

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

January 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilor Walter Jones, after which the pledge of allegiance was given by Girl Scout Troop 26006, Fourth and Fifth Graders from Hall Kent Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order by President Wyatt at 6:00 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Melanie Geer, Carlos Alemán, Nick Sims, Walter Jones, Barry Smith, Jaleté Nelms, Jennifer Andress, and Alex Wyatt, constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present were: Mike Kendrick, City Attorney; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff, Mayor Patrick McClusky, and Bo Seagrist standing in for Melody Salter, City Clerk. Absent: Andrew Wolverton and John Hardin.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 19, 2022 and approve them as presented. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

Councilors Wolverton and Hardin entered the Council Chambers at 6:05 p.m.

At this time, President Wyatt reopened the Ward 2 Beautification Board application period until February 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and opened the Ward 5 Park Board application period until January 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

At this time, President Wyatt amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 07.01.23 – Request for consideration of removing trees on Valley that arborist has marked as declining – Berkley Squires – Finance Committee; Item No. 08.01.23 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with Gossett Construction, LLC to repair a storm pipe at 1604 Mountain Gap Circle – Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee; Item No. 09.01.23 – Request to consider insurance renewal for both property/casualty and workman's compensation insurance – Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk – Finance Committee; Item No. 10.01.23 – Request to consider use of SOHO plaza for

Homewood Athletic Foundation cornhole tournament. – Erin Yost and Alex Wyatt – Special Issues Committee.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the amended published Agenda. Councilor Alemán seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.12.22 – Request to sign contract for services and pay FY 22-23 appropriation to Red Mountain Park – Councilor Andress / Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, City Clerk.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on January 3, 2023 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-01

(A Resolution to sign contract for services and pay FY 22-23 appropriation to Red Mountain Park)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Finance Committee. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

At this time, Councilor Andress presented the check to T.C. McLemore, Executive Director and Leah Davis, Director of Development.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 14.12.22 – Request to add C-Spire Cabinet Site at Homewood Soccer Complex – Berkley Squires, Public Services Director.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on January 3, 2023 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-02

(A Resolution to add C-Spire Cabinet Site at Homewood Soccer Complex)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Finance Committee. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.12.22 – Request to work in the Right-of-Way at 2510 18th Street South – Cale Smith.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the Public Works Committee met on January 3, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the Council needed a new motion to approve the easement.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-03

(A Resolution approving easement and work in the Right-of-Way at 2510 18th Street South)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-03. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 09.12.22 – Request for consideration of a Tent Variance for Trinity United Methodist Church for Discovery Weekend – Betsy McLean / Councilor Smith.

Councilor Andress stated that the Special Issues Committee met on January 3, 2023 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-04

(A Resolution for a Tent Variance for Trinity United Methodist Church for Discovery Weekend)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Special Issues Committee. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 10.12.22 – Public Hearing set for January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to rezone 3101 Overton Drive (PID # 28-00-07-3-034-005.000) from NPD (Neighborhood Preservation District) to an R-7 (Attached Dwelling Unit District). Applicant/Owner: Virginia P. Allen to permit the construction of a four-unit townhouse development (The Planning Commission had a vote of 0-7 for an unfavorable recommendation) – Cale Smith.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for January 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 01.01.23** Request for consideration to declare the following items surplus: 1993 International Dump Truck (VIN 1HTSCPHNORH555427); 2005 International Dump Truck (VIN 1HTMMAALX5H113020); 2004 Ford F150 (VIN 1FTRX14W44NA82203); 2006 International (VIN 1HTMKAAR16H332170); 2001 Caterpillar Backhoe (SN CAT0430DKBNK01086); and ZEP Parts Washer (SN 05294236) and Miscellaneous Items from the Mayor's Office – **Gordon Jaynes, Fleet Maintenance / Melody Salter, City Clerk – Finance Committee**
- 02.01.23** Request to amend contract with CB & A Construction, LLC for Mecca Avenue Sidewalk Project – **Cale Smith – Finance Committee**
- 03.01.23** Request to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Twin Construction, Inc for the construction of a retaining wall on Mecca Avenue – **Cale Smith – Finance Committee**
- 04.01.23** **Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Planning and Development Committee** for consideration to rezone 2900 16th Place South (PID # 29-00-12-4-014-022.000) from R-5 (Attached Dwelling Unit District) to an NPD (Neighborhood Preservation District). Applicant: Johnny W. Gossett/Owner: Bonnie B. O'Bannon to permit the construction of a new, single-family house (The Planning Commission had a vote of 7-0 for a favorable recommendation) – **Cale Smith – Planning and Development Committee**
- 07.01.23** Request for consideration of removing trees on Valley that arborist has marked as declining – **Berkley Squires – Finance Committee**

- 08.01.23** Request to authorize the Mayor to sign contract with Gossett Construction, LLC to repair a storm pipe at 1604 Mountain Gap Circle – **Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee**
- 09.01.23** Request to consider insurance renewal for both property/casualty and workman’s compensation insurance – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk – Finance Committee**
- 10.01.23** Request to consider use of SOHO plaza for Homewood Athletic Foundation cornhole tournament – **Erin Yost and Alex Wyatt – Special Issues Committee**

Councilor Alemán moved to approve the amended Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 04.01.23 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration to rezone 2900 16th Place South (PID # 29-00-12-4-014-022.000) from R-5 (Attached Dwelling Unit District) to an NPD (Neighborhood Preservation District). Applicant: Johnny W. Gossett/Owner: Bonnie B. O’Bannon to permit the construction of a new, single-family house (The Planning Commission had a vote of 7-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set on February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 05.01.23 – Request for consideration to put up banners at two locations (Guard Railing at the Piggly Wiggly and another at the intersection of Oxmoor and Broadway) – Susan St. John, Trinity United Methodist Church / Wyatt Pugh.

Councilor Andress moved to drop this item. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 06.01.23 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of December 20, 2022 through January 9, 2023 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-05

(A Resolution approving of vouchers for period of December 20, 2022 through January 9, 2023)

Councilor Alemán moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-05. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

Mayor McClusky stated that the State of the City Address would be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

President Wyatt stated that the Finance Committee would meet on January 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, Special Issues, and Planning and Development meeting immediately following the previous meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 6:22 p.m.