

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

**March 20, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Special Session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Wyatt at 6:04 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Melanie Geer, Nick Sims, 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: Andy Gwaltney, Carlos Alemán, Andrew Wolverton, Walter Jones, and Jalete Nelms.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2024 and approve them as presented. Councilor Sims 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 following Board Appointments would be carried over: Ward 1 Beautification Board (2 positions); Ward 2 BZA and Ward 4 Park Board.

President Wyatt then stated that the application period for the Ward 4 Library position would be opened until April 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Sims moved for the approval of the Council 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**None.**

**OLD BUSINESS AGENDA**

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 09.02.24 – Request for consideration of budget amendments FY 23-24 (City Clerk Contractual Services/Iron Mtn) – Robert Burgett, Finance Director.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 18, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

**Resolution No. 24-36**

**(A Resolution approving budget amendments FY 23-24 for City Clerk Contractual Services/Iron Mtn)**

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. 11.02.24 – Bid Opening set for April 22, 2024, at 4:45 p.m. for Fire Facilities Maintenance Bid – Deputy Chief Broadhead, Fire Department.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Bid Opening set for April 22, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 01.03.24 – Request to declare the following items surplus: (2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNLC2E01ER202400); 2003 Ford F-150 (VIN 1FTRX18L83NA77424); and various Fire Dept. municipal items) – Joseph Blake Graves, Fleet Maintenance / Deputy Chief Broadhead, Fire Dept.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 18, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council’s consideration at 6:10 p.m.:

**Ordinance No.**

**(An Ordinance to declare the following items surplus: (2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNLC2E01ER202400); 2003 Ford F-150 (VIN 1FTRX18L83NA77424); and various Fire Dept. municipal items))**

Councilor Smith moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Hardin 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Geer, Sims, Smith, Address, Hardin, and Wyatt.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

**Ordinance No. 2893**

**(An Ordinance to declare the following items surplus: (2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNLC2E01ER202400); 2003 Ford F-150 (VIN 1FTRX18L83NA77424); and various Fire Dept. municipal items))**

Councilor Smith moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2893. Councilor Geer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Geer, Sims, Smith, Address, Hardin, and Wyatt.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.03.24 – Request for consideration of budget amendments FY 23-24 (Tree Removal and Overtime from Tornado) – Berkley Squires, Public Services; Judith Wright, Library/ Cale Smith, Engineering / Robert Burgett, Finance Director.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 18, 2024 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

**Resolution No. 24-37**

**(A Resolution approving budget amendments FY 23-24 (Tree Removal and Overtime from Tornado as well as vehicle expense for emergency landscape truck repair)**

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. 13.02.24 – Reschedule Public Hearing previously set for March 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a sign variance at 1706 Oxmoor Road – Ginny Leavens, Goodies Toy Store / Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be rescheduled for April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 03.03.24 – Public Hearing set for April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for authorization to repeal Ordinance No. 2813 – Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and replace with Floodplain Development Ordinance (as required by FEMA) –Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on March 18, 2024 and voted 4-0 to recommend setting the Public Hearing for April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

President Wyatt stated that this Item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for April 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 04.03.24 – Public Hearing set for April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of an amendment to the Final Development Plan for Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive (Site Address 849 Montague Drive) (PID # 28-00-18-3-001-009.003) to permit the proposed construction of a new three-story addition to the existing North Parking Deck that would expand the current structure and add an additional 550 parking spaces as a means to accommodate the University’s on-campus parking needs. (The Planning Commission had a vote of 5-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on March 18, 2024 and voted 4-0 to refer this item to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Wyatt stated that this Item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 09.03.24** Request for consideration of budget amendments FY 23-24 – **Deputy Chief Broadhead, Fire Department / Robert Burgett, Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 10.03.24** **Request** to authorize the mayor to sign agreement for fire station 3 addition – **Deputy Chief Broadhead, Fire Department – Finance Committee**
- 11.03.24** Request for consideration of No-Parking striping and signage near 1665 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue South – **Cale Smith, PE – Public Safety Committee**
- 12.03.24** Request for consideration of special Arts Council Idea – **Beverly LeBoeuf / Councilor Smith – Special Issues Committee**

Councilor Hardin 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. 13.03.24 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of March 12, 2024, through March 20, 2024 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over.

President Wyatt stated that the Committees would meet on April 1, 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

Mayor McClusky stated that the Taste of Homewood would be held tomorrow, March 21, 2024, on the City Hall Plaza.

President Wyatt and the Council welcomed Homewood's new IT Director, Brandon Sims.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 6:20 p.m.