

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

February 26, 2024

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, February 26, 2024 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Pastor of Bethel AME Church (Rosedale), after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by President Wyatt at 6:02 p.m.

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

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 12, 2024 and approve them as presented. Councilor Gwaltney 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.

At this time, Mayor McClusky re-appointed Stuart Roberts to the Planning Commission.

President Wyatt stated that the application period would be opened for the Ward 2 BZA position and the Ward 4 Park Board position until March 25, 2024 at 4:30 and further stated that the application period for two Ward 1 Beautification Board positions would be re-opened until March 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Wolverton entered the Council chambers at 6:07 p.m.

Councilor Jones moved for the approval of the Council 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

01.02.24 Request for consideration of update from Sims Garden – Amy Weis/Councilor Geer

Action Taken: After hearing report from Amy Weis, Councilor Jones recommended, without objection, accepting the report. There was no objection.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilor Andress 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.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 20.06.23 – Request for consideration of City Manager – Mayor Patrick McClusky.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 19, 2024 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval of funding of election petition.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.02.24 – Request for consideration of a street-light at Waverly and Avalon – Councilor Andress.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 19, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval. Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee also met on February 19, 2024 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 24-25

(A Resolution for a street-light at Waverly and Avalon)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motions from the Finance and Public Safety Committees. 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. 03.02.24 – Request for consideration of a street-light at Browning Wall entrance – Councilor Address.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 19, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval. Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee also met on February 19, 2024 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 24-26

(A Resolution for a street-light at Browning Wall entrance)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motions from the Finance and Public Safety Committees. 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. 19.01.24 – Request for permission for use of the Plaza for Vulcan Vault Competition in July – Chris Spear, Peak Athletics / J.J. Bischoff.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on February 19, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 24-27

(A Resolution permitting use of the Plaza for Vulcan Vault Competition in July)

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.

Councilor Alemán entered the Council Chambers at 6:10 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.02.24 – Public Hearing set for March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a sign variance at 2732 Central Ave – Supertone/Christine Thornton/ Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.02.24 – Public Hearing set for March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for re-consideration to rezone 1300 Columbiana Road (PID # 29-00-23-4-003-004.000, 29-00-24-3-008-001.000, & 23-00-24-3-008-002.000) from I-2 (Institutional District) to C-1 (Office Building District). Applicant: Eric Rogers/Progressive Properties, PLLC; Owner: Second Presbyterian Church to permit the construction of a 11,000 sq. ft., single-story medical office building; said proposed rezoning to exclude the southern portion of the subject property, presently occupied by the Second Presbyterian Church, which will remain zoned I-2, Institutional District (The Planning Commission had a vote of 5-0-1 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 09.02.24** Request for consideration of budget amendments FY 23-24 (City Clerk Contractual Services/Iron Mtn & Traffic Dept /Vehicle Expense) – **Randy Hambley, Traffic Dept. / Robert Burgett, Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 10.02.24** Request for consideration to amend the city’s agreement with Tyler Technologies to provide an online civic access permitting portal and paperless plan review and permitting system – **Wyatt Pugh, Building Official – Finance Committee**
- 11.02.24** **Request to set Bid Opening Date** for Fire Facilities Maintenance Bid – **Deputy Chief Broadhead, Fire Department – Finance Committee**
- 12.02.24** Request for consideration for Special Event Liquor License at the Homewood Public Library – **Michelle Hamrick / J.J. Bischoff – Public Safety Committee**
- 13.02.24** **Request to set a Public Hearing** for consideration of a sign variance at 1706 Oxmoor Road – **Ginny Leavens, Goodies Toy Store / Wyatt Pugh, Building Official – Special Issues Committee**

Councilor Gwaltney moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda.
Councilor Geer 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. 14.02.24 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and pay appropriation to West Homewood Neighborhood Association – Justin Limbaugh / Bo Seagrist, Assistant City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 24-28

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and pay appropriation to West Homewood Neighborhood Association)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 24-28. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 15.02.24 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of February 12, 2024 through February 26, 2024 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director.

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

Resolution No. 24-29

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of February 12, 2024 through February 26, 2024)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 24-29. 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.

President Wyatt stated that the Committees would meet on March 4, 2024 starting with the Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, and Special Issues, immediately following the previous meeting. The Public Works and Planning and Development Committee Meetings were not scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Sims stated that the Bell Center 5K would be held on March 16, 2024.

Councilor Smith stated that Homewood Historic Preservation Commission would be having a forum at the Library on March 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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