

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

May 22, 2023

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, May 22, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor McClusky recognized the Girls Soccer Team and Coach McBride for winning the State Championship.

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 6:11 p.m.

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

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 8, 2023 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.

Councilor Sims moved to appoint Victoria Dinges to the At-Large Beautification Board position. 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.

Councilor Sims moved to appoint Laura Stansell to the Ward 5 Beautification Board position. 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.

President Wyatt then re-opened the application period for one At-Large position and the Ward 3 position of the Beautification Board until June 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and re-opened the Ward 5 Abatement Board application period until June 26, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the published Council Agenda. Councilor Nelms 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

01.05.23 Request to give mid-year review presentation per Council Fiscal Policy – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk**

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met on May 15, 2023 and, after hearing report from Robert Burgett and Melody Salter, voted 5-0 to recommend accepting the report. The motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Gwaltney.

Councilor Smith 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. 02.05.23 – Request to declare various City items surplus – Gordon Jaynes, Fleet Maintenance / Judith Wright, Library Director.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on May 15, 2023 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 6:15 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to declare various City items surplus)

Councilor Alemán moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Alemán, Sims, Jones, Smith, Nelms, Andress, and Wyatt.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2868

(An Ordinance to declare various City items surplus)

Councilor Alemán moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2868. Councilor Andress seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Alemán, Sims, Jones, Smith, Nelms, Andress, and Wyatt.

The motion carried without dissent.

Councilor Wolverton entered the Council Chambers at 6:17 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.05.23 – Request for consideration of economic development incentives located at 195 Oxmoor Road/536 Cobb Street – Village Creek Development & SHA, LLC / President Wyatt.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on May 15, 2023 and voted 5-0 to refer this item to the full Council without a recommendation and to set a Public Hearing for June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.04.23 – Public Hearing set for June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to vacate a portion of unnamed city Right-of-Way adjacent to 328 Redfern Street – David Mitchell / Wyatt Pugh, Inspections & Permits.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 07.05.23 – Request for a Resolution in favor of the Red Mountain Cut Foundation and Jefferson County Commission TAP Grant Request – Bryson Stephens / Councilor Andress.

Councilor Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on May 15, 2023 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 23-70

(A Resolution for Red Mountain Cut Foundation and Jefferson County Commission TAP Grant Request)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Planning and Development Committee. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

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| 09.05.23 | Request for consideration to amend the FY22-23 Budget – Cale Smith, PE / Berkley Squires, Park / Chief Ross, Police Dept. / Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk – Finance Committee |
| 10.05.23 | Request permission to schedule Bid Opening on July 10, 2023 at 4:31 p.m. for the Saulter Road Pocket Park Project – Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee |
| 11.05.23 | Request permission to schedule Bid Opening on July 10, 2023 at 4:45 p.m. for creek wall replacement project – Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee |

- 12.05.23** Request to authorize the Mayor to sign maintenance agreement with Motorola for the public safety radio system – **Chief Hill, Fire Dept. – Finance Committee**
- 13.05.23** Request permission to work in the City Right-of-Way along Evergreen Avenue and Highland Road – **Cale Smith, PE – Public Works Committee**
- 14.05.23** **Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee** for consideration of sign variance(s) at 2724 18th Street South – **George Barber / Wyatt Pugh, Inspections & Permits – Special Issues Committee**

Councilor Gwaltney moved to approve the published Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Nelms 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. 14.05.23 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of sign variance(s) at 2724 18th Street South – George Barber / Wyatt Pugh, Inspections & Permits.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 15.05.23 – Request for consideration for emergency replacement of Trane HVAC at Public Works building and to amend the FY22-23 Budget for same – Berkley Squires, Public Services Director / Mayor Patrick McClusky.

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

Resolution No. 23-71

(A Resolution for emergency replacement of Trane HVAC at Public Works building and to amend the FY22-23 Budget for same)

Councilor Wolverton moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-71. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 16.05.23 – Request for consideration of an ABC 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor License for Birmingham Lodging LLC dba Four Points by Sheraton located at 492 Wildwood North Circle (Transfer of Ownership) – Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk.

Councilor Gwaltney moved to having no objections pending letters of no objection from the Fire and Police Departments. Councilor Wolverton 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. 17.05.23 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of May 9, 2023 through May 22, 2023 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 23-72

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of May 9, 2023 through May 22, 2023)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-72. 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.

President Wyatt stated that the Finance Committee would meet on June 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, Public Works, and Special Issues Committees meeting immediately following the previous meeting. The Planning and Development Committee was not scheduled to meet on June 5, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 6:23 p.m.