



JOINT BUDGET AND FINANCE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Monday, November 25, 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, Clarke, O'Quinn, Tate, Williams

- 1) **Call to Order**
The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Councilor Smitherman
- 2) **Approval of the Minutes – October 28, 2024**
Action Taken:
Councilor Abbott Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.
The October 28, 2024 Joint Budget and Finance and Special Called Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.
- 3) **Consideration of the Consent Agenda**
Items #5,9,11,13,15
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 4) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 et. and §38-2-9 Code of Alabama 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Daniel Payne Legacy Village Foundation (DPVLF), under which DPVLF, will expand their Meal Subscription Service program. The Meal Subscription Service project aims to significantly expand DPVLF's current food service programming to allow a Birmingham-based household to subscribe and receive 32 servings/meals per month by paying a subscription fee. The City of Birmingham will contribute towards the 1 year of service for 100 families and the distribution of 38,400 meals. The City will provide funding received under the to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$230,000.
Submitted by: Chris Hatcher, Chief Community Planner
Department City Council
Extension: 2907
Recommended Funding Source: Funding Source: G/L 039_000.527-050 - ARPA Health Food Initiatives
Amount: \$ 230,000.00
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 with Childcare Resources, under which Childcare Resources will assist families within the City of Birmingham locate quality childcare to meet their family's needs and provide, at no cost to the family a customized listing of childcare options, to aid the family in making an informed selection, and referrals to other services that may assist the family with their childcare needs for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00.
Submitted by: Felicia Jolly
Department City Council
Extension: 2907

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**Recommended Funding Source: 001_000_04250.542.001- District 5 Discretionary
Amount: \$4,000.00**

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 6) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$49,997.00 to IMS, for Alabama Workforce Stabilization Program per award received. (Resolution Number 1517-23).
Submitted by: Darryl Burroughs
Department: IMS
Extension: 2812
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035
Amount: \$49,997.00
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn at the request of the Administration.
- 7) An Ordinance to amend the Donation Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by appropriating \$3,010.77 to East Thomas NA, for general use per donation received from the Jefferson County Community Service Fund.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2867
Recommended Funding Source: 032 Donation Fund
Amount: \$ 3,010.77
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn – Approved at a Previous Meeting.
- 8) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$8,281.60 from Roebuck NA and appropriating \$8,281.60 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs purchase and install speed cushions on the listed locations and allocation amount; Roebuck Drive (\$2,258.60), and Red Mill Road (\$6,023.00).
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Thomas
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 102
Amount: \$ 8,281.60
Action Taken:
Item Withdrawn – Approved at a Previous Meeting.
- 9) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 and §16-11-9.1, Codes of Alabama 1975, authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with the **Birmingham Board of Education**, in an amount not to exceed \$7,998.00, to provide the following goods and services for the benefit of students at the following Birmingham City Schools: (1) The Board shall coordinate with **Glen Iris Elementary School**, for the amount of \$2,666.00 and **Epic Elementary School**, for the amount of \$2,666.00 , to assist with school expenses and ban d supplies. (2) The Board shall coordinate **Avondale Elementary School**, for \$2,500.00, to assist with school expenses. Said funds will come from District #3 Discretionary Funds. The allocation is exclusively for the purposes stated.
Submitted by: Jeffrey McDaniels
Department City Council
Extension: 2751
Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001-000-04230-542-001

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Amount: \$ 7,998.00

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.

- 10) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and Birmingham Property Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$460,000.00, under which Birmingham Property Group, LLC will provide services to the City by funding its Pathway to Homeownership Program (“the Program”) under which it will convert tenants into homeowners through a structured process which includes homeownership assistance, thereby revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting community stability through the rehabilitation of four (4) houses over a twelve-month period in the Fountain Heights and Druid Hills area to provide housing for qualifying residents of the City of Birmingham at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).
Submitted by: Chris Hatcher
Department: Mayor’s Office
Extension: 2807
Funding Source: G/L 039_000.527-050 - ARPA Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Amount: \$460,000
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 11) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Birmingham and the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, under which the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District will provide services to the City by providing care to the poor and needy of Birmingham through the completion of its Project to make the north and south entrances to the Harris Homes tunnel ADA accessible for school students and residents of the surrounding communities (the “Project”).
Submitted by: Chris Hatcher
Department: Mayor’s Office
Extension: 2807
Funding Source: G/L 039_000.527-050 - ARPA District 5 Funds (\$100,000.00) and ARPA District 4 Funds (\$25,000.00)
Amount: \$125,000
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Vendor Agreement with Mainline Information Systems, LLC, for a multitenant Mainframe as a Service (MfaaS) solution to support the City’s requirements for hosting and managed services support from an active State of Alabama, Finance Department Purchasing Division contract (State of Alabama Master Agreement MA23000000418) for a period not to exceed three (3) years in an amount not exceed One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (1,329,334.00)
Submitted by: Darryl Burroughs
Department: IMS
Extension: 2803
Recommended Funding Source: ARPA Non-Revenue Loss
Amount: \$1,329,334.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
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- 13) A Resolution approving that the Mayor of the City of Birmingham 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 2025 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$100,000.00 with the Grant funds to be used for law enforcement and technology improvements 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 Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 14) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars and 00/100 cents) from Councilor Tate's G/L account # 001_010_04290_04291.527-014 to the following Neighborhood Association noncapital accounts.
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| North Pratt | 031_200_12130_12132_15199 | \$2000.00 |
| Pratt | 031_200_12130_12131_15199 | \$1000.00 |
| Ensley | 031_200_12080_12081_15199 | \$1000.00 |
| | | \$4000.00 |
- Submitted by: Jeffery McDaniels**
Department: City Council (10)
Extension: 2035
Recommended Funding Source: Abbott G/L Account # 001_010_04290_04291.527- 014
Amount: \$ 4,000.00
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.
- 15) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, by transferring \$4,517.25 from Redmont Park NA and appropriating \$4,517.25 to Department of Transportation, R&M Infrastructure Street & Traffic Signs purchase & install speed cushions on the listed Cahaba Road.
Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas, Director
Department: Community Development
Extension: 2723
Recommended Funding Source: 031 & 102
Amount: \$ 4,517.25
Action Taken:
Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.
Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.
Item Recommended to the City Council Consent Agenda.
- 16) A Project Agreement between the **City of Birmingham**, and **DOLGENCORP, LLC** dba Dollar General under which Dollar General will lease, rehabilitate and remodel existing retail space located at 833 Dennison Avenue Southwest, Birmingham, AL 35210, formerly "Save A Lot" food stores in the Heritage Park Towne Center, delivering everyday low prices on items such as meats, fruits, vegetables, dairy, beverages, snacks, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, basic apparel, housewares and more to meet the needs and desires of shoppers in local neighborhoods in an amount up to but not to exceed \$600,000, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.
Submitted by: Cornell Wesley
Department City Council
Extension: 2907

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**Recommended Funding Source: 001_003_00910.45-001 Economic Incentives Agreements
Amount: \$600,000.00**

Action Taken:

Item Withdrawn at the request of the Administration.

- 17) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), under which SWAC will organize and host the SWAC's 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Championship Tournaments to include Men's and Women's Track & Field (at the CrossPlex – Bill Harris Arena), Baseball Championship (at Birmingham Rickwood Field Stadium), and one (1) other Championship Tournament in the City ("Championships"). 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 an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for FY:2025, FY:2026, FY:2027, FY:2028 and FY: 2029 in financial incentives towards hosting the SWAC 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: \$250,000

Action Taken:

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Abbott Seconded the Motion.

Item Recommended to the City Council Agenda.

- 18) **Old & New Business**

Mayor Woodfin

Overview of City Finances & Proposed Budget Amendments for FY2025

Diana Bolden presented information relative to the 2025 Amended Budget (via slide presentation):

Proposed:

- Cost of living adjustment of 3% for all employees
- 5% merit increase to all eligible employees
- Longevity pay to all eligible employees
- The weed abatement from 2024 has increased by \$750,000.00
- Demolition from 2024 has increased by of \$1,500,000.00
- Sidewalks from 2024 has increased by \$800,000.00
- Rolling stock and deferred maintenance from will remain the same.

2025 Revenue Components:

Total of \$582 million vs. \$557 million for 2024.

The Birmingham Fund balance as of 10/31/2024 is \$121 million.

The City's revenues are up by 5%.

There is no increase in healthcare or pension costs to the employee.

Action Taken:

The Administration will provide all requested information/answer to questions to the Council.

The deadline date for questions is Friday, December 6, 2024.

Information Only

- 19) **Adjournment**

Councilor Alexander Motioned to Adjourn.

Councilor Smitherman Seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned.