

The Regular meeting of the Finance/Executive Committee of the Atlanta City Council was held Wednesday, January 15, at 1:00 a.m. in Committee Room #2, City Hall South, 2nd Floor.

Present: Councilmember Alex Wan
 Councilmember Yolanda Adrean
 Councilmember Felicia A. Moore
 Councilmember C. T. Martin
 Councilmember Howard Shook
 Councilmember Carla Smith
 Councilmember Natalyn Archibong

Jim Beard, CFO
 Departmental Staff

Chairperson Wan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. after declaring a quorum present. The Committee members present were introduced as follows: Councilmembers Yolanda Adrean, Felicia A. Moore, C.T. Martin, Howard Shook, Carla Smith and Natalyn Archibong. Other Departmental staff was present as well. Chairperson Wan stated that the Agenda is adopted as printed. The minutes of the Finance/Executive Committee of November 25, 2013 were **Approved, 6 Yeas**. Councilmember Moore nominated Councilmember Howard Shook as Vice Chairperson, **Approved, 6 Yeas**. Chairperson Wan stated that we need to add a paper that was referred from Community Development/Human Resources from yesterday regarding the Civil Rights Museum. Councilmember Moore offered a motion to Approve **the Agenda as Amended, 6 Yeas**.

STATUS REPORT

The Police and Fire Salary Compression, Commissioner Yvonne Yancy

CFO Beard stated that we would address this report at the next meeting on January 29th. Councilmember Adrean stated that it was noted in Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee on yesterday that she understood that Chief Operating Officer Farooqui and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Utz we to give a high level presentation today at this meeting.

Ms. Katrina Taylor-Parks: Mayor's Office Deputy Chief of Staff stated that Commissioner Yancy has been in meetings with the Police and Fire Union representatives. Over 3000 records, we identified 400 positions with extreme compression issues. We are looking at a cost of \$209,000. The increase is widens from \$200 to \$9000. We have to go back to the Mayor and COO with these estimates because we only have \$500,000 put aside. We will introduce legislation on Monday to start the process. It would be July 1, 2012 until now. The legislation will just be a place holder.

CONSENT

ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING

14-O-1055 (1) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to transfer the project balances related to Oakland Cemetery from Trust Fund 7701 to Perpetual Care Fund 4501 for the purpose of properly allocating funds; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

14-O-1056 (2) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee adding corrected attachments to Ordinance 13-O-0599 which amended the Inter-Departmental Memorandum of Understanding establishing the terms and conditions for repayment of the Obligation owed by the General Fund to the Watershed Management Enterprise Fund between the City of

Atlanta's Department of Finance and the Department of Watershed Management; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

- 14-O-1057 (3) An Ordinance by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to transfer funds from the General Fund Fiscal Year 2013 Surplus to the E911 Fund and Underground Atlanta Fund to reduce accumulated deficits, and to record any necessary audit adjustments to ensure the Close Out of Fiscal Year 2013; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE ON FIRST READ

REGULAR

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

- 14-O-1007 (4) An Ordinance by Councilmember Ivory Lee Young to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in expenses from the District 3 Councilmember Expense Account to the District Council Member Non-Departmental Carry Forward Account for a contribution made by District 3 on behalf of the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department and to authorize a contribution in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) in support of Hosea Feed The Hungry; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Moore asked what are we funding? Councilmember Young responded that there was a huge deficit with Fire Station #16. There were children that they wanted to serve for Christmas. This is an effort to help them meet their goals. Hosea Feed The Hungry serve so many people. We will be working directly with them. They are a provider of human services and does great work. Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve, 6 Yeas.**

Mr. Ron Shakir: stated that he has questions regarding money coming from Councilmembers. Chairperson Wan responded that yes it can be done through legislation.

- 14-O-1008 (5) An Ordinance by Councilmember Kwanza Hall to authorize the Mayor, or his Designee, to negotiate and execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Edgewood Street Railway Company, for the Trolley Barn located at 963 Edgewood Avenue; and for other purposes.

HELD

Chairperson Wan asked for a document showing the best use for City properties.

- 14-O-1009 (6) An Ordinance by Council Member Keisha Lance Bottoms authorizing the Chief Procurement Officer to invite Competitive Sealed Bids from interested parties for the purchase from the City of Atlanta of approximately 30.07 acres of land in Land Lot 27 of District 14F of Fulton County; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Mr. Richard Mendoza: Commissioner of the Department of Public Works stated that this property is the Closed Cascade Road Landfill. Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

14-O-1010 (7) An Ordinance by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore amending the Fiscal Year 2014 (General Fund) Budget in the amount of \$30,874.58 to transfer Residual Council Member Carry Forward balances from At Large Post 2 and 3; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute corrects FDOA, 1/15/14)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

Councilmember Moore that this go to the Council Shared Account in order to pay invoices, retreats, etc. She then offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 7 Yeas.**

14-O-1011 (8) An Ordinance by Councilmember C.T. Martin authorizing the Mayor to exercise the City's option for Renewal No. 2 with MWH/KHAFRA, JV for FC-4343, Program Management Services, on behalf of the Department of Watershed Management, in an amount not to exceed six million, seven hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$6,700,000.00); to waive Article X of the Procurement and Real Estate Code of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; all contracted work will be charged to and paid from Fund, Department Organization and Account Number 5052 (Water & Wastewater R&E Fund) 170101 (DWM Commissioner of Watershed Management) 5212001 (Consulting) 1320000 (Chief Executive) and Project Task Award Expenditure and Organization Number 17102335 (Program Management) 105 (Program Management & Contract Admin.-Year 2 Option Task) 505221391 (Water & Wastewater R&E Fund) 5212001 (Consulting); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

14-O-1012 (9) An Ordinance by Councilmember Andre Dickens amending the FY 2014 General Fund Budget to provide sufficient funds for the continued operation of the Post 3 At Large Council Office for the remainder of the 2014 Fiscal Year; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Dickens stated that he is asking for funds in order to operate through the end of this fiscal year. Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

14-O-1013 (10) An Ordinance by Councilmember Joyce M. Sheperd authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to amend the FY 2014 (General Fund) Budget by transferring to and from appropriations in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars and no cents (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of making payment to the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority for Redevelopment Services; to be charged to and paid from accounts listed herein; and for other purposes. **(Finance/Executive Committee Amendment adds the MOU Agreement, 1/15/14)**

FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

Councilmember Sheperd stated that this is something that the Mayor and Invest Atlanta is involved in. The Authority was appointed by the State and the Authority is responsible for the debt. The transaction is between Invest Atlanta and the Authority. Councilmember Adrean stated that it sounds like a loan instead of a MOU. CFO Beard responded that it does not call out a land pledge, but when it is sold we will received some of the proceeds from closing. When we fill in the blanks it sounds like a reasonable transaction. Councilmember Martin asked for a copy of the document showing all of the Board Members. Councilmember Sheperd gave the names of the Board Members. We will do re-appointments this year. Chairperson Wan stated that we will insert 14-R-3007 as an amendment. Councilmember Adrean stated that this paper includes a match.

Mr. Ron Shakir: stated that he has serious concerns with this legislation.

Brother Anthony Mohammad: stated that he as well has concerns with this legislation.

Councilmember Sheperd stated that Fort McPherson is closed. The goal is to develop something that will jump start south side of Atlanta. We are talking about thousands of jobs. Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve as Amended, 7 Yeas.**

RESOLUTIONS

14-R-3003 (11) A Resolution by Councilmember Felicia A. Moore supplementing that Bond Financing Ordinance 11-O-0152 adopted by the Atlanta City Council on February 21, 2011 and approved by the Mayor on March 2, 2011, and as amended by Financing Ordinance 11-O-1680 adopted on November 21, 2011 and approved November 30, 2011 to among other things, provide for the Issuance and Sale by the City of Atlanta of its Tax Allocation Bonds (Perry Bolton Project), Series 2014, in an amount not to exceed thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000.00 (The "Bonds"), within certain parameters previously established by the City, including the original Aggregate Principal amount, interest rates, maturity amounts, maturity dates, redemption provisions, annual Sinking Fund Installments, and the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect thereto; ratify certain prior actions of the City Council and certain officers and agents of the City with respect to the Issuance and sale of the Bonds; authorize and approve the reparation, use and distribution of a Final Official Statement in connection with the offer and sale of the foregoing described Bonds; provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE AND HOLD IN THE BREAST OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Moore offered a motion to **Approve and Hold in the Breast of Council, 7 Yeas.**

14-R-3018 (12) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to enter into Radio License Agreements with College Park, Hapeville, East Point, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia State Patrol, and other entities to utilize the City of Atlanta's 800 MHZ Smartnet Trunked Radio Communications Network for the day-to-day operation of their two way Radio Public Safety Communications. **(Finance/Executive Committee Substitute includes Grady Memorial Hospital and removes some of the Exhibits, 1/15/14)**

FAVORABLE ON SUBSTITUTE

Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve on Substitute, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3019 (13) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement designated by the Department of Procurement as COA-7064-PL, pursuant to §2-1601 et. seq. of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, utilizing the Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-8940D with Aardvark to purchase 35 Electronic Control Devices from their authorized re-seller, Taser International, to reduce the likelihood of injury caused to suspects resisting lawful arrest, on behalf of the Atlanta Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$61,001.15. All costs shall be charged to and paid from FDOA 5501 (Airport Revenue Fund) 240602 (APD Airport) 5311003 (Expense Account: Supplies, Consumable-Trackable) 3223000 (Patrol); and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3020 (14) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund seven thousand seventy four dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$7,074.39) to Buckhead Club for the purpose of reimbursing overpayment of Business License for the Tax Year 2012; all funds to be charged to and paid from 1001 – General Fund; 100501 - Revenue and Collections Administration; 5730012 – Refunds; 1515000-Treasury; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3021 (15) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to refund two hundred sixty-five thousand fifty three dollars and eighty-four cents (\$265,053.84) to VISA USA for the purpose of reimbursing overpayment of Business License for the Tax Years 2009 – 2011. All funds to be charged to and paid from 1001 –General Fund; 100501 - Revenue and Collections Administration; 5730012 – Refunds; 1515000- Treasury; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Smith offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3022 (16) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to execute Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Number FC-6987 with SMS Systems Maintenance Services, Incorporated, pursuant to Section 2-1602 et seq. of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, utilizing General Services Administration Contract Number GS-35F-5082H for the purchase of Hardware Maintenance and Support Services for Critical Business Systems and for Backup Tape Library Coverage for all Production Systems in the General Fund Server Environment, on behalf of the Department of Information Technology, in an amount not to exceed twenty-six thousand, seven hundred eighty-nine dollars and no cents (\$26,789.00); all contracted work to be charged to and paid from the Funding Numbers listed herein; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3023 (17) A Resolution by Finance Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to execute Renewal Agreement No. 2 with Resurgens Risk Management/Willis Insurance Services of Georgia, a Joint Venture, (“Resurgens”) for FC-4791, Insurance Agent Broker Services, on behalf of the Department of Finance, in an amount not to exceed one hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$114,000.00) plus an OCIP Airport fee of .0025 x total construction cost subject to an annual minimum of \$150,000.00; all contracted work shall be charged to and paid from Fund, Department, Organization Account Numbers 1001 (General Fund) 100701 (Department of Finance Risk Management) 5212001 (Consulting/Professional Services) 1555000 (Risk Management) and PTAE0: 18111310 (Other Direct Costs Project) 200 (Task) 550291249 (DOA R N E 9999) 5231001 (Insurance Expenses) and FDOA: 5502 (Airport Renewal & Extension Fund) 180201 (DOA Aviation Capital Planning & Development) 5231001 (Insurance Expenses) 7563000 (Airport) 111310 (Other Direct Costs Project) 91249 (DOA R N E 9999).

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3024 (18) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Atlanta to enter into a Contractual Agreement with Central Parking System of Georgia, Inc. for FC-6737 Citywide Parking and Fee Collections on behalf of the Executive Office-Office of Enterprise Assets Management for the purpose of managing and operating parking lots located at 143 Alabama Street, and 72 Marietta Street-(Event Parking Only); all fees collected shall be deposited into 1001 (General Fund), Department 000002 (General Revenue Org.) Account 3222101 (Permits, Commercial Parking), Function Activity 00000000; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

- 14-R-3100 (19) A Resolution by Finance/Executive Committee authorizing the Mayor or his Designee, on behalf of the City of Atlanta to award a Grant pursuant to Atlanta Code of Ordinances Section 6-306 appropriations for charitable purposes to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (“NAACP”) supporting the NAACP’s Gun Buyback Program in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), on behalf of the Executive Offices – Office of the Mayor; to be charged to and paid from accounts listed herein; and for other purposes.

FAVORABLE

Ms. Taylor-Parks stated that the funds will come out of the Service Account. Councilmember Martin offered a motion to **Approve, 7 Yeas.**

Chairperson Wan asked for the Committee goals and objectives. We also have on the list the KMPG Audit.

Chairperson Wan gave the public an opportunity to speak:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Ron Shakir: stated that Council should speak up to encourage others to vote. The election votes are getting lower and lower. We should let the public know what issues are being voted on.

Mr. Alfred Berry: Research and Policy Analyst asked about the ING contract. Do we have anything yet? The money that is with Nationwide will be subject to a big tax taken out. CFO Beard responded that there will be a rollover in the program. Employees will be educated. Councilmember Moore stated that we should have not been rushed at the last meeting of the year to adopt this. This is not the City's money, it is employees and retirees money. There should have been open conversations with it. Chairperson Wan asked what is the best way to collect the questions and concerns? CFO Beard responded that we could receive e-mails of the questions. Councilmember Moore stated that she does not even know the products.

Mr. Ken Allen: President of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Union stated that he has concerns with the \$5,000 bonus for Majors. The bonus does not need to be tied to their pension. CFO Beard responded that the pension formula is connected with salary. Mr. Allen stated that amount would be part of the three years of highest salary. Ms. Taylor-Parks stated that this is not considered a bonus, but a salary increase. Mr. Allen stated that he is concerned with the compression issue. We spent hours and hours on data.

Brother Anthony Mohammad: stated that in the Franklin Administration, 400 people in the Department of Public Works got fired right before Christmas. There was \$120 million dollars lost with the pension in that Administration. He wants more clearer information regarding Fort McPherson.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Beard, CFO
Secretary

Charlene Parker
Recording Secretary

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