

The Regular meeting of the Finance/Executive Committee of the Atlanta City Council was held Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall South, 2nd Floor.

Present: Councilmember Howard Shook, Chair Janice D. Davis, CFO
 Councilmember Felicia A. Moore Departmental Staff
 Councilmember Kwanza Hall
 Councilmember Jim Maddox
 Councilmember Clair Muller
 Councilmember Cleta Winslow

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

The Agenda was adopted as printed with two new First Read Ordinances and two new Resolutions. Minutes of the May 1, 2008 Departmental Budget Hearings were adopted. We have four Walk In Papers. Councilmember Moore asked if 08-O-1127 was on the Committee On Council Agenda. On the Council floor it was referred to Finance, then Committee On Council, now back to Finance. She does not know if this is necessary. CFO stated that it is set up as a Project.

BUDGET HEARING FOR ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Rob Barger: Director of Council addressed the Committee by stating that the budget includes the President of Council, 15 Councilmembers, Municipal Clerk's Office and the Council Staff. The President budget is \$367,531.00, 15 Councilmember's budget is \$6,686,150.00, Shared Support is \$389,475, Council Staff's budget is \$1,822,906.00 and the Municipal Clerk budget is \$2,839,976.00 for a total of \$12,106,038.00. In various Work Sessions we were asked to reduce our budget by 25%. It includes such items as the Shared Support renovations. We have \$200,000 in Capital Improvements and \$129,475.00 for Consultant Fees. The Municipal Clerk has software of \$150,000, which was eliminated from the Budget. Each Councilmember will reduce their budget by \$28,000 and Council staff by \$143,000. It adds up to \$1.3 million dollars. Councilmember Moore asked about the \$1.75 million dollars. We have been given expenses that made our budget balloon. She is working on a project of how other Departments have spent their money and she is proud to say that Council did not. We are foregoing all of the things that we are saving our money for. Our budget has not been a part of the problem, but will be part of the solution. Chairperson Shook asked for a breakdown of the \$1.8 million dollars.

Ms. Rhonda Johnson: Municipal Clerk addressed the Committee by stating that the savings is from Non-Departmental funds. \$1.5 million dollars is from the 2009 Municipal Elections. There are also the archival legislative records of \$15,500, membership dues of \$110,000, required advertisement of \$100,000, publishing of City Code and Charter of \$30,000. Councilmember Hall asked for the Election and Archival number. Ms. Johnson responded it is \$1.5 million dollars and \$15,500.

CONSENT AGENDA

TO ANTICIPATE AND APPROPRIATE BOND PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,795,000.00

08-O-1111 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to anticipate and appropriate Bond Proceeds in the amount of \$106,795,000.00 from the Water and Wastewater Refunding Revenue Bond Series 2008; and amend the Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2001C-ARC Budget by transferring all current and future

Proceeds in the Debt Service Reserve Account to the Water and Wastewater Sinking Fund; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

REGULAR AGENDA

TO AMEND THE 2008 GENERAL GOVERNMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND BUDGETS

08-O-0887 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee amending the 2008 General Government Capital Outlay Fund Budgets in the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Public Works by Transferring between Accounts the sum of \$9,607,131.00 for the purpose of funding City-wide Transportation Projects; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Mr. Garnett Brown: of the Bureau of Planning addressed the Committee by stating that we get the report from the Accounting Department. This is from June of last year. This paper funds 17 projects that are Transportation Projects. There is \$330,000 for the Bureau of Planning staff. 3% of Impact Fees can be used for administrative purposes. Councilmember Muller asked if they are within the new rules. Chairperson Shook stated that these came in before the new rules were passed. Mr. Brown responded that the new rule is for 2007. There is approx. \$2 to \$3 million dollars left in the Project. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Approve, 5 Yeas.**

TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND THE NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY

08-O-0889 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to accept a Permanent Construction Easement and the necessary Rights-Of-Way from various property owners for the installation of a traffic signal for the Howell Mill Road/Norfleet Road McKinley Road Intersection Improvement Project; to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with affected property owners and to use all means necessary to acquire necessary property interests up to and including condemnation proceedings and to authorize the City Attorney to institute condemnation proceedings pursuant to the declaration of taking method authorized by O.C.G.A Section 32-3-4; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Madelyn Grant: of the Department of Public Works addressed the Committee by stating that we passed out handouts. It is to acquire a permanent easement at the intersection of Howell Mill and Spring Lake Lane. The easement is for three property owners and is 300 square feet. It is in Council District 8 and NPU-B. Councilmember Muller stated that this is a Quality of Life Project. She then offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

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

08-O-0990 (3) An **Amended** Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the City of Atlanta to waive the Competitive Procurement Provisions contained in Article X of the Procurement and Real Estate Code of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, allowing the City to contractually exercise its renewal options on

an expired contract as Renewal Option No. 2 for the Agreement with Tag Grinding Services, Inc., for FC-6005007900, Annual Contract for Yard Trimmings Program on behalf of the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00); all contracted work will be Charged To and Paid From FDOA: 1001 (General Fund) 130213 (DPW Recycling & Collections) 5212001 (Consulting/Professional Services); and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee removes one of the words (months) in Section 6, in Section 1 the FC number was omitted and should be put in and in Section 6 it should read the intent of this Ordinance (of was misspelled), 5/28/08)**

FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

Mr. Joe Basista: Commissioner of the Department of Public Works addressed the Committee by stating that this is the last of our expired contracts. It is for grinding services. He has asked his staff to create a list of all expired contracts. He directed that the services be stopped until a renewal was in place. Our team was trying to upgrade the grinding equipment. The negotiations were not successful. It is a complicated change to the contract, which should have been separated. This is the last expired contract. It is in the City's best interest to renew the contract. Councilmember Moore asked how long is this for? Commissioner Basista responded one year and one renewal year, then we will rebid the contract. Councilmember Moore stated that we need to decide the future of the contract location. There are other options. Mr. Basista responded that he would explore it. Chairperson Shook stated that there are typos in the document. We will remove one of the words (months) in Section 6, in Section 1 the FC number was omitted and should be put in and in Section 6 it should read the intent of this Ordinance (of was misspelled). Councilmember Hall offered a motion to **Approve as Amended, 6 Yeas.**

TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ALL SALARIES AND BENEFITS

08-O-0993 (4) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing payment of all salaries and benefits for employees of the Department of Planning's Arborist Division from the Tree Trust Fund, Fund 7701, Account Number 5111001, Center/Department Number 250101, and Function Activity 1320000, for a period of two years; and for other purposes.

HELD

Mr. Ibrahim Maslamani: Director of the Bureau of Buildings addressed the Committee by stating that this will move 9 Arborist staff from the General Fund to the Tree Trust Fund for two years. Chairperson Shook stated that this should be part of the Budget Papers.

Mr. Dan White: Co-Chair of the Tree Committee addressed the Committee by stating that we are at a critical point. The idea takes creative thought. By using the loan mechanism, we are not opening up to a legal challenge. The AJC has advertised that one reason people move to Atlanta is because of our quality of life. Trees are a natural excess. Please ensure continuity on this. We can use the money creatively help maintain the Arborist positions. The money will be returned to the Tree Trust Fund. The City is moving into the 21st Century in a positive way.

Mr. Bill Fuller: addressed the Committee by stating that we don't want to lose our Tree Trust Fund. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to Hold. Everything is on the table while we decide what to do with the Budget.

Mr. Carey Duncan: addressed the Committee by stating that it is important to protect the Tree Trust Fund. He supports this 100%. Councilmember Fauver stated that she supports the Tree Trust Fund as well.

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

08-O-1017 (5) An Ordinance and Charter Amendment by Councilmembers Howard Shook, Cleta Winslow, Felicia A. Moore, Mary Norwood, Clair Muller, and Kwanza Hall to amend the Charter of the City of Atlanta adopted under and by virtue of the Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965 (GA Laws 1965, P. 298, et. seq.) as amended to amend Part 1, subpart A, Article VI, Chapter 3, Section 6-308 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (GA Laws 1996, P 4469, et. seq.) approved April 15, 1996, as amended, so as to define communications to the governing body and require certain communications to the governing body; and for other purposes. **(Favorable on 2nd Read, 1st Adoption, 5/14/08)**

FAVORABLE ON 3RD READ, FINAL ADOPTION

Chairperson Shook stated that this is the Third Read, Final Adoption. Councilmember Winslow offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

08-O-1018 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Howard Shook and Clair Muller **as Amended by Finance/Executive Committee** 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 (GA Laws 1965, P. 298, et. seq.) as amended to amend Part 1, Subpart A, Article VI, Chapter 3, Section 6-302 of the Charter of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (GA Laws 1996, P. 4469, et seq.) approved April 15, 1996, as amended, so as to further define the Establishment of Various Reserve Funds, and for other purposes. **(First Reading, 5/5/08; Second Reading, First Adoption, 5/19/08); (Favorable on 3rd Read, Final Adoption, 5/28/08)**

FAVORABLE ON 3RD READ, FINAL ADOPTION

Chairperson Shook stated that this is the Third Read, Final Adoption. Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

AN AMENDMENT ADOPTED UNDER AND BY VIRTURE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE ACT OF 1965

08-O-1019 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmembers C.T. Martin and Anne Fauver, an amendment 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 Six, Chapter One, Section 6-301(a) so as to convey from the Mayor and to the Governing Body, the power to nominate two members of the Governing Body to the Budget Commission for one-year terms. **(Favorable on 2nd Read, 1st Adoption, 5/14/08)**

FAVORABLE ON 3RD READ, FINAL ADOPTION

Chairperson Shook stated that this is the Third Read, Final Adoption. Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS

08-O-1024 (8) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee establishing the City's Contribution Rate for Retiree Health Benefits effective the new Benefit Plan Year – September 1, 2008; and for other purposes.

HELD

Ms. Benita Ransom: Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources addressed the Committee by stating that there is a cost associated with personnel. We are being challenged with the cost of health care. The two pieces of legislation will achieve the objectives. 08-O-1024 is the mandate for Medicare becoming the primary coverage for employees age 65 and over. It reduces the City's contribution from 77% to 70%. For the upcoming year, the contribution will be 70% and next year it will be 60%, then in the upcoming years it will be 50%. Councilmember Maddox stated that we don't participate with Social Security. How can you put in a program that is related to Social Security? CFO Davis responded that we do pay Medicare. The pre 1986 will pay the same level as active employees. Persons hired after 1996 is Medicare eligible. Councilmember Maddox wants to make sure that the ones that didn't participate miss the opportunity to get coverage. Commissioner Ransom responded that if they are not Medicare eligible, it would not apply to them. Chairperson Shook asked if this was done as a result of an independent study or in-house. CFO Davis responded it was between HR and Finance. She worked with GASB 45 actuaries. We started looking at it a long time ago to reduce the retirees cost. Councilmember Winslow asked if the City was ever in Social Security. Mr. Pridgeon responded that the last time we participated was with the part-time employees. We have currently the 401A Program for part-time employees. Councilmember Winslow stated that right now people are left with one income. For many employees it will not cover their costs. Councilmember Maddox asked will the City be secondary. Commissioner Ransom responded yes at age 65 Medicare will become the primary and the City will be secondary. It would be the way it is now, but you will be part of the senior advantage plan. It means that Medicare assumes the liability. Councilmember Maddox asked if they pay the same premium.

Mr. Louis Amos: addressed the Committee by stating that we are putting them in a Medicare Advantage Plan. For Medicare there is a Part A for hospitalization and Part B is the physician fee out of your pension. There is a premium sheet attached. Councilmember Muller stated that we need a description sheet.

Mr. Jim Daws: addressed the Committee by stating that he understands that the City is under restraints. This paper will create a desperate impact. The employee will continue to pay the larger premiums. The people will be put in a disadvantage. We need the items costed out. Councilmember Moore asked if we could have something in writing explaining what would occur from HR and the Unions. She then offered a motion to Hold. Chairperson Shook asked what physicians would retirees use. Commissioner Ransom responded the ones that use Medicare coverage. Councilmember Maddox asked if there's any flexibility. He believes that you have to be older than 65. How will we set up for the change? Commissioner Ransom responded that it stays at 65. CFO Davis responded that even with the changes, it is still 65. Councilmember Fauver stated that there is discrimination already in place. Commissioner Ransom responded that employees with spouses and children should pay more. The amount the City attributes should be less for additional members. Councilmember Fauver stated that if it was an even contribution, that is what would happen.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS NO. 1 TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENTS FOR FC-6004007808

08-O-1025 (9) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendments No. 1 to extend the Agreements for FC-6004007808 the Health, Dental, Life, Voluntary Vision and Supplemental Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia, Inc.; Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Georgia, Inc.-Kaiser Permanente; Cigna Healthcare of Georgia; Compbenefits-A Humana Inc. Company; Spectera-A United Health Group Company; Standard Insurance Company and American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC); and establishing the City's Contribution Level and Premium Rates for Health, Dental, Life, Voluntary Vision and Supplemental Insurance (Employee Funded) for FY 2009 through August 31, 2009; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Moore stated that this one has budget implications. She is not happy with the rates. It is going to be difficult to everybody. Commissioner Ransom stated that this will allow us to adopt the budget, then establish the insurance rates. The legislation will be set for FY 09. It will change the City's contribution to 70% of the plan selected. Mr. Daws stated that this is happening at a time when inflation is eating up employees. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO AMEND THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S CODE OF ORDINANCES

08-O-1119 (10) An Ordinance by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee (1), 5/28/08** amending the City of Atlanta's Code of Ordinances by inserting a new Section _____ entitled "_____" that requires the City's Cable Channel (26) to operate twenty-four hours; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute fills in the blanks, 5/28/08)**

HELD AND AMENDED

Councilmember Moore stated that the Substitute identifies the Section where we will amend. Once it passes, the cable channel would run 24 hours. We understand that the \$1 million dollars needs to be invested or the equipment we have will fail. This will codify that we want to have a 24 hour cable. Now is the time to have full and complete access to government. Some people can't watch it during the week so they stay up late to do it.

Mr. Greg Pridgeon: Mayor's Office Chief of Staff addressed the Committee by stating that we thank Councilmember Moore for her concept. Difficult constraints have kept us from having it. It is an unfunded mandate. Councilmember Moore stated that the Council will fund it until June 30th. You did not come to us when the choice was made. Mr. Pridgeon responded that we disagree because we had to make modifications to our budget. We have described the challenges before us. We do have quite a challenge when it comes to the equipment. We understand the intent of this Ordinance and respect your desire. We are asking that the paper be Filed or Held until funding is found. Councilmember Winslow stated that we have a parking deck that is not full and we may have to tip into the General Fund to pay for this. She has talked to Lisa Gordon and we have some issues there. She is concerned about that. Mr. Pridgeon responded that it is older equipment. We are trying to extend the life of the equipment. We have looked at it as an operational issue. We are willing to work with this body. Councilmember Maddox stated that his constituents would like to see the channel on for 24 hours. We know that it is funded until June 30th. Mr. Pridgeon responded that

per Councilmember Moore's discussion, she asked if we followed policies. We believe that we have a lean budget. Councilmember Maddox stated if it was already budgeted for it should have stayed that way until June 30th. Mr. Pridgeon responded that we don't have enough resources. Councilmember Maddox stated that you let some of the resources go. He is in support of this legislation. Mr. Pridgeon responded that we agree to have a 24 hour station. Chairperson Shook stated that he wants us to be consistent and have this with the other budget items. It does appear that we are requiring them to do something that they don't have the money to fund. Councilmember Moore spoke against the motion to Hold. The cable station had been running 24 hours a day. The Administration created this problem. Holding this with the budget means nothing. We have already approved a budget until June 30th. The equipment is on the list of things to fund next year. There is no reason why not to move forward. If we wait until July 1st the system will be cut completely. She then offered a motion to Approve. Councilmember Muller asked if this issue with Communications the same with other Departments. We tried to close the gap. We passed an unbalanced budget last year. Are we required to amend last year's budget? CFO Davis responded that we have not exceeded last year's budget. Part of the problem was with the Reserves. We will likely end up at balance. The only thing is to introduce legislation to be able to use the Reserves. Councilmember Muller stated that the cable people were cut. CFO Davis responded that it was making certain that the people were off the payroll before the 2009 Budget. We gave two weeks severance. It is a minimum impact. This paper is looking forward to 2009. The impact of the employees Riffed will be on paid leave time. Mr. Pridgeon reiterated that the other part is the equipment. Councilmember Muller stated that it is Councilmember Moore's effort to get us back on the air. Mr. Pridgeon responded that it would be \$100,000. We will run the risk of the equipment breaking down. Councilmember Muller asked CFO Davis if this paper has an affect of closing the gap. CFO Davis responded that these people are already gone. Some of them had significant leave. Mr. Pridgeon responded that we know that there is a conflict. We have cut severely. We are trying to get on the same page for 24 hours, but how do we get there. Councilmember Muller asked about having a volunteer. Councilmember Moore stated that the citizens want to know what is going on with this budget. Councilmember Muller stated that we can talk about all types of deferred maintenance. Councilmember Maddox stated that the Council needs to state its policy. Mr. Duncan stated that the station shows people what is taking place. The Mayor has stated let's be open and transparent. Chairperson Shook stated that we have a Substitute. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 2 Yeas, 4 Nays**. Chairperson Shook offered a motion to **Hold, 4 Yeas, 2 Nays**.

Senator Vincent Fort: addressed the Committee by stating that the most important issue of this item is impacting public confidence. He wants to commend the Council. The Council voted to repeal DC6 and created a Citizens Review Board. At the State Capitol we got the No Knock Warrant in the House Committee. He stated that the funding of the Citizen Review Board is not where it needs to be. He heard and saw things in the courtroom that is going on in the streets of Atlanta. We should be distressed and concerned about that. Citizens have lost confidence in the Police Officers. The Board has not heard one case yet. Councilmember Maddox asked Senator Fort if he planned on taking any leadership for other revenue funds for the City. We are limited by the State of what we can do. Senator Fort responded that he fights aggressively for the City. Councilmember Maddox stated that we need Para Mutual betting and other kinds of revenues instead of property taxes. Senator Fort responded that this year people can do 100% in Homestead Exemptions from \$13,000 to \$30,000. Councilmember Maddox asked what leadership will you provide to generating revenues. Senator Fort responded that his main and first concern is that our citizens not be shot down by the people they are supposed to trust. Para Mutual betting is a secondary concern to him. The Citizens Review Board is first. Councilmember Moore asked for an adequate funding amount. Senator Fort responded that he intentionally not mentioned a figure because what we have now is not a good figure.

TO WAIVE THE RESTRICTION CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 2-26 (K) (2) AND 2-39 (B) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

08-O-1130 (11) An Ordinance by Councilmember Cleta Winslow to waive the restriction contained in Sections 2-26 (k) (2) and 2-39 (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, for the 2009 Fiscal Budget Year only (July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009), which restriction is imposed upon the President of Council and Councilmembers regarding the transfer of funds contained in their respective accounts, so as to allow funds appropriated to their "Salaries Permanent Part-Time" Accounts, to be transferred within the President's and each Councilmember's Cost Center, and be used for other President and Councilmember-Related Expenses; and for other purposes.

HELD

Councilmember Moore asked that we Hold this paper to have everything in place. She understands that the money will come back and does not have restrictions. Councilmember Winslow stated that she wanted to give Council an option. Councilmember Moore asked for an accounting from each Councilmember to see if they use this account. She then asked if the budget papers could be put in a Budget Section.

TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER TO UTILIZE THE GSA SCHEDULE CONTRACT GS-35F-05038

08-R-1112 (1) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to utilize the GSA Schedule Contract GS-35F-0503S with Roam Secure, Inc. for the purchase of Roam Secure Alert Network on behalf of the Department of Aviation in an amount not to exceed \$45,500. All contracted work will be Charged To and Paid From Fund 5501 (Airport Revenue Fund), Department 180312 (Operations), Expenditure 5212001 (Professional Services), Functional Activity 7563000 (Airport); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.

08-R-1114 (2) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Atlanta Beltline, Inc. to generate Policy Recommendations for the creation of and preservation of Affordable Rental Housing Units in the Beltline Planning Area, to create and inventory of Affordable Housing Units in the City; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Mr. Peter Andrews: Senior Associate City Attorney addressed the Committee by stating that this Resolution is for the Beltline, Inc. to apply for this Grant. Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.** Councilmember Winslow asked if this is the Beltline at ADA. Senior Associate City Attorney Andrews responded that Ms. Terri Lee will be working with them. Councilmember Maddox asked if this is a matching fund. Senior Associate City Attorney Andrews responded no.

Ms. Terri Lee: Director of the Bureau of Housing addressed the Committee by stating that this is separate from the Housing Opportunity Bond. We are identifying \$2.4 million dollars and we can apply for up to \$5 million dollars. The City submitted a Letter of Intent for rental housing for low to moderate income persons. We were selected out of 80 inquiries. We were 1 in 21 Cities out the whole Country. It has to be submitted to the McArthur Foundation before June 10th. We will know in November 2008 if we will receive it.

TO CONDUCT A HEARING ON THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COGNOS CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA

08-R-1122 (3) A Resolution by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, Howard Shook, Clea Winslow, Clair Muller, Kwanza Hall and Jim Maddox authorizing the Finance/Executive Committee to conduct a hearing on the Agreements between Cognos Corporation and the City of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HELD

Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Hold, 6 Yeas.**

TO REQUIRE NOTICE IN CITY CONTRACTS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION

08-R-1124 (4) A Resolution by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore to require notice in City Contracts regarding the requirement for Legislative Authorization in advance of rendering services or demand for payment; and for other purposes.

FILE

Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **File, 6 Yeas.**

TO AUTHORIZE EACH CITY DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE A DEPARTMENTAL PERCENTAGE OF THE BASE SALARIES

08-R-1129 (5) A Resolution by Councilmember Jim Maddox authorizing each City Department to determine a Departmental percentage of the base salaries of its employees, not to exceed 20%, as the rate of a one time incentive payment made to those employees who have 30 years of creditable service and who enter retirement prior to June 11, 2008; and for other purposes.

FILE

We have a Substitute. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to Hold for budget discussions. Councilmember Maddox asked the Law Department for an explanation and rationale of the Substitute.

Mr. Jack Tilson: Associate City Attorney addressed the Committee by stating that this extends to all Departments. The original legislation is 20% for Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and 10% for Fire. The objective was to get people who were highly paid off of the payroll. Councilmember Winslow stated that she was concerned with offering it to everybody. There would be a number of Firefighters retiring. Why do they need an incentive to retire? Councilmember Maddox stated that we have a number of people who are eligible for retiring. We would not have to layoff anymore Firefighters or not hire the Recruits. Councilmember Winslow asked how many would take advantage? Mr. Daws responded about 30. Last year it was around 100. The impact of this paper is to free up positions and not have to layoff younger Firefighters. There are 27 Recruits in the Academy. When we train the Recruits and not hire them, they will go to other

places. Councilmember Winslow asked if we voted for the Mayor's Budget, would we lose the Officers. Mr. Daws responded that there are 44 existing Firefighters that will be transferring to the Airport and the rest will be laid off. CFO Davis responded that this is not revenue neutral if they are maxed out at 80%. We need an actuary study. If you change the pattern, there is a cost. You are incenting them to get their pension early. You will find yourself with a large payout. Councilmember Hall asked for the matrix of comparisons. Mr. Daws responded that this will be balanced because you are trading a experienced persons against recruits.

Ms. Diane Harnell-Cohen: Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs addressed the Committee by stating that she has two Recreation employees and the two positions will be abolished when they retire. This is a one-time opportunity and is not an Early Out. They would have retired anyhow. If we offered voluntary retirement, we could keep other staff. Originally she went to the CFO. The Fire Department had specific issues and wanted it done for the two Departments. Councilmember Maddox wanted to open it up to all Departments. CFO Davis responded that she knows about Parks. There will be a tradeoff to the Pension Fund. She has not seen the analysis for the Fire Department. Chairperson Shook asked for someone to draft a Resolution. He is not comfortable without a thorough investigation. CFO Davis responded that this needs to be an Ordinance. Mr. Daws stated that if the Fire Department version was Held, it would necessitate the layoffs of the Recruits. Councilmember Moore stated that it should be an Ordinance instead of a Resolution. Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **File, 6 Yeas.**

TO REQUEST THAT THE MAYOR AUTHORIZE AN EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ELIMINATING FLEET SERVICES

08-R-1132 (6) A **Amended** Resolution by Councilmember Mary Norwood to request that the Mayor authorize an evaluation and analysis of the Feasibility of Eliminating Fleet Services as a means of reducing the cost of the 2009 Budget; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Amendment states in the Caption we changed it to read as a means of reducing cost; and for other purposes and taking it out of the 2009 budget. Remove the last Whereas and read such actions on the City's budget, 5/28/08).**

FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

Mr. Basista stated that he oversees these Offices. We have a reasonable turnover time for services. We measure and evaluate productivity. This is an activity better done in-house. It would not affect the 2009 expenditures. \$14 million dollars is for fuel and the Parks equipment. There is no vehicle replacement budget in 2009. The average life for a vehicle has gone from 5.3 to 8 years of age. Performance has been reasonable. Councilmember Moore asked what is your recommendation? Mr. Basista requested the opportunity to do an evaluation first. Chairperson Shook stated that he is all for a modification. Councilmember Winslow asked if it is reducing cost Citywide. Mr. Basista responded that we will evaluate all three business units. Councilmember Winslow wants to make sure that people who have cars and do not need them, turn them in. Mr. Basista responded that we are looking at reducing vehicle fleets. Chairperson Shook stated that in the Caption we changed it to read as a means of reducing cost; and for other purposes and taking it out of the 2009 budget. Remove the last Whereas and read such actions on the City's budget.

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH TDC SYSTEMS INTEGRATION, INC.

06-R-1667 (1) An **Amended** 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. **(Amended and Held, 8/16/06 at the request of the Committee to allow time pending additional review)**

HELD

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

07-O-0138 (2) 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 at the request of the Department of Procurement for an additional study)**

HELD

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4605 BIRDIE LANE, SW

07-O-0623 (3) 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 14th 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 to ensure annexation procedures are executed appropriately)**

HELD

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

07-O-0624 (4) 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 pending review to determine additional properties contiguous to the City are identified and included in the annexation)**

HELD

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

07-O-0968 (5) 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 due to State requirement)**

HELD

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

07-O-0974 (6) An Ordinance by Councilmember C.T. Martin **as Substituted by Finance/Executive Committee** to Amend Article V. Classification Plan, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to create (215) positions in the Atlanta Police Department; and for other purposes. **(Substituted and Held, 5/16/07 in conjunction with consideration of 2008 Budget)**

HELD

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

07-R-1086 (7) 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, 5/30/07 pending receipt of documentation that the recommendations from the Credit Card Audit are met)**

FILE

TO ALLOW THE CITY TO IMPOSE A VERFICATION/CONVENIENCE FEE

07-O-1087 (8) A **Substitute** Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to allow the City to impose a verification/convenience fee in the amount of \$4.50 on credit cards users, on-line payment users, electronic check users, or interactive voice response users submitting payments for fees and/or fines imposed by the City of Atlanta such as those associated with traffic enforcement and 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 various Fund, Account and Center Numbers; and for other purposes. **(Referred back to Finance/Executive Committee by Council, August 20, 2007); (Held, 8/29/07)**

HELD

TO ENCOURAGES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

07-R-1904 (9) A Resolution by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd that encourages Members of the United States Congress to support the Employee Free Choice Act which authorizes the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them. **(Held, 9/12/07 at the request of the Committee to discuss with the Author)**

HELD

TO SUPPORT H.R. 2447

07-R-2138 (10) A Resolution by Councilmember Ceasar C. Mitchell to support H.R. 2447 to establish an Energy and Environment Block Grant Program that is presently before the United States Congress; and for other purposes. **(Held, 10/10/07)**

HELD

TO ENDORSE HR 3535 HOMEBUYER'S PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

07-R-2139 (11) A Resolution by Councilmember Ceasar C. Mitchell to endorse HR 3535 Homebuyer's Protection Act of 2007 pending in the United States Congress; to urge the Georgia Congressional Delegation to support the Act; and for other purposes. **(Held, 10/10/07)**

HELD

TO CREATE A NEW SECTION 2-46.1

08-O-0085 (12) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, C.T. Martin, Mary Norwood, Jim Maddox, Ivory Lee Young, Jr., Ceasar C. Mitchell, Joyce M. Sheperd and Natalyn Archibong to create a new Section 2-46.1 entitled "Authorization Required by City Council for Requested Local Government Approval and/or Letters of Support"; and for other purposes. **(Held, 1/16/08)**

HELD

TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PERRY/BOLTON TAD ADVISORY BOARD

08-C-0217 (13) A Communication by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore appointing **Mr. Michael Hosmer** to serve as a member of the Perry/ Bolton TAD Advisory Board. This appointment is scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation. **(Forward with no recommendation by Finance/ Executive Committee, 2/ 13/ 08; Forwarded to Full Council with recommendation to be referred to Finance/ Executive Committee by Committee on Council, 2/ 18/ 08; Referred to Finance/ Executive Committee by Full Council, 2/ 18/ 08); (Held, 2/ 27/ 08)**

FAVORABLE

Mr. Michael Hosmer: addressed the Committee by stating that he is happy to have the opportunity to serve. He is a resident of Atlanta. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 07-O-2410

08-O-0295 (14) An Ordinance by Councilmembers H. Lamar Willis, Anne Fauver, Felicia A. Moore, Natalyn Archibong and Ivory Lee Young, Jr. to rescind Ordinance 07-O-2410; and for other purposes. **(Held, 2/13/08)**

HELD

A TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE

08-O-0299 (15) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook a Twelfth Supplemental Bond Ordinance supplementing the restated and

amended Master Bond Ordinance of the City of Atlanta adopted on March 20, 2000, as previously amended and supplemented, to authorize the issuance by the City of Atlanta of its variable rate Airport General Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008A, in one or more Series, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$550,000,000, each to bear interest in a variable rate mode; to refund all or a portion of the City's variable rate Airport General Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003RF-B and Series 2003RF-C; to provide for a reasonably required Debt Service Reserve; to provide for the rights of the holders of said Bonds; to make certain other covenants and agreements in connection with the issuance of such Bonds; to provide certain terms and details of said Bonds, including authorizing delegated negotiated sales of said Bonds; to provide for the execution of certain agreements relating to one or more credit and/or liquidity facilities with respect to the Series 2008A Bonds; to pay expenses relating thereto; to authorize the preparation, use and distribution of one or more preliminary and final official statements in connection with the offer and sale of the Series 2008A Bonds; to provide for the annual submission of certain financial information and operating data pursuant to Rule 15C2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to designate one or more Underwriters and Remarketing Agents, and a Tender and Paying Agent and to approve forms of various other agreements in connection with the Issuance of said Bonds; providing for incidental action; providing for severability; to provide and effective date; and for other related purposes. **(Held, 2/13/08)**

HELD

TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 207/211 VINE STREET AND 601/605 SPENCER STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30314

08-O-0402 (16) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to purchase property located at 207/211 Vine Street and 601/605 Spencer Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30314; to provide for the appraisal of the property; to obtain title reports; to negotiate the purchase price of the property; to authorize the use of legal proceedings if necessary to obtain the property; to accept funds in the amount of \$725,000.00 from the Atlanta Development Authority to be applied towards the purchase of the property; and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/12/08)**

HELD

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WACHOVIA BANK

08-R-0405 (17) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Appropriate Lease/Purchase Agreement with Wachovia Bank, for _____, on behalf of the Office of the Mayor, in an amount not to exceed _____; to provide for advertisement in an newspaper of general circulation and set a Public Hearing; and for other purposes. **(Held, 2/27/08)**

HELD

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

08-R-0510 (18) A Resolution by Councilmembers Howard Shook and Cleta Winslow authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fulton County District Attorney for a period of three years in an amount not to exceed twenty six thousand dollars and no cents (\$26,000.00) per month for services for the City of Atlanta under for Consultation and Support Services to Victims and Witnesses of Crime; all contracted work to be Charged and and Paid From Fund, Account and Center Number 3P01 (Agency Fund) 264017 (Muni Court VW ASST PRG (MCVW) A00001 (Balance Sheet Center); and for other purposes. **(Held, 3/12/08)**

HELD

TO AMEND CHAPTER 114, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 4, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

08-O-0632 (19) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee amending Chapter 114, Article VI, Division 4, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia entitled "Substance Abuse Policy" as it pertains to sworn employees of the Departments of Police, Fire and Rescue, Corrections, as well as all other employees of the various departments of the City of Atlanta who hold positions designated by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources as being safety-sensitive; to authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources to designate certain employment classifications as being safety-sensitive in accordance with applicable law, rules, and regulations, for the purpose of random drug testing; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/14/08)**

HELD

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

08-O-0634 (20) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee 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, to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to remit payment for outstanding invoices through December 31, 2007 to Cognos Corporation for Software, Services and Support, in an amount not to exceed \$927,771.63, to be charged to and paid from FDOA Number 1001. (General Fund) 200301. (NDP Unallocated Citywide Employee Expenses) 5212001. (Consulting/ Professional Services) 1540000. (Human Resources); to authorize the Mayor to execute appropriate Contractual Agreements with Cognos Corporation, for Consulting, License Maintenance and Training Services, on behalf of the Department of Finance, in an amount not to exceed \$439,200.00, to be charged to and paid from FDOA 3503. (Capital Finance Fund) 200300. (Non-Allocated Fund Expenses) 5999999. (Projects and Grants Budget- Summary) 153500. (Data Processing/ Management) 110013. (Cognos Budget Development) 91226 (GMA Loan 9999); and for other purposes. **(Held and Amended, 4/30/08)**

HELD

TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ENGAGE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA

08-O-0736 (21) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to engage on behalf of the City of Atlanta to establish and implement a Cost Neutral Deferred Retirement Option Retirement Plan as an additional benefit for the members of the City of Atlanta Firefighter's Pension Fund and the City of Atlanta Police Officers Pension Fund; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/14/08)**

HELD

TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

08-O-0741 (22) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$54,000.00; authorizing the distribution of the Grant Money as required by the Georgia Department of Transportation; authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to enter into an Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the acceptance and distribution of the Grant Money; authorizing the deposit of Grant Money into Account Number 3340999 State Grant/Entitlements; authorizing the distribution of the Grant Money from Account Number 5239004 Service Grants; and for other purposes. **(Held and Substituted, 5/14/08)**

HELD

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

08-R-0815 (23) 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 Fulton County, Georgia Contract #061TB512353K-JD, to authorize Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc. to provide fast track repair and Construction Services for City owned facilities, on behalf of the City of Atlanta Department of Executive Offices (Office of Enterprise Assets Management) in an amount not to exceed six million, seven hundred five thousand dollars (\$6,705,000.00); all funds shall be Charged To and Paid From Fund Account and Center Numbers: ----- . **(Held, 4/30/08)**

HELD

TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 2-912 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

08-O-0821 (24) An Ordinance by Councilmembers Felicia A. Moore, Cleta Winslow, Anne Fauver, Ceasar C. Mitchell, H. Lamar Willis, Mary Norwood, Natalyn Archibong, Joyce M. Sheperd, Ivory Lee Young, Clair Muller and Kwanza Hall to amend Article IX, Section 2-912 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia (Entitled "Procedures for Making Payments by City") to establish a procedure for making payments in violation of the Procurement Code. **(Held, 4/30/08)**

HELD**TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX ALLOCATION BONDS**

- 08-O-0822 (25) An Ordinance by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore to provide for the Issuance and Sale of Tax Allocation Bonds (Perry Bolton Project), Series 2008, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1_____ (the "Series 2008 Bonds"), to pay, or to be applied or contributed toward, the payment of redevelopment costs associated with the Projects identified on Schedule 1 hereto (the "2008 Projects"); to authorize paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing; to authorize the execution of a Indenture of Trust, a Bond Placement Agreement, Separate Development Agreements with the developers of each of the 2008 Projects and approving the use and distribution of a Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum and Final Limited Offering Memorandum; to clarify the intent of the initial Resolution (as defined herein) with respect to the termination of the Perry Bolton TAD (as defined herein) and for certain other purposes, all in connection with the Issuance and Sale of the foregoing described Series 2008 Bonds. **(Held, 4/30/08)**

HELD**TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM _____ TO VARIOUS DEBT SERVICE RESERVE SUBACCOUNTS**

- 08-O-0835 (26) An Ordinance by Councilmember Howard Shook authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations from _____ to various Debt Service Reserve Subaccounts for the purpose of complying with the Debt Service Reserve requirement specified in the restated and amended Master Bond Ordinance of the City of Atlanta adopted on March 20, 2000 (99-O-1896), as amended; and for other purposes. **(Held, 4/30/08)**

HELD**TO ADOPT THE FY 2009 BUDGET**

- 08-O-0870 (27) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee adopting the FY 2009 Budget, to include all Funds; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/14/08)**

HELD**TO AMEND ARTICLE "V", CLASSIFICATION PLAN, SECTION 114-477**

- 08-O-1004 (28) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee 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 2009 Budget; and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/14/08)**

HELD

TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS ESTIMATED TO TOTAL \$250,000.00

- 08-R-1021 (29) A Resolution by Council member Clair Muller authorizing the acceptance of donated funds estimated to total \$250,000.00 made by the Mt. Paran-Northside Citizens Association, Inc. to the Atlanta Fire Foundation for the purpose of making renovations and improvements to Mt. Paran Fire Station Number 27 and for other purposes. **(Held, 5/14/08)**

HELD

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE 2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

- 08-O-1127 (1) An Ordinance by Councilmember Jim Maddox to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to amend the 2008 General Fund Budget, on behalf of the Advisory Committee of International Relations, in the amount of two hundred and forty-one thousand and five hundred and seven dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$241,507.57); and for other purposes

FILE

TO RESCIND ORDINANCE 06-O-0226 IN ITS ENTIRETY

- 08-O-1150 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee to rescind Ordinance 06-O-0226 in its entirety and correctly anticipate and appropriate proceeds of Watershed Commercial Paper Notes, Series 2006-1/2/3 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000,000.00; record the initial issuance of Commercial Paper Notes totaling \$600,000,000.00 for Water and Wastewater System, Capital Improvement Program; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

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

- 08-O-1153 (3) An 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.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE BUREAU OF HOUSING AND ATLANTA BELTLINE, INC.

- 08-R-1151 (3) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Bureau of Housing and Atlanta Beltline Inc. to apply for and accept a Grant from the John D. and

Catherine T. MacCarthur Foundation, in an amount not to exceed five million dollars, \$5,000,000 to generate policy recommendations for the creation of and preservation of Affordable Rental Housing; to preserve current Affordable Rental Housing Units in the Beltline Planning Area, to create and inventory of Affordable Housing Units in the City, and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

08-R-1152 (4) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development the necessary documents to participate in a public offering to be held on June 12, 2008 for the purpose of reducing the Debt Service for B-93-MC-13-0002, Municipal Market Section Loan (Principal Amount \$225,000.00) and B-94-MC-13-0002-A, MLK/Ashby Section 108 Loan (Principal Amount \$1,365,000.00); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Mr. Jim Talley: of the Office of Grants Management addressed the Committee by stating that the result will reduce the Debt Service of \$112,000. Councilmember Maddox offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

Continuing, Councilmember Muller stated that there have been several articles written regarding the Budget. CFO Davis responded that she is looking at potential changes to Pension. There is little she can do with the Pension obligations. It has to be adopted by the Pension groups. Councilmember Muller asked if the City has to approve a School Board budget. Mr. Daws stated that at one of the Budget Hearings a lot of the Councilmembers had to leave. Some of the impact of these issues affects public safety. We need to have a forum. We would like for consideration to be given at another time. Councilmember Moore stated that if it is done, the Union would have to stay focused on the issues. Mr. Daws asked if they could have 30 or 45 minutes. The budget cuts will have serious impacts on the Firefighters. We were not able to take advantage of our time because Councilmembers had to leave. Chairperson Shook asked that the information be copied to the Council. Councilmember Muller stated that she heard it on television. Mr. Duncan stated that he is sick and tired of reading criticism against the CFO. He would like to hear a brief recap from her when she left college until now. CFO Davis responded that she has been in government for 30 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Zies, Acting CFO

Charlene Parker
Recording Secretary

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