

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

April 27, 2026

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, April 27, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress presented a Proclamation declaring April 27, 2026 Raleigh Avenue Baptist Church Day in recognition of 75 years of service.

Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Month.

Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation to Wyatt Pugh recognizing May 2026 as Building Safety Month.

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

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

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present were: Cale Smith, City Manager, J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; and Jay Murrill, City Attorney. Absent: None.

At this time, Councilor Sims moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 13, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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.

BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Andress stated that interviews for the District 1 Board of Education position were held on April 15-16, 2026.

Councilor Sims moved to appoint Dr. Samuel Marcrom to the District 1 Board of Education position. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Address 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 Address stated that, as a reminder, the application period for the Ward 2 Arts Council position and the Ward 2 Environmental Council position were open until May 18, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time, Mayor Address amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to Other New Business: 13.04.26 Request for consideration to change the meeting date for the second meeting in May – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; 14.04.26 Request to nominate Sam Gaston to the list of potential Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk; 15.04.26 Request to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for US 31 Pedestrian Tunnel Improvements – Amy Zari, Engineering; 16.04.26 Request to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for 185 Oxmoor Road Parking Lot – Amy Zari, Engineering; 17.04.26 To request approval for the Mayor to travel to Washington, D.C., in coordination with fellow municipal leaders, to engage in meetings with Senator Katie Britt. – Cale Smith, City Manager; 19.04.26 Request permission to write a Letter of Support for The Exceptional Foundation's grant – Cale Smith, City Manager. Mayor Address then stated that the description for 04.04.26 needed to be modified because the resolution would not change Homewood's current agreement with the BJCTA but would, instead, direct the City Manager to evaluate adding micro-transit services and bring back a proposed BJCTA agreement for the City Council to consider.

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

Mayor Address 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. 08.03.26 – Public Hearing set for April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for declaring property at 201 Dale Avenue a public nuisance due to a dead tree – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:22 p.m.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. The following residents addressed the Council regarding this item: Nan Smith, Hannah Winters, Jason Lee, Becky Saab, and Larry Albert.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

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

Resolution No. 26-37

(A Resolution declaring property at 201 Dale Avenue a public nuisance due to a dead tree)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-37. 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. 01.04.26 – Request for consideration of Grant Application for "Homewood Lecture Series - Niki Sepsas" through America 250 AL – Amy Zari.

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

Resolution No. 26-38

(A Resolution approving a Grant Application for "Homewood Lecture Series - Niki Sepsas" through America 250 AL)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-38. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. After hearing from Amy Zari, the Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 02.04.26 – Request for consideration to work in right-of-way adjacent to 609 Devon Drive – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

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

Resolution No. 26-39

(A Resolution to work in right-of-way adjacent to 609 Devon Drive)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-39. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion.. After hearing from Scott Cook, the Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 04.04.26 – Directing the City Manager to evaluate adding micro-transit services and to bring back a proposed BJCTA agreement for the City Council to consider – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-40

(A Resolution to Amend Homewood's agreement with the BJCTA to allow for micro-transit)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-40. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. The Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 05.04.26 – Request to amend budget to fund Barnes & Barnes Law Firm, P.C. for Municipal Appeal in Circuit Court– Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-41

(A Resolution to amend budget to fund Barnes & Barnes Law Firm, P.C. for Municipal Appeal in Circuit Court)

Councilor Lane moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-41. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. The Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 06.04.26 – Request to amend budget for stormwater and capital projects – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-42

(A Resolution to amend budget for stormwater and capital)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-42. 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 on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 07.04.26 – Request permission to adopt a driver selection policy – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-43

(A Resolution to adopt a driver selection policy)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-43. 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 on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 08.04.26 – Request permission to fund CitiBot's webchat annual subscription – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-44

(A Resolution to fund CitiBot's webchat annual subscription)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-44. Councilor Armstead seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. The Council then held discussion regarding this item.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 11.04.26 – Request to rezone 2773 & 2777 BM Montgomery Street from their current zoning designation of C-2, Neighborhood Shopping District to a C-4, Central Business District zoning classification to permit the renovation and reuse of the existing buildings for the development of a health fitness center – Conrad Garrison / Christine Thornton, Studio Vestige.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 21.04.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of April 14, 2026 through April 27, 2026 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Kellie Lee, Accountant; Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 26-45

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of April 14, 2026 through April 27, 2026)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-45. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Andress asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion. The Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 13.04.26 – Request for consideration to change the meeting date for the second meeting in May – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 26-46

(A Resolution to change the meeting date for the second meeting in May to May 18th)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-46. 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. 14.04.26 – Request to nominate Sam Gaston to the list of potential Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 26-47

(A Resolution to nominate Sam Gaston to the list of potential Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors)

Councilor Lane moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-47. 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 15.04.26 – Request to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for US 31 Pedestrian Tunnel Improvements – Amy Zari, Engineering.

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

Resolution No. 26-48

(A Resolution to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for US 31 Pedestrian Tunnel Improvements)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-48. 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. 16.04.26 – Request to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for 185 Oxmoor Road Parking Lot – Amy Zari, Engineering.

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

Resolution No. 26-49

(A Resolution to set bid opening date for May 28th 2026 for 185 Oxmoor Road Parking Lot)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-49. 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. 17.04.26 – Request approval for the Mayor to travel to Washington, D.C., in coordination with fellow municipal leaders, to engage in meetings with Senator Katie Britt – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-50

(A Resolution for approval for the Mayor to travel to Washington, D.C., in coordination with fellow municipal leaders, to engage in meetings with Senator Katie Britt)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-50. 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. 19.04.26 – Request permission to write a Letter of Support for The Exceptional Foundation's grant – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-51

(A Resolution for permission to write a Letter of Support for The Exceptional Foundation's grant)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-51. 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.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 7:18 p.m.