9) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. seq., and §11-47-16 Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for an agreement with the Birmingham Botanical Society, Inc. for the purpose of providing books, DVDs, and other materials at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens public horticulture library which will be made available to residents of the City of Birmingham, with said funding to come from the Redmont Park Neighborhood Association.

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

Funding Source: 031_200_12140_12143_15198.540-001

Amount: \$5,000

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to supporting educational services for the 2024-25 academic school year. Said funds to come from the following sources: Central City Neighborhood Association (\$900); Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds (\$500); Evergreen Neighborhood Association (\$1,000); Fountain Heights Neighborhood Association (\$1200); Norwood Neighborhood Association (\$4000).

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001 (\$500); 031_200_12120_12121_15198.540-001 (\$900); 031_200_12120_12123_15198.540-001 (\$1000); 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-00 (\$1200); 031_200_12120_12125_15198.540-001 (\$4000).

Amount: \$7600

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 11) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to supporting educational services for the 2024-25 academic school year. Said funds to come from the following sources: Central City Neighborhood Association (\$900); Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds (\$500); Evergreen Neighborhood Association (\$1,000); Fountain Heights Neighborhood Association (\$1200); Norwood Neighborhood Association (\$4000).

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

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Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001 (\$500); 031_200_12120_12121_15198.540-001 (\$900); 031_200_12120_12123_15198.540-001 (\$1000); 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-00 (\$1200); 031_200_12120_12125_15198.540-001 (\$4000).

Amount: \$7600

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 12) A Resolution pursuant to §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to supporting educational services for the 2024-25 academic school year. Said funds to come from the following sources: Central City Neighborhood Association (\$900); Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds (\$500); Evergreen Neighborhood Association (\$1,000); Fountain Heights Neighborhood Association (\$1200); Norwood Neighborhood Association (\$4000).

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001 (\$500); 031_200_12120_12121_15198.540-001 (\$900); 031_200_12120_12123_15198.540-001 (\$1000); 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-00 (\$1200); 031_200_12120_12125_15198.540-001 (\$4000).

Amount: \$7600

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 §16-11-9.1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 to authorize the Mayor to expend funds and execute agreements with the Birmingham Board of Education (the "Board") in an amount not to exceed \$7,600.00 to allow the Board to coordinate with Carver High School to provide services to Carver High School for expenses related to supporting educational services for the 2024-25 academic school year. Said funds to come from the following sources: Central City Neighborhood Association (\$900); Druid Hills Neighborhood Association Funds (\$500); Evergreen Neighborhood Association (\$1,000); Fountain Heights Neighborhood Association (\$1200); Norwood Neighborhood Association (\$4000)

Submitted by: Willie Watson

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2066

Funding Source: 031_200_12120_12122_15198.540.001 (\$500); 031_200_12120_12121_15198.540-001 (\$900); 031_200_12120_12123_15198.540-001 (\$1000); 031_200_12120_12124_15198.540-00 (\$1200); 031_200_12120_12125_15198.540-001 (\$4000).

Amount: \$7600

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 et. seq., §11-47-16 and §38-2-9, Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to expend funds and execute an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 with Birmingham Zoo, Inc. to allow Birmingham Zoo, Inc. to provide STEM programming to 7th grade students in Birmingham City Schools, with said funding to come from the Redmont Neighborhood Association.

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Submitted by: Willie Watson
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2035
Funding Source: 031_200_12140_12143_15198.540-001
Amount: \$5,000
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 15) A Funding Agreement with The Public Athletic, Cultural and Entertainment Facilities Board (PACE Board) under which the City will provide funding to the PACE Board in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 annually, subject to appropriation of funding, for a term of 5 years which may be renewed for three additional terms of five years, with such funding to be used by the PACE Board to reimburse allowable travel expenses of the Center for Negro League Baseball Research, a Texas nonprofit foundation which performs curator and resident historian services for the at Negro Southern League Museum and has loaned artifacts being displayed at the Museum.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell
Department: Mayor's Office
Extension: 2771
Recommended Funding Source: 001_031_03700.534-034 Professional Services
Amount: \$10,000
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 16) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant, execute and deliver an Agreement and all required documents to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the FY25 Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Grants) and accept grant fund disbursement to the City of Birmingham for the purpose of focusing on mapping brownfield sites, prioritization of brownfield sites, community engagement (both public and private landowners), assessments, and identify potential brownfield clean up collaboration in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 with no match required from the City.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance/Grants Division
Extension: 2434
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.

- 17) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the Penny Foundation, a locally based, IRC Section 501(c)(3) federally income tax exempt Alabama non-profit corporation in an amount to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$33,000.00) for a term ending on or before June 30, 2026 under which the Penny Foundation will be responsible to provide professional assistance in order to administer a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP) grant awarded to the City of Birmingham to restore food sovereignty back to Birmingham residents and increase access to quality, affordable fresh foods, creating agricultural opportunities for community members and creating a more, just, equitable food future (the "Program").

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Finance/ Grants Division
Extension: X-2434

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Recommended Funding Source: USDA-UAIP Award Number NR233A750005G035

Amount: \$33,000.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), under which SWAC shall host the SWAC, Baseball Championships in the City at Rickwood Field, commencing in May 2025 for a term of three (3) years with an option to extend for two (2) additional years. The SWAC Championships will create and foster community pride while providing recreation, entertainment, and opportunities for attendees. The SWAC Championships are expected to bring jobs and have a significant economic benefit to the City. In accordance with section 772 the City will contribute up to \$1,000,000 in financial incentives towards hosting the SWAC Baseball Championships in Birmingham.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell, Chief of Operations

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: x-2771

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96100_96111.550-002 - Annual Contributions Contractual (SWAC)

Amount: \$1,000,000

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn

- 19) **Northside Redevelopment (Caraway Infrastructure)**

- 1) A Second Amended and Restated Redevelopment Project and Funding Agreement with Northside Redevelopment, L.L.C. under which the existing Amended and Restated Redevelopment Project and Funding Agreement between the City and Northside Redevelopment, L.L.C. dated January 3, 2023, will be further amended and restated to provide that the City will provide certain in-kind services in the form of certain public infrastructure improvements the City will construct in the vicinity of the former Carraway Memorial Hospital campus at a cost not to exceed \$4,500,000 in support of Northside Redevelopment's project to redevelop the former Carraway campus and certain adjoining parcels through the construction of a mixed use development.

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 2) Revolving Line of Credit Agreement between the City and PNC Bank, National Association under which the PNC Bank will provide a \$4,500,000 revolving line of credit to the City for a term of three years with such funding to be used for certain public infrastructure improvements to be undertaken by the City in the vicinity of the former Carraway Memorial Hospital campus.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2771

Recommended Funding Source: \$4,500,000 for public infrastructure from line of credit with PNC

Amount: \$4,500,000 (total incentive \$16,850,000)

Action Taken:

Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

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- 20) An Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$4,500,00.00 to Non Departmental, Debt Service Principal/Line of Credit for Carraway Infrastructure. Funding source is loan proceeds.
Submitted by: Diana L. Bolden, Director
Department: Finance
Extension: 2206
Recommended Funding Source: 001
Amount: \$ 4,500,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 21) **Old & New Business**
None
- 22) **Adjournment**