

The Regular meeting of the Finance/Executive Committee of the Atlanta City Council was held Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall South, 2nd Floor.

Present: Councilmember Howard Shook, Chair
Councilmember Clair Muller
Councilmember Kwanza Hall
Councilmember Cleta Winslow
Councilmember H. Lamar Willis

Janice D. Davis, CFO
Departmental Staff

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Absent: Councilmember Jim Maddox
Councilmember Felicia A. Moore

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Others Present: Councilmember C.T. Martin
Councilmember Mary Norwood

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Chairperson Shook called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. after declaring a quorum present. The Committee members present were introduced as follows: Councilmembers Clair Muller, Kwanza Hall, Cleta Winslow and H. Lamar Willis. Other Departmental staff was present as well.

The Agenda was Adopted as printed. Minutes of the May 31, 2006 Regular Finance/Executive Committee meeting were also adopted.

TO REAPPOINT MR. SAMUEL BACOTE III TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA SISTER CITIES COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF ATLANTA

06-C-1215 (1) A Communication by Mayor Shirley Franklin reappointing Mr. Samuel Bacote III to serve as a member of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a term of two (2) years, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 4 Yeas.**

Mr. Samuel Bacote III: addressed the Committee by stating that he is currently the Treasurer of the Committee. He is very familiar with the duties. Chairperson Shook stated that this paper will go to Committee on Council.

TO ANTICIPATE AND APPROPRIATE BOND PROCEEDS FOR THE HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SERIES 2006A TAXABLE REVENUE BONDS

06-O-1154 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to Anticipate and Appropriate Bond Proceeds for the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Series 2006A Taxable Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$211,880,000 and Bond Proceeds for Series 2006B Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$21,610,845.85; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute changes the amount from \$220,915,000.00 to \$211,880,000.00 in the Series 2006A and from \$21,945,205.35 to \$21,610,845.85 in the Series 2006 B to, 6/14/06)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

Chairperson Shook stated that they we have a Substitute. We are anticipating the Bond Revenue Funds. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 4 Yeas.**

TO ADOPT THE 2006/07 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

06-O-1171 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee Adopting the 2006/07 Annual Operating Budget, and for other purposes.

FORWARD WITH NO RECOMMENDATION ON SUBSTITUTE ON CONDITION

Chairperson Shook stated that we have a Substitute.

Mr. Chuck Meadows: Chief of Budget and Fiscal Policy addressed the Committee by stating that the 18 month Budget has been Adopted, except for one change, which is the 3.5% raise for Sworn Police Officers. The expenses will be incurred in June 2006. The Police raise will be in the Police Budget. It is around \$3.7 million dollars, which is located on page #33. Chairperson Shook stated that there was interest from Councilmembers in creating new Firefighters positions. It requires 75 new positions to replace some of the overtime of \$4.4 million dollars. Mr. Meadows responded that it reflects providing for the fourth person on the Fire Truck. Councilmember Muller asked how will we proceed. At the Retreat we came up with ideas for Police and Fire. One was to fully fund the fourth person on the truck and correcting the pay issue as well as the career ladder. We need to have money attached to the discussions. Chairperson Shook asked how much time do we have to explore these ideas. CFO Davis responded that you do not have to Amend the Budget today. The Pension is in the short Budget. The \$3.7 million dollars is all that is needed to appropriate the 2007 Budget. Chairperson Shook stated that there are two other papers involved here, which are the Personnel Paper and Milage Rate Paper. Mr. Meadows responded that the Millage Rate Paper will not be Adopted on Monday because of advertising requirements. Councilmember Willis stated we are caught between a rock and hard place. We need to come up with a policy where there is parity with Public Safety. We at least need to have a conversation. Chairperson Shook asked if we will have extra money forthcoming. CFO Davis responded that when we start to work on the GASB 45, we won't have any extra money left. Councilmember Willis stated that he is speaking about parity issues. We have to decide if it is formal or not. The Mayor has stated that we will make the pay best in class. Councilmember Muller stated that we did start the discussion regarding parity. When you refer to the 2006/2007 Budget, what number do you use? CFO Davis responded that you use the last number. It is an Amendment to the 2007 Budget for the \$3.7 million dollars. Councilmember Muller asked how much leave way do we have to look at the 2007 Budget other than the \$3.7 million dollars. CFO Davis responded that there are no other additional funds to be looked at. Any change will be the result of going in and identifying the funds. It can be done throughout the year as long as there are funds left over. The longer you go to into the year, the more difficult it is to stop one program and start another. Councilmember Muller stated that we tried twice to get rid of the Front Footage Fee. The smaller the amount of the Unallocated funds, the more we scabble about it. Chairperson Shook asked about the Ladder Program.

Ms. Benita Ransom: Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources addressed the Committee by stating that the Ladder Program is still in force. With additional experience, we pay up to Step Five. The argument that Police Officers have is that since they have not been receiving an increment, Officers with experience are coming in and getting paid more. Chairperson Shook asked when will we move to a hybrid program. Commissioner Ransom responded it will be in the 2008 Budget. Councilmember Willis stated that right now where we stand is that if we have an Police Officer who has been with us for seven years and an Police Officer comes from another entity with experience, he will make more. The Police Union makes sense because we are losing Officers

because of the Ladder Program. Is there a way to adjust it? Commissioner Ransom responded that there are not a tremendous amount of Officers in the Ladder Program. In the last three or four years, there have been 53 new Officers. The retention is around 4%. Councilmember Willis stated that we have lost more Officers than we gained. How do we address that issue? Commissioner Ransom responded that when we move to the Pay for Performance Program, Police Officers will move up one Step. Councilmember Willis asked what is the residual effect of addressing that issue? It only takes one step for it not to be equitable. He can support an equitable scenario. Councilmember Muller stated that she wants some figures of what it would cost to correct the pay issues in Public Safety altogether. How much equipment for the Department of Police is needed?

Deputy Chief Banda: of the Police Department addressed the Committee by stating the biggest issue regarding equipment is cars. We are working at a plan for the next five years to get all of fleet needed for the Police Department. Councilmember Willis asked if it includes fully loaded vehicles. Deputy Chief Banda responded that by the end of this year all cars will be fully loaded. Councilmember Muller asked about the \$4.4 million dollars spent in the Fire Department for overtime.

Mr. James Daws: of the Firefighters Union addressed the Committee by stating that the Fire Department is not mandated to pay overtime for not having a 4th person. The Firefighters are putting himself/herself at risk without the fourth person on the fire truck. Councilmember Muller stated that we need some data to support that.

Deputy Chief Meadows: of the Police Department addressed the Committee by stating that we have had this discussion with the Finance Department regarding fleet. Councilmember Martin asked about the career ladders. Will the \$3.7 million dollars take care of that. We thought that the Pay for Performance was over the hill. We now hear that it will not begin until 2007. If we just give Police Officers a raise, it will leave Fire and Corrections behind. Is the 5% in the Reserves what we came up with? What will it take to bring the Firefighters up? Mr. Meadows responded that it would be \$1.8 million dollars for Fire. Councilmember Martin asked if we can go to the Reserves and get it. The Reserves is nothing but numbers. Can we delay putting the money into the Reserves? CFO Davis responded that the 5% requirement is in the Ordinance. Councilmember Martin stated that we can rescind Ordinances. Mr. Meadows responded that the budgeted amount for this year is 5.5% of the \$589 million dollars. Councilmember Martin stated that this City is spending \$7.4 million dollars for advertisement on Brand Atlanta. CFO Davis responded that the Ordinance requires that it is budgeted at the time of the Budget. It is not a fund balance that does not have to be repeated annually. You don't have the same leave way if you were dealing with fund balances. Councilmember Martin asked since it is going to take awhile to purchase the cars, can you take a million from the \$5 million dollars. CFO Davis responded that they are GMA funds. Councilmember Martin stated that the Budget can be decided on upon by the Legislative Body. If we make a policy to have Firefighters in line with Police Officers, we can do it. Can you take some of the Car Rental Tax? You were going to do it for the NASCAR Facility. We have a choice of guaranteeing respectability. You are supposed to do dual reporting. CFO Davis responded that when making a policy decision, the \$1.8 million dollars can be budgeted by moving something else. We can't find an additional \$1.8 million dollars. Councilmember Martin stated that the \$12 million dollars has to go to Pension. Can we defer \$1.8 million dollars on the Pension piece? Have we passed an Ordinance to put the \$12 million in there? CFO Davis responded that in discussions with the Rating Agency, they are looking at the size of our Unfunded Liability when they determine the rating to the City. The rating impacts the costs of our Bonds. There have been lawsuits filed by Retirees, Employees and Pension Boards concerning their Pension obligations. Councilmember Martin asked if we can stop some of the upgrades in the Personnel Paper. CFO Davis responded that we are addressing issues the Department Heads think are critical. The Personnel Ordinance does not add any cost. The choice is up to Council. Councilmember Willis asked if there is a maximum amount for the Reserve.

CFO responded 5.5%, but when we move to a cash basis we will move to 7.5%. Councilmember Winslow asked what is included in the \$12 million dollars. CFO Davis responded that the entire economy performed poorly from 2000 to 2004. Even if we reached our benchmark, we did not meet our target earning of 8%. While we earned 11% to 14% in the last year, we had earnings of 1% to 2%. There was a deficit for not reaching the 8%. The first year was \$6.5 million dollars, which was based on 8%. We didn't earn the 8%, the increase required it and that is how we are up to this amount. As we go forward in time and this market continues, you drop off the bad years and pick up good years. There will be other factors such as increases, growth of work force, aging, etc. that will drive the cost up. Councilmember Winslow asked what number is in the \$12 million from the losses. Mr. Meadows responded that not the entire \$12.5 million dollars is outstanding from 2005. CFO Davis added that it is part of both of them. It is built on an assumption that was not met. Councilmember Winslow asked the Police Department about Officers leaving and taking penalties to receive their Pension

Sergeant Scott Kraher: addressed the Committee by stating that Officers are retiring early and taking a big hit in their Pension. Councilmember Winslow asked if a lot of the younger Officers are leaving. Sergeant Kraher responded yes, because they are able to be fully vested in 10 years. The reason behind the commitment from the Mayor is economical. The Police Foundation is also offering up to \$1 million dollars to help. The Ladder Program has been around for a long time. The problem is when we froze the Increments. Even with the COLA, all Employees receive that. The younger Officers are here because of what we offer them to work. There are huge bonuses happening in other Municipalities to attract Officers. Ten years ago, we had 70 Officers in the Red Dog Unit, but now we have only 18 Officers. We can't continue losing Officers like that. Councilmember Willis asked if we are proposing getting rid of recruiting. He then asked about the Officers leaving with little Pensions. In the State of New Jersey, a teacher cannot collect a Pension and work at another school in that State. This is about protecting the interest of the City. CFO Davis responded that she would defer to Law. It would probably take Legislation to get rid of recruitment. Sergeant Kraher responded that the Police Union did not agree with vesting in 10 years instead of 15 years. We can get rid of the Ladder Program and reinstate the Increments. Chairperson Shook asked what is the cost of reinstating the Increments? CFO Davis responded that we are looking at a significant dollar amount because you have a compounding impact. Sergeant Kraher responded that it is worth looking at.

Ms. Angela Hinton: Senior Assistant Attorney addressed the Committee by stating that she will have some research done. Chairperson Shook stated that we have the option of moving the paper to Council and write down questions to give to staff. Councilmember Willis supported sending it Forward With No Recommendation and receive answers to questions before Monday. Chairperson Shook asked Mr. Stokes to get their questions to the Departments of Finance and Human Resources, etc. Councilmember Winslow agrees. Chairperson Shook stated that he heard at the Retreat the possibility of investing in Red Light Cameras at intersections as well as Computer Technology. Deputy Chief Banda responded that Traffic Enforcement is a very important part of their job. We have written many citations. Councilmember Norwood stated that we looked at the Exit Interviews. The lack of equipment was one of the biggest reasons for leaving as well. We wanted to look at equipment for Police and Fire versus pay increases. We looked at having four Firefighters per truck, equipment, career ladder and the money left over to go toward Pay for Performance. Those were the four issues we looked at addressing the \$3.8 million dollars. Mr. Daws responded that he regrets the tension that this debate has caused between Police and Firefighters. We work hand in hand with Police. Firefighters should be equally paid. Our retention rates are not as bad as the Police Officers, but Firefighters are more loyal to their peers. We are more reluctant. Many Firefighters are looking at leaving the City of Atlanta. The Union tries to be a partner with the City. We responded to Katrina and the Gulf Coast communities. You need to pay and reward people for their services. There will always be better opportunities nationally. We will be competing with the other jurisdictions for

the best applicants. We will never attract the best applicants if we keep playing catch up.

Mr. Richard Straut: President of the Police Benevolent Fund addressed the Committee by stating that we appreciate the Mayor putting forth this effort. We just found out that the FBI is recruiting in Atlanta, so it is going to be a difficult task to retain our Officers.

Mr. Dave Walker: addressed the Committee by stating that he went to Vietnam as a Police Officer. He sees Police Officers on the streets more than Firefighters. There is no vehicle in public service cleaner than a fire truck. When he has trouble at Five Points, he calls the Police. As the Chief, the Mayor has to decide where to put the money. Councilmember Willis offered a motion to **Forward With No Recommendation on Substitute on Condition, 5 Yeas**. Councilmember Hall asked for the answers in writing. Chairperson Shook stated that the questions would go to different Departments. The Unions will answer questions as well. Councilmember Muller asked when is the Pay for Performance Program going to be implemented. CFO Davis responded it will be in the 2008 Budget if funding is available. Councilmember Muller wants it done sooner. What is the cost of implementing it? Commissioner Ransom responded that the recommendation is for the pay out to be in 2008. Evaluations begin July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT TO AMEND CONTRACT NUMBER FC-7531-02-A

06-O-1194 (3) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Appropriate Agreement to amend Contract Number FC-7531-02-A, City of Atlanta/Washington Representative, to increase the scope of services provided under the Contract and the dollar amount of the Contract; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Clair McLeveighn: Director of External Affairs of the Mayor's Office addressed the Committee by stating that the expanded scope will allow us to maximize the services for the Washington Representatives. The original scope in the current contract does not contemplate all of the steps and tasks necessary. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 4 Yeas**. Chairperson Shook asked for a summary regarding the different work conditions. Ms. McLeveighn responded that the Principal Lobbyist left the firm along with 10 other Attorneys. Chairperson Shook asked if the list represent the new items. Ms. McLeveighn responded yes. Their prior service has been excellent. They have met and exceeded what we have expected. Councilmember Willis asked what is it that they exceeded? Ms. McLeveighn responded in the original contract the scope of services only contained a list of items for one fiscal year. The Washington Representatives can help us with federal issues and Grants. We have issues that require Briefings of Congressional staff and members of Cabinet, etc. They provide briefing papers and set up meetings. They represent us on a daily basis. Councilmember Willis stated that he agrees with having representative in Washington. It is beneficial to receive a progress report annually. Ms. McLeveighn responded that in the list of items is an annual report. Councilmember Hall asked when the RFP will be issued. Ms. McLeveighn responded that the contract expires January or February.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

06-O-1329 (4) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook and Kwanza Hall Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Atlanta (The "Authority") for the purpose of leasing from the Authority a multistory parking facility consisting of approximately 836 parking spaces to be constructed in the downtown area of the City of Atlanta; Authorizing acknowledgement of service and the filing of an answer on behalf of the City of Atlanta in validation proceedings to be brought validating the Authority's Revenue Bonds (Downtown Parking Deck Project), Series 2006; Authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement; Authorizing the execution of a Continuing Disclosure Agreement; Approving the Official Statement; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute, Finance/Executive Committee Condition of receiving the supplemental data, 6/14/06)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE ON CONDITION

Chairperson Shook stated that we have a Substitute.

Mr. Dave Edwards: Program Manager of the Mayor's Office addressed the Committee by stating that this is the Ordinance authorizing the Lease Agreement and transferring the property to the Atlanta Development Authority (ADA). Chairperson Shook asked about the location of the facility. Mr. Edwards responded that we took the property of the North side of Trinity Avenue and the South side of Memorial Drive. We took the property and divided into parcels. It will be for 800 spaces accessed off of Washington Street, Memorial Drive and Central Avenue. Chairperson Shook asked what is the cost of the construction? Mr. Edwards responded that the performa is the public revenue and the employee revenue. It assumes that the debt will generate around \$1 million dollars to pay back the Bond. The revenue is coming from transit parking. Councilmember Willis asked if it will replace Underground parking. Mr. Edwards responded that it will transfer expenditures from Underground. Councilmember Willis asked if the employees currently pay toward that. If not, what are we paying? Mr. Edwards responded no, it is part of the Agreement. We will transfer the spaces. Councilmember Willis asked what is the impact and if parking revenue is treated differently. Will the street level parking go away? Mr. Edwards responded that it will be utilized for public parking. The street meters are separate. Chairperson Shook asked if we will be setting aside half of the spaces for the general public and if it will satisfy the Bond requirements. What is foreseen regarding City Hall policy of what people will have to pay? Mr. Edwards responded that the principal of building the parking deck is to encourage mass transit. Giving away free parking is not encouraging massive transit. Councilmember Willis asked if there is a cost benefit to it. Have we looked at it both ways? Mr. Edwards responded yes. Chairperson Shook asked if Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is a subsidiary of ADA. Mr. Edwards responded yes. Councilmember Willis stated that in some City they take their parking structure and utilize it for a pay window for parking tickets. Mr. Edwards responded that it contains a Bond proceed. Councilmember Martin stated that the history of the Parking Authority started back with former Council President Marvin Arrington. It appears that we can set up a Municipal Park Authority to come under the DDA. A marketing plan will surrender better decision making. Has anybody reviewed the 2020 Government Walk Program? Councilmember Winslow added that the Program came from the Bureau of Planning. Councilmember Martin stated that it covered the future planning for parking. He then asked if the parking has consideration for seniors, people doing government business, etc. Should they have to pay the same as someone going to a Braves game? Councilmember Willis stated that it is not about reduced rates for

seniors. If we are going to do it, we need to have validating parking. Who will handle it? He proposes that we do none at all and let people get reimbursed. If we do validate parking, he wants to see the policy. Mr. Edwards responded that there is none in place. He understands that the DDA Bonding restricts it. Councilmember Willis stated that the challenge will be for the constituents who now have to pay for parking. We have to think about what the rate structure will be. Mr. Edwards responded that we can look at that. The biggest value is convenient parking. Councilmember Willis stated that even if we build the deck and determine a price, there will be people who will be angry with standing in a long line to do City business and have to pay to park for it. They will not appreciate that. Chairperson Shook stated that Councilmember Marin asked earlier about the 2020 Government Walk. Mr. Edwards responded that they have not looked at the plan. If the concern is large enough, we could make the deck higher. The top of the deck will be at the level of Washington Street. It will be a four story deck. The main driver is the parking study for the deck. If a deck of this size could be supported. Chairperson Shook asked if you looked at different prices for seniors, etc. Mr. Edwards responded that issue is a legal one. We would have to get a more formal opinion from the Law Department. Councilmember Muller asked what will happen on parcel A. Mr. Edwards responded that it has not been transferred yet, it is still City property. It is up to the City to decide. We could sell and redevelop it. Councilmember Muller asked if the City develop the retail. Mr. Edwards responded that it would not be the same process. Councilmember Muller asked if we could transfer it. Councilmember Willis asked for the legal opinion regarding the rate structure. What are we doing for the parking across the street? What about the security aspect? Mr. Edwards responded that we will get more details, but there will be additional security. Councilmember Willis stated that we need to consult with the Police Department first because it will be across the street from the School Board and near City Hall. Councilmember Hall stated that there have been a lot of studies done and he supports this. Chairperson Shook asked what do we want the facility to look like. Mr. Edwards responded more like the Board of Education parking deck. Chairperson Shook asked if the Law Department was pursuing the information.

Ms. Serena Sparks: Deputy City Attorney addressed the Committee by stating that we have Bond Counsel working on the information.

Mr. Doug Silva: of Sutton and Williams addressed the Committee by stating that there are Bond Covenants that address the extent of the projects. There is nothing to prevent discounted rates for seniors. There is also nothing to prevent discounted spaces for City Employees. Councilmember Willis asked if we could lease some spaces. Mr. Silva responded that you could for commercial space. There is a Supreme Court case that lays out that proposition. It is not recommended that you do that. Councilmember Martin stated that the State may have future plans for this area. He then asked for a copy of the Study. Councilmember Hall stated that the study is on the way. It covers all the way to 14th Street. Councilmember Martin stated that we are making a \$24 million dollars decision and have not reviewed the Parking Authority data. It is reported that Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) is doing studies as well. We need to know how this building will look. To avoid some crucial elements, the information is needed. We pay people a bunch of money while they present something that is not adequate. It is liking a lot of critical thinking. Are these four stories above ground? How many levels does the School Board have? Councilmember Hall responded five. Councilmember Muller asked what is the time frame? Mr. Edwards responded that we have regiments for the decks. None of it is underground. We are shooting for August and it will be a two-year construction. Councilmember Winslow asked if Public Safety will need any of this space. She will support this. Mr. Edwards responded that we are looking at space at Garnett for Public Safety. Depending upon that information, we would know for sure. Councilmember Willis offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute on Condition of receiving the supplemental data, 5 Yeas**. Councilmember Winslow requested the information by Friday.

TO AMEND THE 2006 (WATER AND WASTEWATER RENEWAL AND EXTENSION FUND) BUDGET

06-O-1330 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook and Ceasar C. Mitchell Amending the 2006 (Water and Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund) Budget in the amount of three million nine hundred ninety five thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars and 06/100 cents (\$3,995,324.06) to transfer funds from the Reserve and Various Fund Account and Center Numbers for Appropriations to the Call Center Services Project; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Sheila Pierce: Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management addressed the Committee by stating that this is to move funding from the Reserves into an Account. It will combine the 14th Street Call Center with the Inglewood Call Center. We will purchase computers and furniture to accommodate space for 51 Employees. Chairperson Shook asked what is the square footage? Ms. Pierce responded 17,000 square feet. The amount is identified in the contract for over \$340,000. Chairperson Shook asked how do the equipment relate to items #s 1 and 2. Councilmember Willis asked if the \$343,000 is coming out of the \$3.9 million dollars. Ms. Pierce responded yes, it is part of the \$3.9 million dollars. Councilmember Willis asked what does the training room look like? Ms. Pierce responded that it is for two people. The two Resolutions are for the computers and servers. The furniture is modular work stations. It is space for 5 or 6 private offices, break room and the Call Center. Chairperson Shook asked if the break room will have a grease trap. Ms. Pierce responded that we will apply with all City Codes. We are continuing to look at space. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

TO AMEND THE 2006 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET

06-O-1331 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Clair Muller, Kwanza Hall and Howard Shook Amending the 2006 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget by Adding To Anticipations and Appropriations Transportation Enhancement Funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of funding construction expenses for Centennial Park Connector Trail Phase 1 Project; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Michele Winn: of the Department of Public Works addressed the Committee by stating that this is for the Department of Transportation Enhancement funds given to the City. Chairperson Shook stated that both of these are 80%/20%. Ms. Winn responded that we anticipate 60%/40%. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

TO AMEND THE 2006 (INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND) BUDGET

06-O-1332 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Kwanza Hall and Clair Muller Amending the 2006 (Intergovernmental Grant Fund) Budget by Adding To Anticipations and Appropriations Transportation Enhancement Funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) for the purpose of funding construction expenses for the Fairlie-Poplar Streetscapes Project; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Winn stated that this is Phase Three. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

TO AMEND ARTICLE "V", CLASSIFICATION PLAN, SECTION 114-477, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

06-O-1334 (8) An Ordinance by Councilmember Cleta Winslow and Howard Shook **as Amended by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 6/14/06** to Amend Article "V", Classification Plan, Section 114-477, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to Abolish, Create, Reclassify, Transfer, and Salary Adjust positions in support of the 2007 Budget; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Amendments – Department of Finance – Abolish Administrative Assistant position #37621, Class Code 314002, FAC 1A01 511001 J82301; Reclassifications with Incumbents 9 Accounting Specialists, position #'s 01025, 21816, 24081, 01083, 17744, 01075, 01073, 01076 PG 21, FAC 1A01 511001 J83001, Add to Above Entry Hiring Authorizations, position #55541, Project Manager not to exceed Step (10) PG 27, FAC 1A01 511001 J83001 and position #55536, Accounting Manager, Principal PG 30 not to exceed Step (8), FAC 1A01 511001 J83001 and Reorganization in the Department of Planning and Community Development, 6/14/06)**

FORWARD WITH NO RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED

Commissioner Ransom stated that we have two Amendments. Chairperson Shook stated that he cannot support eliminating the five Code Enforcement positions. Commissioner Ransom responded that this is to address the Reorganization of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Mr. Steve Cover: Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development addressed the Committee by stating that we have different levels of Code Enforcement positions. We feel that we do not need those layers. We will have 30 Code Enforcement Inspectors that will be doing the same jobs. The same cross training was implemented at Fulton County and it worked extremely well. Chairperson Shook asked when will the training and hiring be finished? Commissioner Cover responded the middle of August. The cross training should be finished by late fall.

Mr. James Shelby: Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Community Development addressed the Committee by stating that some training has already started. Councilmember Muller stated that there are a couple of areas that needs to be addressed regarding engineers. Commissioner Cover responded that it has already been approved in the Budget, but we will not hire until mid year. Councilmember Muller asked about permitting. Commissioner Cover stated that the City will shift the Site Development section to the Watershed Department. We will be a more efficient Department in terms of permitting. The Personnel Ordinance is part of the 12 month Budget and this paper is Budget neutral.

Mayor Shirley Franklin: addressed the Committee by stating that she wanted to ask the Council to congratulate the Atlanta Police Department on crime fighting. The City of Atlanta has dropped in violent crime. She believes that the drop is based on community participation, the Police Foundation, etc. Chairperson Shook asked if the numbers has been passed out to Council. Mayor Franklin responded that we would have the numbers on tomorrow. There is an increase in crime across America. She is suggesting introducing a Resolution.

Continuing, Commissioner Ransom stated that we are upgrading the Resources Analyst in the Department of Human Resources to be upgraded from a Grade 17 to Grade 19. We are asking for a Nurse Practitioner and medical support to assist in disease management. We are responsible for paying the claims since we are self funded. The Department of Information Technology is consolidating two functions into one position. In the Law Department we are Step adjusting positions as well for the Deputy City Attorneys. In the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs we are creating a Marketing Research Analyst. It will serve all of the Departments. The Department of Planning and Community Development is reorganizing. The Department of Finance is Reclassifying 8 accounting positions. CFO Davis responded that we are cannibalizing other positions. They are all revenue neutral. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve the Amendments, 4 Years**. He then offered a motion to move **Forward With No Recommendation as Amended, 5 Years**. Councilmember Winslow asked about the Fire Department fourth person on a truck. Mr. Meadows responded that we will work with the Fire Department to come to an understanding of where we need to go. When we started they were 120 Firefighters short.

TO AMEND SECTION 146-26 (B), (C), (D), (E) AND (F) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

06-O-1335 (9)

An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Ceasar C. Mitchell and Clair Muller **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 6/14/06** to Amend Section 146-26 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta so as to change the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of Real and Personal Property for the General Levy, Debt Levy, City Parks Levy, School Operating Levy, School Debt Levy and the Special Tax District Levy; to provide that the tax rates established herein shall remain fixed each year until Amended or Repealed; to repeal conflicting Laws; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute ..., 6/14/06)**

HELD AND SUBSTITUTED

Mr. Meadows stated that the Front Footage Fee is a component of the Solid Waste Fee. It is the actual amount of the footage. It is also difficult to administer. He then stated Property Taxes are deductible, but Solid Waste Fees are not. The Millage Rate for the Front Footage Fee is 6%. He then gave examples of various properties. The first property is in Atlanta valued at \$159,000. The value increased by \$47,000. The next property is a condo. It will add a 6% increase to the property bill. Next property is for \$500,000, which has a 2% increase. The last property has exemptions, so it will have a 68% decrease. Councilmember Winslow asked if condos have front footage. What about downtown? Mr. Meadows responded that the properties in downtown are 30 to 50 feet in Front Footage. The last page is a commercial/industrial property. First is a business condo on Mitchell Street that has a 12% decline. Next property is developing on 50 Spring Street, which have a \$4,000 decline. No single property will experience more than a 6% property increase. Councilmember Muller stated that she has been working on getting rid of the Front Footage Fee. She believes that the School Board has raised Property Taxes. We could advertise our Taxes together. When we rolled back a ½ Millage Rate last year, we should have taken a step then. AHA has never paid us the \$16 million dollars they owe us. We need to figure out a way to manage that. She would rather do it incremental each year. She then asked the CFO to look at our capital expenses. She is not supportive of it being like a Tax. Councilmember Willis stated that we need to do something within the next six to twelve months.

Continuing, he stated that he has a question to Commissioner Ransom regarding giving a pay increase to the Deputy City Attorney as opposed to what Law staff is getting. Mr. Meadows responded that neither Deputy would be eligible anywhere near \$100,000. Councilmember Willis asked if we have the same market for Staff Attorneys. Mr.

Meadows responded that there have been adjustments made in the Law Department. Councilmember Willis stated that he has a problem when it is not done for staff also.

Continuing, Chairperson Shook stated that when we did Citywide considerations, there were a lot of good ideas regarding Front Footage Fee. The public needs to understand that this is a last minute idea. Council does not understand the ramification. Mr. Meadows responded that there was a \$1.6 million dollars increase in the evaluation. Chairperson Shook stated that this is going to need a lot more discussion. He commends the Department of Finance and the Administration for putting this on the table. Mr. Meadows responded that we are looking at an adoption date of July 3rd. We have a lot of time to advertise. The digest growth is in two categories (new growth and reassessment). The amount is .11 mills that count for about 2% of growth. The Millage Rate will go from 7.64 mills to 7.53 mills. There is another reduction on the Bond levy. It will drop by .02 mills. The total overall Millage will be 7.53 for Operating Millage, 1.41 Millage for Bond Levy and .5 Levy for Parks for a total is 10.8 Millage after a .13 Millage Rollback. Each category will remain the same except for the Operating Levy. Councilmember Muller asked for a page regarding the second proposal. Mr. Meadows responded that on page #2, it shows the Operating Levy. We have prepared a Substitute for both proposals. We have included a paper from last year. Councilmember Muller stated that any change in rate requires a Public Hearing. Councilmember Winslow asked if we can accept the Substitute and Hold it. Mr. Meadows responded that the package went out last week that includes examples. Councilmember Winslow stated that people are complaining because they can't take the Fee and reduce their Solid Waste Bill. They would like to capture some of the cost. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to Hold. Chairperson Shook stated that there have been options given to us. Councilmember Winslow stated that the other Councilmembers need to be part of this discussion. Mr. Meadows responded that if there is a decrease, the Public Hearing is not needed. If there is an increase, there are two Public Hearings required. We are bringing this before you for either option to occur. The increase to the City may not be huge, but we do carry two other jurisdictions. This paper aims at the Front Footage Fee. Councilmember Winslow asked what does this do to the School Board time line. Mr. Meadows responded that the Board is on the same fiscal year as the City. We will be within an acceptable time frame. Councilmember Muller offered a motion to bring forward the Roll Back. Mr. Meadows responded that based on what happens here, we can adopt this paper on a subsequent meeting. We still have time with the School Board if we do not increase the Millage Rate. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to accept the Roll Back.

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

06-O-1336 (10) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Clair Muller and Ceasar C. Mitchell to Amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, Adopted under and by virtue of the Authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1, et seq., as Amended, so as to Amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Ga Laws P. 4469, et seq., by Amending Article 6, Chapter 1, Section 6-101 (f) (g) (h) to provide the City with the discretion to charge Frontage Fees; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes.

2ND READING, 2ND ADOPTION

Councilmember Muller stated that this is a Charter Amendment. It will give us the authorization to charge a Front Footage Fee. The change is changing the word "shall" to "may". This is a **2nd Read, 2nd Adoption, 5 Yeas**.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DELL MARKETING L.P.

06-R-1309 (1)

A Resolution by City Utilities Committee Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Dell Marketing L.P. for the purchase of forty five (45) Dell Optiplex GXY20 small form factor, Pentium 4 52-1/2-8GHz computers, utilize the State of Georgia Contract #A63307, Contract Code #N39913715, on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management, in an amount not to exceed ninety thousand dollars and no cents (\$90,000.00); all contracted work to be Charged To and Paid From Fund, Account and Center Number 2J21 (Water & Wastewater Renewal & Extension) 775001 (Equipment) Q71C04019999 (Call Center Services Project); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Pierce stated that the computers will be used by the Call Center. We will be using our new software as well. We hope to start using the new system, but will continue using the old system to make sure that there are no problems. We are scheduled to go live in August. Councilmember Willis asked if we got approval from the Department of Information Technology. Ms. Pierce responded yes. Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Years.**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, UTILIZING THE STATE OF GEORGIA CONTRACT #A63307

06-R-1314 (2)

A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement, utilizing the State of Georgia Contract #A63307, with Dell Marketing L.P. for the purchase of five (5) servers and four (4) tape drives on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management in an amount not to exceed fifty two thousand four hundred seventy five dollars and seventy two cents (\$52,475.72); all contracted work shall be Charged To Fund, Account and Center Number 2J21 (Water & Wastewater Renewal & Extension) 575001 (Equipment) Q37202 (Information Technology); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Years.**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH M 3 TECHNOLOGY

06-R-1315 (3)

A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with M 3 Technology for the purchase of equipment support on behalf of the Department of Information Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; all contracted work to be Charged To and Paid From Fund Account and Center Number: 1C51 (Capital Finance Fund) 575001 (Equipment) E12001 (Computer Operations); and for other purposes.

FILE

Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **File, 5 Years.**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DELL MARKETING L.P.

06-R-1316 (4) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Dell Marketing L.P. for the purchase of computer hardware, utilizing the State of Georgia Contract #A66039 on behalf of the Department of Information Technology, in an amount not to exceed \$419,569.87; all contracted work to be Charged To and Paid From Fund Account and Center Number: 1C51 (Capital Finance Fund) 575001 (Equipment) E12001 (Computer Operations); and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute changes the amount from \$370,546.41 to \$419,569.87, 6/14/06)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

Chairperson Shook stated that we have a Substitute.

Mr. Abe Kani: Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology addressed the Committee by stating that this Resolution is critical to procure the necessary hardware and software for customer support with the e-mail structure. Councilmember Willis offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 5 Yeas**. Chairperson Shook asked if this would prevent loss of information, but not a catastrophic situation. Commissioner Kani responded that it shortens the amount of time to bring the system back up and restore the data. It allows the risk of the total e-mail information into smaller manageable piece. We will have multiple baskets. Chairperson Shook asked how will the support be provided since we Filed the support paper. Commissioner Kani responded that the Filed paper is for the professional services to implement the structure properly. When we had outage issues, they came in to help us with the exchanges. Over the past six weeks, we have been providing training to our staff. We do not have redundancy. Councilmember Willis asked how are progressing with technology. Commissioner Kani responded that we have started many initiatives, both infrastructure and applications. We know the inventory we have and monitor it. We need about 800 more computers. We constantly justify the inventory. When other Department gives us requests, we have some oversight. We are in the process of promoting desktop.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO RENEWAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 WITH SAMARITAN HOUSE OF ATLANTA, INC. FOR FC-6004007867 CLEANUP PROGRAM

06-R-1327 (5) A Resolution by Councilmember Mary Norwood Authorizing the Mayor or Designee to enter into Renewal Agreement No. 1 with Samaritan House of Atlanta, Inc. for FC-6004007867 Cleanup Program on behalf of the Department of Public Works in a monthly amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and an annual amount not to exceed (\$300,000.00). All contracted work shall be Charged To and Paid From FAC _____.

HELD

Councilmember Norwood stated that she will introduce new legislation on Monday. We are asking you to Hold this paper and she will File it at a later date.

TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 4, SECTION 2-1188 (C) OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES

- 06-O-1338 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to Amend Chapter 2, Article X, Division 4, Section 2-1188 (C) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, to change the means by which public notice of contract opportunities is given, by providing for online solicitations for Procurement Services which are not governed by State Law, and repealing the requirement that solicitations be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

- 06-O-0380 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee an Amendment to the Charter of the City of Atlanta proposed under and by virtue of the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965, O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-1. et seq., as amended, so as to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Ga Laws P. 4469, et seq., by amending Article 3, Chapter 1, Section 3-104 (14) so as to adjust the limitations upon the Mayor's Procurement authority from \$100,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00; to amend Article 6, Chapter 4, Section 6-402, so as to adjust the limitations on the Mayor's small purchase authority from 420,000.00 to \$500,000.00 and to adjust the threshold requirement for approval of competitively procured contracts by the City Council of Atlanta from \$100,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Substituted and Held, 2/15/06)**

HELD

TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, SEC. 2-176, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V, SECTION 2-252 AND CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE X OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

- 06-O-0381 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to amend Chapter 2, Article III, Sec. 2-176, Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-252 and Chapter 2 Article X of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, to provide more efficient, effective standards and procedures to better manage the procurement process in the City of Atlanta; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; and for other purposes. **(Substituted and Held, 2/15/06)**

HELD

TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA BY ADDING TO SECTION 2-183

- 06-O-0787 (3) An Ordinance by Councilmember Caesar C. Mitchell to Amend the Code of the City of Atlanta, Georgia by adding to Section 2-183; Department Heads under supervision and direction of the Mayor; exception responsibilities; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/29/06)**

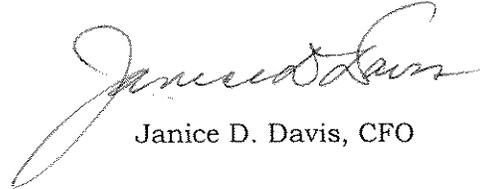
HELD

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice D. Davis".

Janice D. Davis, CFO

Charlene Parker
Recording Secretary

"The Department of Finance... because customer service is important to us."