

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

January 26, 2026

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, January 26, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress presented a Proclamation recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andress at 6:14 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilor Armstead, after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Paul Simmons, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, 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: Nick Sims.

At this time, Councilor Simmons moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 12, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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.

BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

At this time, Mayor Andress appointed Callen Childs to the Planning Commission, without objection.

Mayor Andress then opened a supernumerary and Ward 4 BZA position until February 23, 2026 with Megan Hand moving to the At-Large position.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time, Mayor Andress amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to Other New Business: Item No. 10.01.26 Request for consideration for use of the plaza in front of City Hall for the Taste of Homewood Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – Shay Gartman, Homewood Chamber of Commerce / J.J.

Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Item 13.01.26 – Request for consideration for the council to appoint board liaisons and ex officio member of the planning commission – Mayor Andress.

Councilor Armstead 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.

Councilor Armstead moved to drop this item. 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 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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:20 p.m.

Wyatt Pugh addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. There was no comment from the audience.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

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

Resolution No. 26-05

(A Resolution for condemnation 1625 26th Avenue South)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-05. 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 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.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration at 6:26 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance approving 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)

Mayor Andress called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:29 p.m.

Cale Smith stated that the Planning Commission provided a favorable recommendation.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment.

Brian Hatcher, Mike O'Kelley, and Tom Franklin addressed the Council regarding this item.

Resident, Julia Qujano addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

Mayor Andress stated that, without objection, this item would be carried over to the February 9, 2026 Council Meeting.

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.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for the Council’s consideration at 6:44 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance approving 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)

Mayor Andress called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:47 p.m.

Wyatt Pugh addressed the Council regarding this item

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment.

Matt Sims addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

Mayor Andress stated that, without objection, this item would be carried over to the February 9, 2026 Council Meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 07.01.26 – Request for consideration to have the mayor sign letters of support for Ambulatory Surgery Centers – Mayor Andress.

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

Resolution No. 26-06

(A Resolution to authorize the mayor to sign letter from Brookwood Baptist of support for Ambulatory Surgery Centers)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-06. 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.

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

Resolution No. 26-07

(A Resolution to authorize the mayor to sign letter from Princeton of support for Ambulatory Surgery Centers)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-07. 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 on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 14.01.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of January 13, 2026 through January 26, 2026 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

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

Resolution No. 26-08

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of January 13, 2026, through January 26, 2026)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-08. 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. 10.01.26 - Request for consideration for use of the plaza in front of City Hall for the Taste of Homewood Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. – Shay Gartman, Homewood Chamber of Commerce / J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

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

Resolution No. 26-09

(A Resolution for use of the plaza in front of City Hall for the Taste of Homewood Thursday, March 19th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-09. Councilor Armstead 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. 13.01.26 – Request for consideration for the council to appoint board liaisons and ex officio member of the planning commission – Mayor Andress.

Councilor Lane moved to carry this item over.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

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

Resolution No. 26-10

(A Resolution to authorize the council to appoint board liaisons and ex officio member of the planning commission)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-10. 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 on a vote of 3-1. Councilor Lane voted no.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 7:01 p.m.