

# SYNOPSIS

## TUSCALOOSA CITY COUNCIL

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

CONVENED: 3:18 pm

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Lee Busby  
Vice Chairperson Norman Crow  
Councilmember Matthew Wilson  
Councilmember John Faile (alternate)

#### ABSENT

None

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approved minutes of previous meeting. **(C/W)**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Granted authorization to add various personnel to conduct financial transactions on behalf of the City of Tuscaloosa. **(W/C; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved Ordinance amending Section 2-25 of the Code of Tuscaloosa. **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved Water and Sewer Reserve for Future Improvements budget revision no. 5. **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved 2022-B Warrant budget revision no. 2. **(W/C; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Granted preliminary approval for FY 2024 Water and Sewer bond issue. **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Granted authorization to amend TCEDA 2023 agency funding agreement. **(W/C; Vice Chairperson Crow presented this item.)**

Withdrew General Fund Reserve for Future Improvements budget revision no. 11. **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved General Fund Reserve for Future Improvements budget revision no. 11 with revisions listed in the attached Exhibit "A". **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved General Fund budget revision no. 16 (Part a: Amendment to TCEDA 2023 agency funding agreement). **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Withdrew General Fund budget revision no. 16 (Part b: Capital Project Recommendation – Freedom Farms). **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved General Fund budget revision no. 16 (Part b: Capital Project Recommendation – Freedom Farms) with the revisions listed in the attached Exhibit “A”. **(C/W; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Withdrew Elevate budget revision no. 4. **(W/C; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Approved Elevate budget revision no. 4 with the revisions listed in the attached Exhibit “A”. **(W/C; Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item.)**

Discussed 2024 Agency funding. **(Carly Standridge, Chief Financial Officer, presented this item for discussion only.)**

Approved to place on July 11 Council agenda the Guthrie’s incentive proposal. **(C/W; Councilor Lanier, Stan Pate, and Barkley Garrett, Chamber of Commerce, presented this item.)**

**ADJOURNED 4:21 p.m. (W/C)**

Vickie Gilliland  
City Council Secretary



Following each item of business are the initials of the Councilmember who introduced the item and the Councilmember who seconded the matter: B-Busby, C-Crow, W-Wilson, and F-Faile only “No” votes are distinguished.

## Memorandum

To: Tuscaloosa City Council Finance Committee  
From: Councilor Lee Busby  
Re: Framework for an Agreement  
Date: June 27, 2023

Below is a proposed framework for an agreement to adopt the mayor's FY 24 capital budgets recommendations.

1. **Freedom Farm:** Mayor's recommendation will be withdrawn from the FY 2024 Capital Budget (capital budget). Mayor will recommend in the upcoming FY 2024 operating budget. The mayor's recommendation will be \$250,000 annually in FY 24, FY 25 and FY 26.
2. **Water and Sewer Recommendations:** There are no amendments to the mayor's recommendation.
3. **General Fund and Elevate Tuscaloosa:** Below are the proposed amendments:
  - a. **Fire Station 6, Paving and Sidewalks:** The mayor's recommendation will be reduced from \$6 million to \$2 million in the GF RFFI. The \$4 million difference will be financed as follows:
    - i. \$3.5 million for paving and/or sidewalks with each council district receiving \$500,000.
      1. The \$500,000 per council district shall be expended no later than July 31, 2024.
      2. Councilmembers shall notify the Acting City Engineer, in writing, by July 31, 2023, whether any portion of their \$500,000 will be for sidewalks.
      3. Councilmembers shall notify the Acting City Engineer, in writing, by July 31, 2023, the roads to be evaluated for paving in their district.
      4. If a Councilmember fails to notify the Acting City Engineer as outlined in #2 and #3 by July 31, 2023, then the entire \$500,000 shall be expended for paving only in their district.
      5. The Office of City Engineer shall ensure that **all** roads selected for paving are eligible for paving per the grading criteria. In layman's terms, roads that do not need paving will **not** be eligible for paving.
    - ii. The remaining \$500,000 shall be appropriated for citywide paving.
  - b. **Skyland Boulevard Streetscape Project:** \$500,000 shall be budgeted in FY 2024 Elevate Tuscaloosa for a corridor study. The corridor boundary shall be Skyland Boulevard from Highway 82 (McFarland Boulevard) to Highway 69 South.

- c. **Façade Improvement Program:** The mayor shall direct Community and Neighborhood Services to evaluate the feasibility of appropriating CDBG funding for a façade improvement program for the Invest Tuscaloosa zones. Mr. Howell shall report to the Council's community development committee no later than their September 30, 2023 his findings

By copy of this memorandum, I would recommend that the Finance Committee adopt and move to tonight's Council agenda for consideration.

CC: City Council  
Walt Maddox  
Carly Standridge

LB/wm/vg