

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

**January 12, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, January 12, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress presented a Proclamation declaring January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation recognizing Lakeshore Foundation's contributions to the community.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andress at 6:12 p.m.

The invocation was given by Bo Seagrist, City Clerk, after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present were: Cale Smith, Acting City Manager; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; Keith Jackson and Jay Murrill, City Attorneys. Absent: Winslow Armstead.

At this time, Councilor Lane moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of December 22, 2025, and approve them as presented. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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.

**BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At this time, Mayor Andress amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to Other New Business: Item No. 01.01.26 – Request to declare various vehicles and equipment surplus and various City Hall furniture –Blake Graves, Fleet Maintenance Director and Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; Item No. 05.01.26 – Request for consideration of an ABC 160 – Special Retail (More than 30 days) License for

Birmingham Hotels II LLC / dba Aloft Birmingham SOHO Square at 1903 29<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; Item No. 06.01.26 – Request for consideration of an ABC 140 – Special Retail License for Kathy G and Co Inc / dba No Show Ball Gala at 400 Shades Creek Pkwy – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Sims moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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. 01.12.25 – Request for consideration of restricting on-street parking along the eastern side of Linden Avenue from the limits of Reese Street to Oxmoor Road – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

Mayor Andress stated that, as a reminder, the first reading was held at the December 22, 2025 Council Meeting.

The Council then held discussion and carried this item over for further review.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 03.12.25 – Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of condemnation 1625 26th Avenue South – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.12.25 – Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to approve an Amended Development Plan for the proposed Homewood Community Church to permit the construction of a new, two-story building, comprising a total of 30,797 sq. ft., as well as associated parking, landscaping, and other site improvements. Subject property currently zoned: GURD, Green Springs Urban Renewal District – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.12.25 – Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to approve an Amended Development Plan for Brookdale University Park to permit the proposed construction of a pickleball court on the south (rear) side of Brookdale Senior Living Facility on the site of an existing paved parking area – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.12.25 – Request to approve budget amendments for FY 26 – Cale Smith, Acting City Manager (Discussion held on 12/22/25 Pre-Council).

At this time, the following Resolution was presented for the Council’s consideration.

**Resolution No. 26-01**

**(A Resolution for approval of budget amendments for FY 26)**

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-01. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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. 02.01.26 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign Stormwater Management Program Plan – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

At this time, the following Resolution was presented for the Council’s consideration.

**Resolution No. 26-02**

**(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Stormwater Management Program Plan)**

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-02. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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. 03.01.26 – Request for consideration of a Resolution Establishing Procedures for City Manager Candidate Interviews – Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

At this time, the following Resolution was presented for the Council’s consideration.

**Resolution No. 26-03**

**(A Resolution Establishing Procedures for City Manager Candidate Interviews)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-03. Councilor Sims seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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. 04.01.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of December 23, 2025, through January 12, 2026 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

At this time, the following Resolution was presented for the Council’s consideration.

**Resolution No. 26-04**

**(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of December 23, 2025, through January 12, 2026)**

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-04. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 01.01.26 – Request to declare various vehicles and equipment surplus and various City Hall furniture –Blake Graves, Fleet Maintenance Director and Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:22 p.m.:

**Ordinance No.**

**(An Ordinance to declare various vehicles and equipment surplus and various City Hall furniture)**

Councilor Sims moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

At this time, the following Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration:

**Ordinance No. 2968**

**(An Ordinance to declare various vehicles and equipment surplus and various City Hall furniture)**

Councilor Sims moved to approve the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 05.01.26 – Request for consideration of an ABC 160 – Special Retail License for Birmingham Hotels II LLC / dba Aloft Birmingham SOHO Square at 1903 29<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Sims moved for having no objections to the issuance of the license. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 06.01.26 – Request for consideration of an ABC 140 – Special Retail License for Kathy G and Co Inc / dba No Show Ball Gala at 400 Shades Creek Pkwy – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Simmons moved for having no objections to the issuance of the license. Councilor Sims seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 6:37 p.m.