

**The Joint Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
&
Committee of the Whole Meeting**

***Monday, September 8, 2025
Council Chambers
3:30 p.m.***

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AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of the Minutes

3) Consideration of the Consent Agenda

Consent

4) An Ordinance to amend the Grants Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by appropriating \$960.00 to Planning, Engineering, Planning and for Certified Local Government Grant per award received from Alabama Historical Commission. Increasing the total from \$14,400.00 to \$15,360.00 (Resolution Number 839-24).

**Submitted by: Katrina Thomas, Director
Department: Planning, Engineering, and Permits
Extension: 2288
Recommended Funding Source: Fund 035
Amount: \$960.00**

5) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by transferring \$600.00 from Oak Ridge/West Ensley NA and appropriating \$600.00 to Transfer to Fund 001 General Fund; and amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by appropriating \$600.00 to Library-East Ensley Library,

Supplies - Other General Office to support the S.A.L.T (Seniors Adults Living Triumphantly) program.

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: 031 Neighborhood Allocations Fund

Amount: \$ 600.00

6) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by transferring \$1,400.00 from Huffman NA and appropriating \$1,400.00 to Transfer to Fund 102 Capital Improvement Fund; and amend the Capital Improvement Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by appropriating \$1,400.00 to Department of Transportation, Traffic Calming (i.e. speed cushions).

Submitted by: James Fowler, Director

Department: Department of Transportation

Extension: 2622

Recommended Funding Source: 031 Neighborhood Allocations

Amount: \$ 1,400.00

7) An Ordinance to amend the Neighborhood Allocations Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by transferring \$500.00 from Dolomite NA and appropriating \$500.00 to Transfer to Fund 001 General Fund; and amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by appropriating \$450.00 to Library-East Ensley Library, Supplies - Other General Office and appropriating \$50.00 to Library-Adult Programming, Professional Fees - Other Professional Services to support purchase of operational supplies.

Submitted by: Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2723

Recommended Funding Source: 031 Neighborhood Allocations Fund

Amount: \$ 500.00

8) A request seeking a budget ordinance to transfer funds totaling \$4,500.00 (four thousand five hundred dollars and no cents 00/100) from Councilor O'Quinn account # 001_010_04250_04251.527-014 to the following District 5 Libraries accounts.

East Lake Library - (\$1,500.00)

North Avondale Library - (\$1,500.00)

Central Downtown Library - (\$1,500.00)

Total Amount - \$4,500.00

Submitted by: Connie Horn

Department: City Council (10)

Extension: 2430

Recommended Funding Source: O'Quinn G/L Account # 001_010_04250_04251.527-014

Amount: \$4500.00

9) First Amendment to Project Agreement with SecturaSoft, Inc., and Stella Source, Inc. dated October 25, 2023, to change the name of SecturaSOFT, Inc. to SourceCaps Holding, Inc. to reflect a corporate name change.

Submitted by: Irenio Johnson

Department: Innovation Economic Development

Extension: 2799

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

10) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and **McWane Science Center d/b/a McWane Center**, ("McWane") 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 of one (1) year and the City will provide financial incentives to McWane, pursuant to Amendment No. 772 in an amount not to exceed \$159,104.00(One Hundred Fifty -Nine Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars an 00/100).

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayors Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding

Source: 001_400_96500_96510.550.005 Annual Contributions Youth Programs

Amount: \$159,104.00

11) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §11-47-16, and §11-47-19, Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Sidewalk Film Center & Cinema, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$3,250.00 to allow Sidewalk Film Center & Cinema, Inc to provide services for the City of Birmingham by fostering independent filmmaking and hosting film screenings, educational programs, and the nationally recognized Sidewalk Film Festival which increases revenues for the city of Birmingham by welcoming more than 200 visiting filmmakers and more than 14,000 film fans to the area throughout the festival weekend. Said funds to come from the following source: (\$1000) 001_000_04220.542.001 Council District 2 Discretionary Funds (\$1,500) 001_000_04250.542.001 Council District 5 Discretionary Funds (\$750) 001-000-04260-542-001 Council District 6 Discretionary Funds.

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: City Council

Extension: 2907

Funding Source: 001-000-04260-542-001

Amount: \$11000.00

12) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with CBG Strategies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, for a term of one year, under which CBG Strategies, LLC will provide services to the City of Birmingham by executing a communication plan which includes developing content and messaging to support community engagement to allow the City of Birmingham to engage directly with Birmingham residents. Funding will come from the following source:

Submitted by: Belinda Bertrand

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2704

Funding Source:

Amount: \$140,000.00

13) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, §38-2-9, and §11-47-19 Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 with Huffman Development Council, under which Huffman Development Council, will administer the Huffman Community Garden at 600 Huffman Road, Birmingham, Alabama to

work towards eradicating food insecurity and promoting healthier lifestyles for all residents of the Huffman neighborhood. Said funds to come from Huffman Neighborhood Association funds.

Submitted by: Melony Martin

Department: Community Development

Extension: 2535

Funding Source: 032_202_12100_12101.540-001 (\$18,210.95);

031_200_12100_12101_15198.540-001 (\$1,789.05)

Amount: \$20000.00

14) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies, Inc., under which Brenda's Brown Bosom Buddies, Inc., will provide Community Health Forums in order to provide breast cancer awareness to the community, and educational programs for residents of the City of Birmingham at no cost, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$12,500. Said funds shall come from District # 7 Discretionary funds (\$5,000) and District # 6 Discretionary funds (\$2,500), and District #9 Discretionary funds (\$5,000).

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: Council

Extension: 2907

Funding Source: (\$5,000) 001_000_04270.542.001; (\$2,500)

001_000_04260.542.001, and 001_000_04290.542.001

Amount: \$12,500

15) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Downtown Jimmie Hale Mission ("Jimmie Hale Mission"), under which Jimmie Hale Mission will ensure the safety and well-being of the vulnerable populations by providing shelter for Birmingham's homeless population during extreme weather conditions; provide efficient operational staffing which includes reliable transportation to the shelter, nutritious meals, cleaning supplies and laundry services for a one year term, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Funding Source: 001_400_96700_96832.550-008 (General Fund Boards & Agencies Boards & Agencies & Agencies Other Servs_Unhoused Services. Annual Contributions-Other Services)

Amount: \$75000

16) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1, and §38-2-9 Codes of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Community Food Bank of Central Alabama, under which Community Food Bank of Central Alabama will provide services to the City of Birmingham by addressing food insecurity in Council District 8 of the City, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Funds to come from District 8 Discretionary funds.

Submitted by: Felicia Jolly

Department: Council

Extension: 2907

Funding Source: 001_000_04280.542.001- District 8 Discretionary

Amount: \$10000.00

17) A Funding Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Southbound Food Festival ("SFF"), under which SFF will promote and host its annual food festival in the City of Birmingham from September 19-28, 2025, at Pepper Place, Sloss Furnace and other venues around the City, 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"). The City will provide SFF an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 of financial incentives to host the Event in Birmingham, pursuant to Amendment No. 772.

Submitted by: Coreata' Houser, Director of IEO

Department Innovation Economic Opportunity

Extension: 2751

Recommended Funding Source: 057_000.690-001

Amount \$ 50,000.00

18) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Funding Agreement with the **Birmingham Jefferson County Port Authority ("BJCPA")**, under which the BJCPA will provide for the operation of an inland port facility on the Black Warrior River for recreational, transportation,

agricultural, industrial, and commercial purposes and other professional services as needed to carry out its duties and responsibilities and other services that are required to fulfill the intent of the Port Authority Act as defined in Chapter 94 of Title 11 of the Code of Alabama (1975) and the purposes of the Funding Agreement and the City will pay the BJCPA an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$125,000.00) for such services, provided that such funding has been approved and included in the City's General Fund Budget for FY2025-2026.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96700_96823.550-008

Amount: \$ 125,000.00

19) 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 \$300,000.00, for a term of one (1) year.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96700_96823.550-008

Amount: \$300,000.00

20) An Ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute, an Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Oak Hill Memorial Association dated on September 3, 2024 and approved by Ordinance No. 24-65, and amended on April 8, 2025 for FY 2024-2025 , and approved by Ordinance No. 25-37, in substantially the same form as on file in the Office of the City Clerk and , to provide an additional amount of Twenty Five

Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00), to work on the eastern perimeter wall in October, beginning at the corner of 13th Court North and extending down to the entrance gate on 19th Street (roughly 600 linear feet)increasing the funding under the Agreement for the FY 2025-2026 term only, for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and No/100 (\$226,297.00).

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department Mayor's Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: G/L 001_400_96000_96001.550-001

Amount: \$ 226,297.00

21) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with Blue Strike Environmental, Inc. ("Blue Strike") in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, under which Blue Strike will provide services to the City of Birmingham by conducting a comprehensive Farmers' Market Study in furtherance of the City's Project entitled Sovereign Birmingham: Catalyzing Market Opportunities and Policies to Increase Urban Agriculture and Create a Food Sovereign Birmingham (the "Project"). The Project and the Farmers' Market Study aim to strengthen urban agriculture, improve market access, and advance food sovereignty within the City. The funding source is USDA NRCS Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Grant. Award Identifying Number NR233A70005G035.

Submitted by: Thomas Yuill

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2022

**Funding Source: USDA NRCS Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP)
Grant. Award Identifying Number NR233A70005G035**

Amount: \$35,000.00

22) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for, submit, execute, expend, accept and take any and all action as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms off the Grant submission requirements and Grant Agreement with the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama (EDPA) for the **Site Evaluation and Economic Development Strategy Act (SEEDS) Program** to develop a site assessment plan for the Ensley Works site in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 with a 1:1 City match and further authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate to accept and expend the grant funds on behalf of the City in accordance with the grant documents.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Finance

Extension: 2434

Recommended Funding Source: FY27 Grant Match (Fund 036).

Amount: \$2,000,000.00

23) A resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase order wherein the City shall purchase from the University of Alabama at Birmingham up to 1,200 football ticket per UAB home games during the 2025 college football season, at a cost of \$200,000, the City shall distribute the tickets in accordance with applicable laws, including but not limited to the Alabama Ethics Cose of Alabama and the purchase of such tickets is in the best interest of the City and will serve a public purpose and further enhance the public benefit and welfare by, among other things, promoting local economic development; stimulating and diversifying the local economy; promoting and increasing the City's tourist economy, which will result in additional tax revenues for the City; and the generation of additional revenue from the increased tourism and economic activity association with the UAB Football Program, the American Athletic Conference and all inuring to the financial health of the City. The City finds that the above-cited items constitute significant public benefits to the City and its Citizens and serve a public purpose.

Submitted by: Chaz Mitchell, Chief of Operations

Department: Mayor's Office

Extension: 2271

Recommended Funding Source: 057-Sports and Entertainment Recruitment Fund

Amount: \$ 200,000.00

24) First Amendment to Agreement with Opportunity Space, Inc. d/b/a Tolemi, under which an Agreement between the City and Tolemi dated January 30, 2024, for the City's acquisition of a subscription for Tolemi's Building Blocks software and related licenses to be used for property management analytics at a cost of \$65,200 per year will be amended to provide that the City will acquire Tolemi's "publiCity" system and related services to provide the City a public-facing property listing platform for a term of 12 months at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, which term is subject to annual renewal.

Submitted by: Diana Bolden

Department: Department of Finance

Extension: 2205

Recommended Funding Source: 001_019_0001.527-050 Project IMS102CP 003871

Amount: \$12,000

25) A Resolution approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Software as a Service Agreement (SaaS) with **Accela Inc. (Accela)** , San Ramon, California, under which Accela will provide a cloud-based enterprise system that supports permitting, regulatory processes and enforcement for various City departments. The City has approximately 200 users with licenses for various functions for permitting, plan review, code enforcement as well as regulatory processes. The City shall pay Accela an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars and 86/100 (\$2,180,056.86).

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2751

Recommended Funding Source: 00001_037_01920_01922.531-020 - Rental Software Leases

Amount: \$2,180,056.86

26) A Resolution approving authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with **Red Mountain Theatre Company, Inc. (“RMTC”)**, under which RMTC will agree to make its facilities available, to the public, for cultural events and training for a term of one year and the City shall pay RMTC an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for its 2025 – 2026 fiscal year.

Submitted by: Michelle Inman

Department Mayor’s Office

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 001_400_96400_96431.550-005

Amount: \$ 150,000.00

27) A Resolution accepting the donation and conveyance of real property from Urban Ministries, Inc. to the City of Birmingham for use for any valid public purpose, said real property being located at 1329 Cotton Ave. SW, Birmingham, AL 35211, and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the acceptance of the donation of the real property.

Submitted by: Diana Bolden

Department: Department of Finance

Extension: 2206

Recommended Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

28) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. to extend the services to the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Department for the City’s emergency dispatch operations and services, for a term not to exceed one (1) year, and for an amount not to exceed \$596,333.70.

Submitted by: Anette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 00001_037_01920_01922.531-020 - Rental Software Leases

Amount: \$596,333.70

29) A Resolution pursuant to §11-40-1 of the Code of Alabama, 1975 authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement with ESO Solutions, Inc. to allow the EMS billing office to complete and submit electronic patient care reports to the insurance companies within 24-hours for a term not to exceed one (1) year. The cloud-based program will increase HIPPA compliance and reliability for mandatory State reporting and for an amount not to exceed \$246,737.25.

Submitted by: Anette Harris

Department IMS

Extension: 2144

Recommended Funding Source: 00001_037_01920_01922.531-020 - Rental Software Leases

Amount: \$ 246,737.25

30) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply and execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant and accept all grant funds appropriated by the Alabama Legislature FY2026 (ACT#2025-251) in support of the Birmingham Police Athletics Youth Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 with no matching funds from the City and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Grants

Extension: 2888

Recommended Funding Source: Grants

Amount: \$ 50,000.00

31) A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply and execute any and all documents required for the City to complete a grant and accept all grant funds appropriated by the Alabama Legislature FY2026 (ACT#2025-251) in support of the City Walk Maintenance in an amount not to exceed

\$250,000, with no matching funds from the City and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions and execute such other documents as are appropriate and necessary in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt

Department: Grants

Extension: 2888

Recommended Funding Source: Grants

Amount: \$ 250,000.00

32) A Resolution approving authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Service Agreement between the City of Birmingham and Vertosoft **LLC**, under which Vertosoft will assist the City with updating its Workforce Central Software by migrating the existing Workforce to UKG Pro Workforce Management software, for a term of three (3) years. As compensation for the services the City shall pay Vertosoft an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars and 09/100 (\$1,525,118.09)

Submitted by: Annette Harris

Department: IMS

Extension: 2751

Recommended Funding Source: 001_037_01920_01922.527-050.

Amount: \$ 1,525,118.09

33) 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 interlocal Agreement with the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center Authority ("BJCC"). The City applied for and was awarded a grant award from the State of Alabama via Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in support of the City Walk BHAM maintenance in the amount of \$250,000.00. Under the terms of the Agreement the BJCC shall undertake and perform all upkeep, cleaning, and maintenance of the City Walk BHAM spaces, for a term of one year (1) and the City shall allocate grant funds to BJCC in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for BJCC services.

Submitted by: Adrienne Stitt
Department: Grants
Extension: 2888
Recommended Funding Source: Grants
Amount: \$ 250,000.00

34) Old & New Business

**The next Budget & Finance Committee meeting will
be on **Monday, September 22, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.****