

The Regular meeting of the Finance/Executive Committee of the Atlanta City Council was held Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

**Present:** Councilmember Howard Shook, Chair  
Councilmember Cleta Winslow  
Councilmember Kwanza Hall  
Councilmember Felicia A. Moore  
Councilmember Clair Muller

Janice D. Davis, CFO  
Departmental Staff

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**Absent:** Councilmember Jim Maddox

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 Cleta Winslow, Kwanza Hall, Felicia A. Moore and Clair Muller. Other Departmental staff was present as well.

The Agenda was adopted as printed with the addition of one new Resolution. Minutes of the May 16, 2007 Regular Finance/Executive Committee were also adopted.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**Ms. Megan Middleton:** Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs addressed the Committee by stating that today is the last day for signatures. He has to sign or veto a Bill today. Any bill signed today will become law tomorrow. The Public Safety Facility and the Drug Free Park item that allows Officers to arrest people in State Parks for regulating crimes will be introduced next year. **SB 80, Large Pension Funds Bill** needs amending. Discussions were held regarding the **Community Court Authorization**. **HB 713** is a definition clarification Bill regarding liens. She will find out about the tag Bill. An item of interest is **HB 2, Annexation**. The **Video Franchising Bill** is in arbitration to determine whether 5% will be placed on Franchise Fees. **HB 725, South Fulton Clarification Bill** was not signed until after the deadline for Fulton County to advertise. Another item of interest is the Study Committee on Transportation Funding Bill, it had the wrong Authors on it. **HR 351 is the Joint Study Committee** and it was passed. Councilmember Muller stated that Vance Smith stated that he would give her the date. Ms. Middleton responded that **HB 519, Taxi Cab Medallion** is to obtain a certificate of public necessity for convenience. **SB 212, Open Records** states that a public employee's birthday and social security number is not included. Councilmember Muller asked if it allows any City to require certificates for Taxi Cabs. Ms. Middleton responded that it is any City. **HB 232, Development Impact Fees for Transportation** projects in the Capital Improvement Projects can be collected. Councilmember Moore stated that the CIP is Citywide. Chairperson Shook stated that they have to be eligible and already identified. Councilmember Moore stated that she is concerned that you can't anticipate the needs for transportation until you know what the project is. What is our weigh in on that? Ms. Middleton responded that it is not a positive feel for us. It was signed by the Governor last week. Councilmember Moore stated when we run into that situation we have to include the projects in the CIP. Chairperson Shook stated that what was passed says that if a project impact is transportation related, it should be deposited. He then asked that Council receive a copy. Ms. Middleton responded that she would forward a copy of all the Bills. The 911 Collection Fee changes will allow internet users on cell phones to access 911. It allows for audits of the phone company. **SB 200** and **SB 309, Infrastructure Development Bills** will be developed. They are subject to code violations, etc. The TAD Training requires Local Government Officials (Councilmembers, County Commissioners, etc.) to go through a 3-hour training for future TADS. The Construction Bond Letter of Credit requires a contractor to submit a letter. **HB 128, Tax Holiday** is set up for August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. **HB 219, Prepaid Sales Tax on Motor Fuel** will be at the retail level. The Bills that did not pass are **HB 77, Red Light Camera** and **HB 306**. Chairperson Shook asked if items that did not make it would pick up where they left off. Ms. Middleton responded yes. Under 3000 were introduced. Chairperson Shook asked for a final report. Ms. Middleton

responded that she could provide it today or tomorrow. The Final Report will be ready sometime in June.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ALLOW THE CITY TO IMPOSE A CONVENIENCE FEE**

- 07-O-1087 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to allow the City to impose a convenience fee in the amount of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) on credit cards users, on-line payment users, electronic check users, submitting payments for water and Wastewater City Services, to recover the cost the City pays to third-party vendors to process such payments; all collected funds will be deposited into Fund, Account and Center Number 2J01 (Water and Wastewater Revenue Fund) 641307 (Credit Card) B00001 (Convenience Fee); and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ**

**TO AMEND THE 2007 BUDGET ON THE WESTSIDE TAD FUND (1B09)**

- 07-O-1089 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to Amend the 2007 Budget on the Westside TAD Fund (1B09); and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**TO CORRECT THE CENTER NUMBER IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-O-1617**

- 07-O-0961 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to correct the Center Number in Ordinance Number 06-O-1617 Adopted by the Atlanta City Council on September 5, 2006 and Approved by the Mayor on September 13, 2006; and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE**

Chairperson Shook stated that this paper corrects a Center Number. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas**.

**TO AMEND ORDINANCE 06-O-0381**

- 07-O-1003 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to Amend Ordinance 06-O-0381, which amends Chapter 2, Article III, Sec. 2-176, Article V, Sec. 252 and Chapter 2, Article X, Divisions 1 through 8 and Divisions 14 through 16 of the City of Atlanta Procurement Code; and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE**

Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas**.

**TO AUTHORIZE THAT THE 2008 BUDGET INCLUDE THE CREATION OF AN ATLANTA CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD LINE ITEM**

07-O-1104 (3) An Ordinance by Councilmembers H. Lamar Willis, C.T. Martin, Felicia A. Moore, Mary Norwood, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Ceasar C. Mitchell and Joyce Sheperd Authorizing that the 2008 Budget include the creation of an Atlanta Citizen Review Board line item; and appropriation of \$250,000.00 to that line item for funding of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board; and for other purposes.

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Chairperson Shook stated that we discussed this in Briefing on yesterday. Councilmember Muller asked where would the funds come from? Chairperson Shook responded that it pushed back the funding for the 50 Police Officers. We have positions that are currently vacant. What is the preference? CFO Davis responded it should be Filed because it was an Amendment to the Budget. It is in the proposed Substitute in the Budget. We attempted to accommodate items that were important. Councilmember Winslow stated that she wants to make sure that it is in there. Councilmember Muller asked if the creation of 215 positions for the Department of Police been added. CFO Davis responded that 215 positions have not been included. These are Amendments that Mr. Meadows has prepared. Councilmember Moore asked what page is this located on. Mr. Meadows responded that it is not part of the Amendment. The amount is \$283,623.00 for three positions and it is from the Operating Budget. To generate it, we are delaying the 50 Police Officers positions for two months. Councilmember Muller asked for a package of all of the Amendments. Mr. Meadows responded that he would provide it. Councilmember Muller asked if the 215 positions in the Held Papers will be Filed. We talked a long time ago about Council priorities. What is the process here? Mr. Meadows responded that the majority of the Amendments were included in the Budget. We have prepared information as it was requested. Councilmember Muller asked if it was suggested where the funds would come from. Mr. Meadows responded yes when we are charged to find money. We have made attempts for the front footage fee. The cost will be \$15 million dollars. It varies as parcels are added to the City. Councilmember Muller stated that it is egregious to pay for people to go out and measure the curbs. Councilmember Moore asked what is the \$250,000 Grant on page #13. Mr. Meadows responded it is for Public Service Organizations. Councilmember Moore asked how are they administered. Mr. Meadows responded through the Offices of Human Services and Constituent Services. Councilmember Muller asked if we got money back from Hurricane Katrina. CFO Davis responded that we had a large refund and we returned it. Mr. Meadows added that it was a reimbursable Grant and all services were in-kind services. We received a Grant that was a Pass Thru from the United Way. What was not used was refunded to FEMA. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **File, 5 Yeas.**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$33,375.00)**

07-O-1105 (4) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 5/30/07** Authorizing the transfer from Appropriations to Appropriations in the amount of thirty three thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$33,375.00) from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs, Office of Cultural Affairs ("Cultural Affairs"), Fund, Account, and Center Number 1A01 (General Fund) 711003 (Salaries, Extra Help) N41001 (Office of Director) to the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency ("AWDA") Fund, Account, and Center Number 1B07 (Job Training Grant Fund) 729002 (Service Grants) Y71R0338QNA0 (Non-Administrative Cost Pool) for the purpose of providing Summer Employment for 120 teens through the Artscool Summer Arts Employment Program; and for other

purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute adds the Fund, Account and Center Number and the Fund Name Title, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE**

**Ms. Diane Harnell-Cohen:** Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs addressed the Committee by asking if we could move forward and bring the Substitute on Monday. Councilmember Winslow asked if this is the Federal Government. Commissioner Harnell-Cohen responded that it comes from the Bureau of Cultural Affairs to AWDA. This paper transfers \$33,375.00 from our budget to AWDA. We combine our money with the federal government money to get double the teens. The teens are paid through debit cards. The Substitute adds the Fund, Account and Center Number and the Fund Name Title. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 5 Years.**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

07-O-1107 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 5/30/07** Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia ("Authority") and the City of Atlanta pertaining to the performance of certain public improvements by the Authority for the benefit of the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute adds the Fund, Account and Center Number, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE**

**Mr. Joe Batista:** Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management addressed the Committee by stating that we have a Substitute that adds the Fund, Account and Center Number. This is one of the AHA series funding. It is for the revitalization for Grady Homes Mixed Use community. The funding is already in place. This work is accomplished by having the contractor perform the work during the site improvement work. The Agreement has been developed by the Legal Department some time ago. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 5 Years.**

**TO AMEND ARTICLE "V", CLASSIFICATION PLAN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

07-O-1111 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 5/30/07** to Amend Article "V", Classification Plan of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to abolish and create classifications, grade and title amend classifications, and transfer positions in support of the 2008 Budget; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute states that there are two positions in Aviation to be removed the creation of an ERP Program Manager Officer position for the Controller in the Non Departmental Section and the creation of ERP positions to continue until July 31, 2008 or until the project is completed, Finance/Executive Committee Amendment adds Attachment 1, FY 2008, Authorized Columns related to all Funds, Enterprise Fund and General Fund, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED**

**Ms. Benita Ransom:** Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources addressed the Committee by stating that this paper addressed the workforce level by Department. The Substitute contains two positions in Aviation to be removed, the creation of an ERP Program Manager Officer position for the Controller in the Non Departmental Section and the creation of ERP positions to continue until July 31, 2008 or until the project is completed. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to bring the **Substitute forward, 3 Yeas, 1 Abstention, 1 Nay.** Commissioner Ransom stated that we are consolidating the functions of Police, Fire and Corrections administrative functions and creating a Director of Management Services, Deputy Director and a Police Department Liaison. Councilmember Winslow asked if the Director replaces the Human Resources person. Commissioner Ransom responded yes, they will have a Director and Deputy Director that will serve the three Departments. They will handle all of the administrative functions. The Fire Inspectors functions will be civilianized, which we will enable Sworn Firefighters to concentrate on fighting fires. We are transferring positions from one fund to another. We are transferring an Audit person to the General Fund to do audits. We are upgrading the Parks workers. In the Department of Watershed Management we are adjusting positions that are 7, 8 and 9 and will be upgraded to 8, 9 and 10. In the Department of Public Works we are creating a Senior Automotive Parks Maintenance worker to manage the parks. Councilmember Muller asked about the Trash Troopers that comes out of Parks. Mr. Meadows responded that the Trash Troopers are cleaning the right of ways and State Roads, in which the State is responsible for. Parks are assigned to City parks workers. Councilmember Winslow stated that she remembers that they are adding six Trash Troopers. Mr. Meadows responded yes for right of ways and vacant lots. Councilmember Muller stated that we put in \$5 million dollars for Trash Troopers for the very first time. Mr. Meadows responded that there is a line item for Trash Troopers. Councilmember Winslow stated that her Amendment will increase Police and Fire from 4% to 5.5%. Councilmember Moore asked why give Police and Fire more. Why are you increasing them more than 4%. Councilmember Winslow responded that the Administration was working out something with them. There was concern from Police Officers regarding the lateral program and trying to address the Steps. Councilmember Moore responded that everyone will receive something unless you exclude the lateral program employees. Commissioner Ransom responded that it offers a 2% COLA and a Step increase based on performance. Under the new Code if you have maxed out you will get a one time payment. This will move the Sworn personnel through the Pay Grade. Councilmember Moore stated that we have been through this before. Commissioner Ransom responded that the issue is that the other Officers are not progressing through the program. We have recently completed a market survey and Police was given 3.5% in 2006 and they are 8% behind the market. Fire did not get the adjustment in 2006 and they are 8.9% behind. Councilmember Moore stated that you have to look at the retirees and resignations. She was making the general statement of our Police. Chairperson Shook stated that he would support the Amendment to enhance our ability to compete and look toward Steps. Councilmember Moore stated that she thought it was 4%. Where is the General Fund Employees Step increase? Commissioner Ransom responded that it is not funded for General Fund Employees. Councilmember Winslow stated that her Amendment is 2.6% for General Employees.

**Mr. Marcus Guthrie:** Spokesman for ASFCME Local 1644 addressed the Committee by stating that the Rifs are sending the wrong message. If you fund 5.5% for Police and Fire, we should be rewarded the same. We don't see any support from this Administration.

**Mr. Jim Daws:** President of the Firefighters Association addressed the Committee by stating that in the past he has not been anything less than critical in regards to the Firefighters. He also wanted to recognize the progress. He has stated for years that the Fire Department is way behind our peers. This 3.5% will not eliminate the lag, but put us closer. If we continue to do it for the next four or five years we can compete with other jurisdictions. There was some talk about this addressing the lateral program. It will diminish them tremendously. As we move into the Steps, people coming in the door will not make as much as existing Firefighters. Councilmember Moore stated that we

need to look at what we are doing for the General Employees. She does not understand if this is placed in the Personnel Paper, where is it in the Budget? Mr. Meadows responded that it was funded throughout the Budget. There was already the 4% there. Because of those factors, every position will not get it, it is less than a across the board. A portion of the Pay For Performance amount will go to Police and Fire and the General Employees. The .6% represents \$240,000 for the General Employees and the rest will fund the Step increase for Police and Fire. Councilmember Moore asked if there is any other way to appropriate that money. Chairperson Shook offered an **Amendment for the 5.5% for Police and Fire, 3 Years, 1 Abstention and the 2 .6% COLA for General Employees, 3 Years, 1 Abstention**. Councilmember Muller asked if we have to Amend the Budget. Mr. Meadows responded yes. Councilmember Moore asked about Section 15. Commissioner Ransom responded that the workforce level is the authorized number of positions each Department can have. Councilmember Moore asked why is it necessary? Commissioner Ransom responded that Council establishes the workforce level for the year and if a Department goes beyond that number, they have to come back to Council. Councilmember Moore asked what level is it. Commissioner Ransom responded that she would provide the information. It will show all funds broken out on the last column on each page. Councilmember Moore offered an Amendment to Section 15 to add another sentence that states this as **Attachment 1, FY 2008, Authorized Columns related to all Funds, Enterprise Fund and General Fund**. Councilmember Martin asked about the increases. Mr. Meadows responded that he is aware that there are increases throughout the paper. Councilmember Martin asked what is the amount? Mr. Meadows responded that some of it is that we are eliminating some positions. We reduced some of them to one position and adjusted the salary because they are doing consolidated duties. Councilmember Martin asked about the ones where the supervisors are given raises. Councilmember Martin asked about the 10 Resource Officers positions that are needed to help with truancy. Mr. Meadows responded that he is almost done with it. First we have to find the appropriate classification and pay scale. Filling 100 positions in a year is a challenge. Councilmember Martin asked for the Amendment of \$3 million dollars for 50 Officers, which would really help. He then asked if the 2.6% General Fund is getting enough to cover the increased insurance costs. He then asked what is the rationale? It is interesting that one individual can go to the Administration and come up with those Amendments. Councilmember Winslow stated that she did not go to the Administration. Councilmember Martin stated that the Police Union went to the Administration and they were told to go back and talk to Council. He wants to understand the logic. Councilmember Winslow stated that there are 70 current vacancies in the Police Department. Councilmember Martin stated that he is not concern with the rationale. A year ago a rationale was given why Firefighters did not get as much as Police. It gets down to votes. Mr. Meadows responded that he would provide the information for the Non-Sworn Resource Officers. Councilmember Winslow asked if we currently have 70 positions with the Police Department. Chief Banda responded yes. The critical problem is that a lot of people are retiring and resigning. The recruit classes have 80 people. Councilmember Winslow asked how many come out of the classes each year. Deputy Chief Banda responded 120 to 150 people. Councilmember Winslow stated that we need to have two academies. Councilmember Martin stated that during the Olympics we trained a lot of Officers. He then asked about the Citizen Review Board. Chairperson Shook stated that we found \$283,000 for them. Councilmember Fauver stated that she wants to address the Pay for Performance Program because it sends the wrong message to the employees. She believes that it is absolutely wrong to take that money and put it somewhere else. She does not know where the money can come from, but it needs to be put back in. Chairperson Shook stated that he agrees, but the idea was for it to be fully funded. Anything less than full funding may be going backward. Mr. Meadows responded that it would have to be around \$6 million dollars. Commissioner Ransom responded that we all want to move to a true pay for performance. For it to work we need adequate funding. Without the money, we need to put it on hold and not half step. Councilmember Fauver asked if there is a problem with having a Bonus Program. Commissioner Ransom responded that the feedback is that they would prefer to forego the Bonus. Councilmember Fauver stated that she does not understand why it is an either/or. If there is funding, would you support it. Commissioner Ransom responded

that the Bonus Program is the last result. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Approve on Substitution as Amended, 4 Yeas, 1 Nay.**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE FY2007 (WATER AND WASTEWATER RENEWAL AND EXTENSION FUND) BUDGET**

07-O-1112 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmember Ceasar C. Mitchell **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 5/30/07** Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Amend the FY2007 (Water and Wastewater Renewal and Extension Fund) Budget in the amount of thirty one million dollars (\$31,000,000.00) to transfer funds from the Reserve For Appropriations for Greensferry, McDaniel and Stockade (Custer) Sewer Separation Projects; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Amendment adds the title name, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE AS AMENDED**

Mr. Batista stated that we have an Amendment to add the title name. The State has made available up to \$50 million dollars. The GEFA Program is a reimbursable program. We have to use our cash reserves under this loan program. This is for the SRF reimbursement for 2007. The separation projects are already fully funded. CFO Davis added that the name of the FAC is not in the caption. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve as Amended, 5 Yeas.**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO REFUND CERTAIN CUSTOMER DEPOSITS**

07-R-1077 (1) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund certain Customer Deposits at various locations retained for Water Sewer Services on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management; and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE**

**Ms. Sheila Pierce:** addressed the Committee by stating that this is to waive Section 154-114E of the Code. We collect deposits from customers when service is established. When we transitioned from the old billing system last year, we elected to electronically refund. They were done as credit to active accounts. Councilmember Winslow offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

07-R-1086 (2) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor or her Designee to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement pursuant to Chapter 2, Article X, Division 15, Section 2-1601 et. Seq. of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, utilizing State of Georgia Contract #SWC50755 with Bank of America, N.A., on behalf of the Department of Finance, for the use of Bank of America Visa purchasing cards and associated services; and for other purposes.

**HELD**

CFO Davis stated that this allows us to use the State of Georgia Contract in response from the Internal Audit group. We are in the early stages of working with the banks. We may be doing it later than July 1<sup>st</sup> because we have not brought a person on board. We will be covering travel and expand the cards for petty cash transactions. It gives the

employees an opportunity to travel and not use their own credit cards. There are cards that are set up only for travel. It will have safe guards. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to Hold. She does not want to pass this without the resources being in place. She wants a follow up of the credit card issues that we already have. She also wants a follow up, recovery and what the procedures are. Councilmember Winslow asked how many people have cards now. CFO Davis responded the Mayor, City Attorney and her Assistant, Chief Operating Officer, Chief of Staff and AWDA Director. Chairperson Shook asked if there is a problem with Holding it. CFO Davis responded that she would provide the information. Councilmember Moore added that she also wanted information regarding not only the recovery of money, but any disciplinary actions taken. Senior City Attorney Jeffrey Norman has stated that they were not able to finish the investigation, but the Mayor stated that she wanted it continued.

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH PRECISION 2000, INC.**

07-R-1088 (3) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 1 with Precision 2000, Inc. for FC-3006007917, Runway 10-28 Non-Licensed Vehicle Road, on behalf of the Department of Aviation, in an amount not to exceed one hundred and seventy eight thousand six hundred forty six dollars and twenty eight cents (\$178,646.28); all contracted work will be Charged To and Paid From Fund, Account and Center Number 2H26 (Airport Passenger Facility Charge Fund) 574001 (Facilities Other Than Buildings) R211E052096AA (Commuter Runway); and for other purposes.

**FILE**

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

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO UTILIZE THE STATE OF GEORGIA CONTRACT NUMBER SWC60748**

07-R-1090 (4) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing Chief Procurement Officer to issue a Purchase Order to utilize the State of Georgia Contract Number SWC60748 with Landscapeforms for the purchase of terminal curbside furniture and litter containers, on behalf of the Department of Aviation, in an amount not to exceed two hundred eighty four thousand sixty six dollars and sixty cents (\$284,066.60); all contracted work shall be Charged To and Paid From Fund, Account, and Center Number 2H21 (Airport Renewal & Extension Fund) 573001 (Facilities Buildings) R21001 (Aviation Capital Planning & Development); and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE**

**Mr. Dave Chapman:** Deputy Chief Procurement Officer addressed the Committee by stating that this is a State Contract purchase for liter containers and curb side furniture. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

**TO ENDORSE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ATLANTA DECLARATION ON GENDER EQUALITY FOR LOCAL ACTORS**

07-R-1091 (5) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee endorsing the provisions of the Atlanta Declaration on Gender Equality for Local Actors for the purpose of fully manifesting the promise of equal rights for men and women alike; and for other purposes.

**FAVORABLE**

Ms. Middleton stated that this is an Agreement for Fulton County and the City of Atlanta to promote gender equality. The City will confirm our commitment for course of action. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas**. Chairperson Shook stated that there is a lengthy to-do list associated with it. Is there any budgetary consequences? CFO Davis responded that we have no real understanding of what the program will do. Councilmember Moore stated that some of these are what the City is already working on. Chairperson Shook asked what is gender budgeting. Mr. Meadows responded that it is taking into account individual needs of women.

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

06-O-0787 (1) 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 and Substituted, 7/12/06)**

**HELD**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA**

06-R-1450 (2) A Resolution by Councilmembers Mary Norwood and Ceasar C. Mitchell Authorizing the Mayor or her Designee to enter into an Appropriate Agreement with the State of Georgia Department of Transportation to accept funding in the amount of \$86,000.00 for the maintenance of State Highways within the City Limits in furtherance of the City's partnership with the Department of Transportation to provide employment opportunities to homeless individuals; and for other purposes. **(Held and Substituted, 6/28/06)**

**HELD**

**TO AMEND THE 2006 (SOLID WASTE SERVICES REVENUE FUND) BUDGET**

06-O-1451 (3) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Mary Norwood and Ceasar C. Mitchell Amending the 2006 (Solid Waste Services Revenue Fund) Budget by Adding To Anticipations and Appropriations the amount of \$86,000.00 from the State of Georgia Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding litter removal and other services related to road maintenance within the City Limits in furtherance of the City's Partnership with the Department of Transportation to provide employment opportunities for homeless individuals; and for other purposes. **(Held and Substituted, 6/28/06)**

**HELD**

**TO EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH TDC SYSTEMS INTEGRATION, INC.**

06-R-1667 (4) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Master Agreement with TDC Systems Integration, Inc. for FC-6006007881, Citywide On-Call Services for Information Technology Staffing; authorizing the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Information Technology, the Director of Information Technology of the Department of

Watershed Management and the Aviation Information Systems Director of the Department of Aviation to execute all statements of work; all contracted work shall be Charged To and Paid From Various Fund, Account and Center Numbers; and for other purposes. **(Held and Amended, 8/16/06)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND KNOWN AS THE SANDTOWN COMMUNITY**

- 06-O-1924 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Jim Maddox, H. Lamar Willis and Ceasar C. Mitchell to provide for the Annexation of Land known as the Sandtown Community to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Referred back by Full Council, 12/04/06); (Held, 12/13/06)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND KNOWN AS CASCADE GLENN**

- 06-O-1926 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Jim Maddox, H. Lamar Willis and Ceasar C. Mitchell to provide for the Annexation of Land known as Cascade Glenn to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Referred back by Full Council, 12/04/06); (Held, 12/13/06)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

- 06-O-2250 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox, H. Lamar Willis and Ceasar C. Mitchell to provide for the Annexation of Land to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta, Georgia; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of Georgia of such Annexation; and for other purposes. **(Held, 10/11/06)**

**HELD**

**TO ANTICIPATE AND APPROPRIATE BOND PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000,000**

- 07-O-0113 (8) A **Substitute** Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to Anticipate and Appropriate Bond Proceeds in the amount of \$8,000,000 from the Annual 2007 General Obligation Bonds Issue to fund Various Municipal Projects; and for other purposes. **(Held, 2/28/07); (Finance/Executive Committee Substitute changes the \$800,000 for jail infrastructure to Citywide sidewalk repairs, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE**

Chairperson Shook stated that we have a Substitute. Mr. Meadows responded that it changes \$800,000.00 for jail infrastructure to Citywide sidewalk repairs. There is a Trust Fund for Traffic Court fines. The \$800,000.00 funding will be used for Citywide

sidewalk repairs. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 5 Yeas**. Councilmember Muller stated that the Quality of Life also provides for repairs. We made sure that the money was equally distributed. Councilmember Moore stated that there is plenty of money available for Downtown. Councilmember Muller asked who came up with the list. Mr. Meadows responded that it is part of the CIP. It is a cooperative process that is managed by the Department of Planning and Community Development. He then stated that ½ percent of all capital expenditures are dedicated for public art.

**TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

07-O-0138 (9) An Ordinance by Councilmember Ceasar C. Mitchell to Amend the Procurement Code of the City of Atlanta, Georgia by Adding to Section 2-1142; monthly report to City Council; and for other purposes. **(Held, 1/31/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF PROPERTIES WITHIN UNINCORPORATED FULTON COUNTY**

07-O-0492 (10) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook and Jim Maddox to provide for the Annexation of those portions of properties within Unincorporated Fulton County known on the Tax Records of said County as Club Drive Rear, Parcels 17 00120005046, 17 00120005049, 17 00120005050, and 17 00120005055; Mabry Road Rear, Parcels 17 00130002015, 17 00130002016, and 17 00130002033; 4500 East Brookhaven Drive Rear, Parcel 17 0012005052; 4536 East Brookhaven Drive, Parcel 17 00130002026; 4524 East Brookhaven Drive, Parcel 17 00130002038; 4520 East Brookhaven Drive, Parcel 17 0010002042; 4516 East Brookhaven Drive, Parcel 17 00130002043; and 4647 Club Valley Drive, Parcel 17 00130002041, all properties being Unincorporated Islands, to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide notice to the property owners; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/14/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF WELCOME ALL ROAD, PARCEL 14F 0037 LL005**

07-O-0500 (11) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox and Howard Shook to provide for the Annexation of Welcome All Road, Parcel 14F 0037 LL005, an Unincorporated Island, to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide notice to the property owners; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/14/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS KIMBERLY ROAD**

07-O-0504 (12) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox and Howard Shook to provide for the Annexation of property known as Kimberly Road, Parcel 14F 0030 LL010, Kimberly Road Rear, Parcel 14F0030 LL011, Kimberly Road, Parcel 14F0030 LL012, Kimberly Road, Parcel 14F0030 LL013, Kimberly Road, Parcel 14F0030 LL027, and Kimberly Road 14F0030 LL028, all

properties being Unincorporated Islands, to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide notice to the property owners; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/14/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS NISKEY LAKE TRAIL**

07-O-0505 (13) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox and Howard Shook to provide for the Annexation of property known as Niskey Lake Trail, Parcel 14F0029 LI036, said property being an Unincorporated Island, to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide notice to the property owners; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/14/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF WELCOME ALL ROAD**

07-O-0509 (14) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Jim Maddox and Howard Shook to provide for the Annexation of Welcome All Road, Parcel 14F 0037 LL008, an Unincorporated Island, to the Corporate Limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide notice to the property owners; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/14/07)**

**HELD**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ATLANTA TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROVISIONS**

07-O-0622 (15) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Anne Fauver and Carla Smith Authorizing the City of Atlanta to waive the Competitive Procurement Provisions contained in Article X, Procurement and Real Estate Code of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances to maximize efficiency in purchasing systems furniture for several City of Atlanta Capital Projects; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/28/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4605 BIRDIE LANE, SW**

07-O-0623 (16) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox to provide for the Annexation of 4605 Birdie Lane, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30331, 0.404 acres of land located in Land Lot 61 of the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Fulton County to the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta, Georgia; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs of the State of Georgia of such Annexation; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/28/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND KNOWN AS CASCADE FALLS SUBDIVISION**

07-O-0624 (17) An Ordinance by Councilmember James Maddox to provide for the Annexation of land known as Cascade Falls Subdivision to the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/28/07)**

**HELD**

**TO ADOPT THE FY 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET**

07-O-0870 (18) A **Substitute** Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee Adopting the FY 2008 Proposed Budget. **(Held, 5/16/07); (Finance/Executive Committee Substitute is in the General Fund 10% of the Reserves is made up of Personnel expenses of 2.5%; Finance/Executive Committee Amendment of giving the Sworn Police and Sworn Fire a 2% COLA and an increment of 3.5% and give the remaining employees the 2.6% COLA. She also gave an Amendment for the Citizen Review Board, 5/30/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED**

Mr. Meadows stated that the Substitute is in reference to the General Fund, 10% of the Reserves is made up of Personnel expenses of 2.5%. Councilmember Moore asked about the 2.5% on page #13. Mr. Meadows responded that there is a 6% Restricted Reserve Budget. \$40 million dollars is in the Restricted Reserve. The other Restricted Reserve is \$24 million dollars. It is for litigations, lawsuit settlements, self insurance, fuel costs and pension costs. It is located in the General Fund Overview in the Budget notebook. If there are Reserves that are Personnel expenses, it has to be used for that. The \$11.2 million dollars is in the Personnel Reserve because some of it is in overtime and pension. The concept is that Departments often use salary savings to fund various initiatives. The purpose of putting it outside of the Departments set a threshold that keeps the money from being spent. We funded personnel at 97.5% in the Budget. When you fully fund all positions, it leaves money at their discretion. We wanted to increase the level of budgetary control. Councilmember Moore stated that there is money unappropriated. This is an area that we could look at. Mr. Meadows responded that we took it out of the Department because they would use it for unappropriated positions. CFO Davis added that since we have Rifs, the Departments may need a larger proportion that they may need. It can be a recurring expenditure. People will use and spend it on something that is built into their Budget. We do not want you to think that money is available. Councilmember Moore asked about the Boards, Commissions and Agencies. Mr. Meadows responded that it is the Internal City Auditor and Ethics Office. CFO Davis added that it is under Non Departmental. Councilmember Moore asked how did Brand Atlanta become an Agency? How did we come up with the \$4 million dollars? Mr. Meadows responded that it is from the Hotel/Motel Tax, which is about \$11 million dollars per year. CFO Davis added that the first \$8 million dollars comes to the City and up to \$4 million dollars to Brand Atlanta. Councilmember Moore asked if it is on a yearly basis. CFO Davis responded yes, it is this year and next year only. Mr. Meadows added that it was formerly from the Car Rental Taxes. Councilmember Moore stated that she did not have a problem with that because the purpose was for tourism. Mr. Meadows responded that we collect revenues from parking and traffic fines as well. Councilmember Moore asked what is the connection? The funds go into a certain pot to cover a specific service. Are we guilty of spending the money on more than tourism? Mr. Meadows responded that this category is more broadly applied. Councilmember Moore stated that she does not have a problem with Brand Atlanta, but she has a problem with spending \$4 million dollars on it. There are more serious priorities this money can be spent on. We want to

increase tourism, but we don't use the funds to promote the City. She then asked about the other payments in Service Grants. Mr. Meadows responded that it is various organizations. Councilmember Martin stated that it appears that the advertising people are the ones benefiting from Brand Atlanta. He thinks that marketing tells what you are, but the best marketing is your people. We have more than our share of drugs in this City. We need to redo this Budget. He is bothered about making Amendments on today without all of the Councilmembers. Chairperson Shook asked to what level are fire stations improvements funded. Mr. Meadows responded for operational repairs and maintenance. It is also a part of the Capital Budget of \$7 million dollars to \$9 million dollars. Councilmember Martin stated that he received the information from the Public Safety Committee regarding \$292,000 for the Capital Budget. When he asked about the capital improvement stuff, he asked what is there for tomorrow? He believes that they will put in a position of a Plumber for the Fire Stations. There are water pressure problems at the Fire Stations. Chairperson Shook stated that we have asked for a five-year plan. Councilmember Winslow stated that the Acting Fire Chief has stated that they are looking at the worst Fire Stations first.

**Chief Meadows:** Acting Fire Chief addressed the Committee by stating that we identified the top ten Fire Stations. We have a Fire Station Renewal Program where we will rebuild Fire Stations. The five-year plan is part of the \$49 million dollars. Mr. Meadows stated that the \$49 million dollars is an accumulative projection. Councilmember Winslow stated that there is currently enough money to do what the Chief wants. Mr. Meadows responded no. Right now we have three Fire Stations moving forward. Councilmember Martin stated that he was talking about the basic maintenance stuff. We also have problems at the Police Zones. When can he bring in his Amendments? He then offered an Amendment for additional Police Officers and a 2% COLA and an additional 1% for the remaining employees. The process is that today we split up the money and then on Monday people will undo what we are doing today. Councilmember Muller stated that it is her recollection to make Amendments here and on the Council floor. We need help with looking for line items. The first Amendment is for the Citizen Review Board. It was not on the priority list, but it came up later. The \$4 million dollars Bond money might have been where we could have gotten the Fire Stations fixed. She would like to fund what was not funded that was on our priority list. Councilmember Martin stated that he used to go out and look at all Fire Stations and Police Zones when he was Chairperson for the Public Safety Committee. It is interesting to find out the age of them. Mr. Meadows responded that there is funding for Fire Stations and badly needed Public Safety Facilities. The day to day operation expenses are included for the Fire Stations. Councilmember Martin stated that he sees the Municipal Court is included. Have they spent all of their money? Mr. Meadows responded that the specific need is related to the power grid it sits on. Councilmember Martin asked about the \$772,000 in capital improvements. Mr. Meadows responded that it is for the Neighborhood Centers and Offices that General Services oversees. Councilmember Martin asked for an Amendment for Non-Sworn Police Officers ten positions that will help with truancy. His next Amendment is the 100 Narcotic Agents and the Citizen Review Board. Mr. Meadows responded that the incremental cost is less than Criminal Investigators. Councilmember Martin offered an Amendment for 50 Narcotics Agents in the amount of \$3 million dollars. Councilmember Muller stated that if we are going to start looking for Amendments, it should be the priorities first. She then asked for the front footage and the cleaning of right of ways. What about the past increments for Police and Fire. Mr. Meadows responded that it was left off of the list. Councilmember Winslow read her Amendment of giving the Sworn Police and Sworn Fire a 2% COLA and an increment of 3.5% and give the remaining employees the 2.6% COLA. She also gave an Amendment for the Citizen Review Board. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Approve Councilmember Winslow's Amendments, 5 Yeas.**

**Mr. Carey Duncan:** addressed the Committee by stating that he feels that the money should come from the Police Foundation. He holds Chief Pennington responsible for the issue at hand.

Continuing, Chairperson Shook stated that there have to be recommendations of where the money will come from. Councilmember Muller stated that she would ask Finance staff to prepare the Amendments. CFO Davis responded that it is a matter of addition and subtraction. We do not know what the priority is you are interested in or if it is a higher priority. The Budget is done with limited dollars to address many issues as we can. We are not in a position to decide who the loser will be. That is a decision for the policy makers. Mr. Meadows added that a lot of Departments lost 10% in reductions. We did meet seven out of ten priorities. Councilmember Muller stated that she wants a number put with the priority. Councilmember Moore offered an Amendment regarding the Fire Inspectors. Mr. Meadows responded that it needs to be in the form of an Ordinance. Councilmember Moore stated that it just needs to be taken out of the Budget Ordinance. We have given away our authority when we passed the Personnel Code. CFO Davis responded that Department Heads have always had the authority to make those administrative moves. To assign a person to a work group is a concept that we don't use much in the City. Councilmember Moore stated that it is funny that we can find justification when it comes from the Executive Branch. Commissioner Ransom responded that the CFO is correct because there is no special Code revision. They will be on paper from the Fire and Rescue Department, but will function through the Bureau of Buildings. Councilmember Moore stated that she does not agree with that philosophy. There is not an Ordinance to supersede the Executive Branch's authority. Is it Chartered or Codified? Mr. Daws stated that the Administration should be given some credit for attempting to keep the relationship between the Fire Inspectors and the Fire and Rescue Department. There is some misunderstanding when it comes to the functions and nature of the duties of the Fire Inspectors. It is consistent to have the Fire Inspectors work out of the Fire Department and continue to do what they are doing now. We appreciate the consideration to keep them in the Fire Department, but they will be better off with the supervision of the Bureau of Buildings. The Sworn Firefighters are solely needed in the field. Councilmember Moore withdrew her Amendment. Chief Meadows responded that we have the Civilian Inspectors that do routine inspections and another group of Sworn Inspectors that do high rises and another group that do commercial properties. The ones that we are transferring are the Civilian Inspectors. It is a workable solution and it must be transitioned correctly. Councilmember Moore offered an Amendment for the Crossing Guards. The other Amendment is to increase the COLA to make it consistent with the CPI. How is it being funded? Chairperson Shook stated that the adjustment would be made in the Personnel Paper. It would come from the liquidation and spreading of the Pay For Performance Bonus money. Mr. Meadows responded that the Amendments are a package. It is a combination of the 2% and the annual increase of 3.5% for a total of 5.5% for Police and Fire. Councilmember Moore stated that at some point the General Fund Employees should receive something. Mr. Meadows responded that the other component is moving General Fund Employees from 2% to 2.6%. We are trying to address the retribution problem with Police and Fire. Councilmember Moore asked about the additional money be applied toward the Health Insurance increase. Mr. Meadows responded that we checked on that and the average benefit is \$5 or \$10 a month with the additional Pay For Performance money. Councilmember Moore wants to know the reduction of 1% or 2% less from the Healthcare on the Employer's side. Mr. Meadows responded that the employer's contribution was 77% and we moved it to 78%. Councilmember Moore wants to look at the additional 2% to the employer's health insurance contribution. Mr. Morris stated that he wanted to speak about Brand Atlanta. We have instituted this branding and marketing initiative. We are trying to create a source of revenue to support all of the requests heard. He wanted to urge the Council to keep the \$4 million dollars for Brand Atlanta. Councilmember Fauver asked the CFO about pension costs. Can we change the percentage of healthcare to 75%? CFO Davis responded that any change could have the impact of shifting people's decision of where they are. Even if we went from 77% to 79%, that would be the same situation. It would also put people at risk of not having insurance cards. We did not want people to have a problem with getting insurance. It is too late to do Open Enrollment again. Councilmember Fauver asked if we made the change, would it be fair to have another Open Enrollment. This is not the first time that we didn't have our cards. Councilmember Moore stated that the 2% could be put in the employees

pockets. She wants to know how much it is. Councilmember Fauver asked if there are enhanced funds for sidewalk repairs in the Department of Public Works. How much of that is allocated to street signals and sidewalks? Mr. Meadows responded that there is \$125,000 for concrete and asphalt materials for the most hazardous areas. The homeowner is responsible for costs of sidewalks. We are looking for enforcement mechanisms to collect from homeowners. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute as Amended, 3 Yeas, 1 Abstention, 1 Nay.**

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

07-O-0871 (19) An **Substitute** Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee 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; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/16/07); (Finance/Executive Committee Substitute..., 5/3/07)**

**FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE**

Mr. Meadows stated that this paper will roll back the property taxes by 5 ½%. The rollback on the adjustment is about .44 mills up by .2 mills from reassessment in prior years. There is a significant rollback in the Bond Levy. The Operating Levy is reduced to 7.53 mills. Councilmember Moore asked if the School Board Levy is in here. Mr. Meadows responded yes. Councilmember Hall asked what is the dollar amount of the .52 mills decrease? Mr. Meadows responded that it is \$23 million dollars per mill. So it is half of that. The decrease is by reassessment and the increase is by construction and new growth. The dollar amount in 2006 is \$20 million dollars per mill and in 2007 it is \$23 million dollars. It will be 5.5% in addition to the \$23 million dollars if we do not roll back. A roll back reassessment is \$8.1 million dollars. Councilmember Fauver asked if you could take it and apply it to a \$100,000 house. Mr. Meadows responded yes, on the second page a list of homes of \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$300,000 are impacted. It is \$8 per \$100,000 home. Councilmember Muller stated that she needs a better understanding. Mr. Meadows responded that they will be billed in the calendar year 2007. The bills will come out late summer. Councilmember Muller asked about the Operating Levy. Mr. Meadows responded that the total Levy is on that page. Councilmember Hall asked why we are not focused on a higher quality of life. It should be the main focus. Could we apply some of these dollars to the citizens? Chairperson Shook stated that his constituents are concerned with how casual we are with spending other people's money. Councilmember Winslow stated that we receive .23 cents out of every \$1.00, .54 cents to the School Board and .25 to .30 cents for the County. Councilmember Hall stated that he has citizens who are serious about property taxes. They do not mind paying more if the services are delivered. Councilmember Moore asked how did we decide to prioritize the money. Councilmember Winslow stated that she thinks that it is a matter of educating the public. We should tell them that if we don't roll back taxes, these are things we can do for you. People want their property taxes dropped. Councilmember Fauver asked what was the millage rate in 2001 and 2002? She then pointed out that Fulton County reduced their millage rate by 1.19 mills and we are reducing our millage rate by 0.52. What is the difference? It is considerably less than what they are doing. CFO Davis stated that by the formula we share, Fulton County wins by a windfall and we end up with less. They are able to drop it more because we are subsidizing their Sales Tax. When Sandy Springs left, we were held harmless, but we were not improved in our position. Councilmember Fauver asked if there is money allocated to Finance to address the lack of reassessments by Fulton County. Mr. Meadows responded that there were conversations, but it was not a funding request. It was a project to go out and do a survey of properties to give an indication of what Fulton County has done. It is not a dollar impact, but an

assignment. Councilmember Fauver stated that she is paying 26% more in her taxes, why isn't more being put back into our pockets. Mr. Meadows responded that the City is increasing. When the new buildings go up, the properties next to them go up as well. The 5.5 mills are roll backs for reassessment due to new construction. The Park Levy remains constant. It is a net of all of them. The Bond Levy moves when your Debt is paid down. Councilmember Winslow offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 4 Yeas, 1 Abstention.**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND KNOWN AS THE ORKNEY/LANARK DRIVE COMMUNITY**

07-O-0968 (20) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox to provide for the Annexation of land known as the Orkney/Lanark Drive Community to the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/16/07)**

**HELD**

**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND KNOWN AS THE HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY (POMPEY DRIVE/OLD FAIRBURN ROAD)**

07-O-0969 (21) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox to provide for the Annexation of land known as the Huntington Community (Pompey Drive/Old Fairburn Road) to the corporate limits of the City of Atlanta; to provide for the notification of the Department of Community Affairs; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/16/07)**

**HELD**

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

07-O-0974 (22) An Ordinance by Councilmember C.T. Martin to Amend Article V. Classification Plan, Section 114-477, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to create two hundred fifteen (215) positions in the Atlanta Police Department; and for other purposes. **(Substituted and Held, 5/16/07)**

**HELD**

Councilmember Winslow offered a motion to File. Mr. Meadows responded that there were discussions regarding positions being filled. We were trying to find out if we could fill that capacity. Councilmember Moore stated that she is not comfortable Filing this paper because Councilmember Martin is not here to speak to it. Mr. Meadows responded that the positions are not necessary since the classification already exists.

**TO AMEND CHAPTER 110, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 110-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

07-O-1007 (23) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Kwanza Hall and Jim Maddox Amending Chapter 110, Article 1, Section 110-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia which sets forth the Fee Schedule for City of Atlanta's Recreation Centers, by adding a new Subsection 110-3 (a) (9), entitled "Neighborhood Service Centers Room Rental Fees", for purpose of creating a room rental fee schedule for Georgia Hill, John C. Birdine, and Dunbar Neighborhood Service Centers administered by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs; to create a refundable room deposit fee; to establish that half of all funds generated by

such fees shall be deposited into Fund Account Number: 1A01 (General Fund) 462201 (Building Rental) B00001 (Revenue Center), and that half of the Funds generated by such fees shall be deposited into 3P02 (Trust Fund) 462201 (Deposits Building Rental) N13W02119999 (Georgia Hill Neighborhood Center); 3P02 (Trust fund) 462201 (Deposits Building Rental) N13W02129999 (John C. Birdine Center); and 3P02 (Trust Fund) 462201 (Deposits building Rental) N13W02789999 (Dunbar Neighborhood Center); all revenues generated by the Refundable Room Deposit Fee at each Neighborhood Service Center shall be deposited into 1A01 (General Fund) 462201 (Building Rental) B00001 (Revenue Center) and expended from 1A01 (General Fund) 529010 (Refunds) T31001 (Unallocated Fund-Wide Expenses); and for other purposes. **(Held for NPU Notification Public Hearing, 5/16/07)**

### **HELD**

#### **ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

**Ms. Marquenta A. Sands:** Director of Security of the Atlanta Public Schools addressed the Committee by stating that she has concerns regarding the School Crossing Guards Program. We ask that you reconsider to transferring the program right now because it will not allow a seamless transition. We want to have time to develop a viable Program. We want an opportunity to consult and collaborate with them. We have the safety of our kids at hand. We are two weeks away from approving our Budget, which did not include funding for the School Crossing Program. This will have a grave impact on the students and the parents. Please give us an opportunity to budget for this program. Chairperson Shook asked when did you become aware of the proposal in the Budget. Ms. Sands responded today. Chairperson Shook stated that APS was supposed to have been contacted from the City's side. When is the first day of school? Ms. Sands responded August 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Moore stated that she received a call on yesterday. How much is the cost? Chairperson Shook responded it is 112 positions, 70 are filled and the cost is \$2 million dollars. Councilmember Moore stated that it was brought up at a School Board meeting. When we asked if the School Board knew about it, Mr. Pridgeon stated that he would talk to them. Why didn't they know in a timely fashion? CFO Davis responded that she did not know what the process was.

**Mr. Joe Morris:** Deputy Chief of Staff addressed the Committee by stating that Mr. Pridgeon met with Ms. Sharon Pitts, Chief of Staff for the APS two weeks ago. Councilmember Moore asked if he was involved in the conversations. Mr. Morris responded that he was not involved in the conversations.

**Mr. Roger Quaber:** Deputy Superintendent of Operations of the Atlanta Public Schools addressed the Committee by stating that he had multiple conversations with Ms. Pitts regarding a rumor. He spoke with Deputy Chief Andresan of APD and she was unaware of it. Ms. Pitts had no confirmation with Mr. Pridgeon. Our feedback was that there would be a meeting today, which was the very first notice. We are so far along in our Budget process that there was no time to adjust it. Councilmember Moore asked what would be the need for the transition. Mr. Quaber responded that we don't have the administrative staff to oversee the Program. The fastest results from APS would be the month of November. It is necessary to have the School Board authorization first. Councilmember Moore asked what will you do if this passes. Mr. Quaber responded that he can't commit on behalf of the School Board. We need more planning time. Councilmember Moore asked what is the impact? Ms. Sands responded that we would risk the lives of our children. Councilmember Moore stated that it is disturbing why the City would have to carry the School Crossing Guards in its Budget. She thinks that we should have contacted you in a timely manner. This is not the way to do it. We should look at a way to work with the School Board for a smooth transition. Councilmember Winslow asked if it is \$2 million dollars for 70 or 112 positions. Chairperson Shook

responded for 112 positions. Councilmember Winslow asked how long has this relationship gone on.

**Deputy Chief Turner:** of the Fire Department addressed the Committee by responding that it has always been under the City government. Councilmember Winslow asked about the Truant Children Division. Do we still have that Office? Ms. Sands responded that the relationship is very strong and we are located on James P. Brawley. Councilmember Winslow asked if they do it eight hours a day. Ms. Sands responded that the City provides two Offices per Zone and it is five days a week for eight hours a day. We pay for our share and Marta pays for theirs and the School Board provides the space. Councilmember Winslow stated that we all are looking for a way out. The federal government is looking for each entity to carry its own weight. We also pay for Elections, but it has to be shifted. What is your Budget? Ms. Sands responded \$650 million dollars. Councilmember Winslow asked for the population. Ms. Sands responded 50,000. Councilmember Moore asked how long are they funded up to. Mr. Meadows responded up to June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Crossing Guards are tied to the school year. Deputy Chief Turner added that we can't hire Crossing Guards. We as a public entity have to make sure children are able to cross the street properly. We do not have enough Officers to do it, but after June 30<sup>th</sup> we will do what we can. Councilmember Moore stated that there is a problem and an expense. If there is a policy decision, that should have been enough time to do it. We are making it worse to get rid of them when the Police feel responsible to still do it. We need to find the \$2 million dollars and put it back in the Budget. Councilmember Winslow asked when is your Budget cycle? Ms. Sands responded July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Winslow asked when is your Budget approved? Ms. Sands responded June 11<sup>th</sup>. CFO Davis added that if we choose to spend the \$2 million dollars we would have to cut something else. They are managed by APD. When someone doesn't show up, our sworn Officers have to leave their post to do it. Councilmember Winslow stated that we may need to make adjustments. Chairperson Shook asked for a better understanding of what is going on. Ms. Sands responded that we would have to have a conversation with APS of what has to be done if there is no funding. Summer School will end around June 30<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Moore asked when could you make that transition? Ms. Sands responded that if you can't do a year, what can you do? Councilmember Hall stated that we need to figure out a way to support this Program. This is a serious matter. Chairperson Shook stated that he is hopeful we can work out something. He hopes to make it a two way dialogue and the two entities need to communicate better. Councilmember Moore stated that the communication and the Budget came from the Administration. What is the fundamental fairness for a smooth transition because we are putting our kids in jeopardy?

**TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT**

07-R-1145 (1)

A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee Authorizing the Mayor or her Designee to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement pursuant to Section 2-1601 et. Seq. of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, utilizing the State of Georgia Contract #980-020-110165 with Oracle USA, Inc. for Staffing Services on a time and materials basis, on behalf of the Office of the Mayor, in an amount not to exceed six hundred eighty six thousand eight hundred ninety nine dollars and no cents (\$686,899.00); all contracted work to be Charged To and Paid From Fund Account and Center Number 1C51 (Capital Finance Fund) 524001 (Consultant/Prof. Services) T33401 (ERP Project); and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Conditional passage of getting a written response from the City Auditor, 5/30/07)**

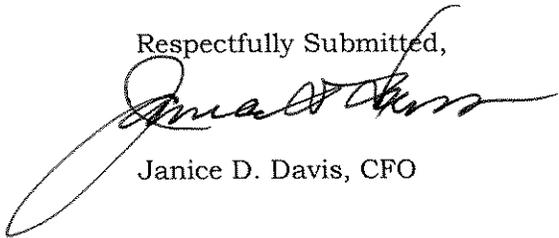
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CFO Davis stated that this paper allows us to enter into an Agreement with Oracle from the Government Contract and change the format. There is some urgency for this because it will cost us \$686,000 of Oracle time. In order to preserve this time we would like to change the nature of the Agreement. After two audits, we looked at our Program and we were directed by KMPG that their audit will be ready in four weeks. The letter lays out some of the changes. The City's Controller will do the responsibilities of the PMO. It was for \$1.9 million dollars. We attempted to bring on a new PMO. The Controller will assume day to day responsibilities for the project. We will only use the consultants that we need. This is our attempt to litigate the cost and complete the project. We received notification from Oracle to continue ranges from \$1.6 million dollars to \$9.6 million dollars. Councilmember Moore asked if it is in agreement with the current audit. CFO Davis responded that we talked to the Auditor and we are reducing the cost. She does not think that it is a problem. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve on Condition of getting a written response from the Internal City Auditor, 5 Yeas**. CFO Davis added that we are trying to reserve what is remaining. She will ask the Internal City Auditor to provide the information.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Janice D. Davis, CFO

Charlene Parker  
Recording Secretary

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