MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA

June 23, 2025

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, June 23, 2025 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 6:03 p.m.

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

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 9, 2025 and approve them as presented. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Jones 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

Councilor Geer moved to appoint Nathan Vickers to the Ward 1 Homewood Environmental Commission position. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 Alemán moved to appoint Lauren Walton to the Ward 2 Beautification Board position. Councilor Sims seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 Smith moved to appoint Joe Levens to the Ward 2 Park Board position. Councilor Alemán seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 Alemán moved to appoint Mike Higginbotham to the Ward 2 Library Board position. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 Nelms moved to appoint Susan Chalmers to the Ward 4 Abatement Board position. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 Jones stated that, as a reminder, the application period for the Ward 4 Beautification Board position was opened until July 28, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gwaltney moved to approve the Council Agenda. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Jones 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

44.04.25 Request for consultation for Creekside infrastructure development – **Alex Wyatt, Mayor (Carried Over 6/225)**

Action Taken: The Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Carlos Alemán and seconded by Councilor Andy Gwaltney.

Councilor Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Jones 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. 18.05.25 – Bid Date set for July 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. for US 31 Tunnel Improvements – Cale Smith.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Bid Date set for July 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 01.05.25 – Bid Date held on June 10, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. for the Homewood Library Interior Finishes Phase 3 – Cale Smith, PE / Judith Wright.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend accepting bid from CT General Contractors.

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

Resolution No. 25-98

(A Resolution to accept bid from CT General Contractors for Library Interior Finishes)

President Jones 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. 01.06.25 – Request to approve demolition contract for city-owned structure at 185 Oxmoor Road – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-99

(A Resolution to approve demolition contract for city-owned structure at 185 Oxmoor)

President Jones 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. 02.06.25 – Request for City Manager to sign contract with Alabama Power to install 3 flock cameras at Park locations – John Self, Police Dept / J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-100

(A Resolution to approve City Manager to sign contract with Alabama Power to install 3 flock cameras at Park locations)

President Jones 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. 03.06.25 – Request permission for City Manager to sign a contract with the RPCGB to provide HUD Grant Management services – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-101

(A Resolution to approve City Manager to sign a contract with the RPCGB to provide HUD Grant Management services)

President Jones 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. 04.06.25 – Request to accept Library Services and Technology Act Grant – Judith Wright, Library Director.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-102

(A Resolution to accept Library Services and Technology Act Grant)

President Jones 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. 35.04.25 – Public Hearing set for July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to consider installation of traffic calming system on the western end of Oxmoor Road near Northmoor Drive and Oakmoor Drive – Councilors Wolverton and Alemán.

President Jones stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.06.25 – Request permission to install a storm water diversion device at the round-a-about at East Hawthorne and Linwood – Cale Smith, PE / Glen Adams.

Councilor Alemán stated that the Public Works Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 4-1 to recommend approval.

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Works 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. 06.06.25 – Request permission to make improvements to the City's right-of-way in the alley behind 306 Devon – Twin Construction / Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Alemán stated that the Public Works Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-103

(A Resolution to make improvements to the City's right-of-way in the alley behind 306 Devon)

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Works 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. 07.06.25 – Request permission to work in the City's right-of-way behind 1520 and 1522 Roseland to install a sump pump outlet line to Griffin Brook Creek – Roger White / Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Alemán stated that the Public Works Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-104

(A Resolution to work in the City's right-of-way behind 1520 and 1522 Roseland to install a sump pump outlet line to Griffin Brook Creek)

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Works 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. 10.06.25 – Request for consideration for permission to work on the right of way on the sidewalk in front of Track Shack – Jason Bickell, Lewis Communications / Councilor Barry Smith.

Councilor Sims stated that the Special Issues Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 3-2 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-105

(A Resolution to work on the right of way on the sidewalk in front of Track Shack)

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Works 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. 10.05.25 – Public Hearing set for June 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of an Amended Development Plan for property at 800 Lakeshore Drive (PID #28-00-19-2-002-001.000, 28-00-19-2-002-002.000, 28-00-19-2-002-003.000 thru 28-00-19-2-002-007.000, 29-00-18-3-001-009.003, 29-00-24-1-001-006.000, 29-00-24-1-001-015.000 thru 29-00-24-1-001-018.000) n for Samford University's proposed Bulldog District to permit the construction of two separate residential "villages" that together would provide three new student residence halls, as well as associated on-campus parking facilities, courtyards, landscaping, and other site improvements; said development projects designed to address the University's continued growth in on-campus student enrollment. Applicant: Landmark Development Services Company, LLC / Owner: Samford University (The

Planning Commission had a vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on June 16, 2025 and voted 5-0 to refer to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:21 p.m.

President Jones asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, this item.

Brook Gibson addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

President Jones stated that there was an issue with a Parcel ID number so another Public Hearing would need to be set.

Councilor Andress moved to reset the Public Hearing for July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.. Councilor Hardin seconded the motion.

President Jones 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.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

11.06.25 Request permission for City Manager to sign a contract with Gossett Construction for stormwater infrastructure projects **– Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee**

12.06.25 Request to approve change order for additional services from Hixson Consulting related to the City Hall and parking garage restoration project **– Wyatt Pugh, Building Official – Finance Committee**

13.06.25 Request to declare the following vehicles surplus: 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN #1GNLCDEC3GR127496); 2015 International 7300 (VIN # 3HAZZMMR4GL211109); 2000 GMC SIERRA 1500 4WD, (VIN # 2GTEK19T6Y1229415) and declare miscellaneous Fire Department equipment surplus **– Blake Graves, Fleet Maintenance Director – Chief Brandon Broadhead, Fire Department – Finance Committee**

14.06.25 Request for consideration for the City Manager to sign contract with Ooma Inc.— **Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

15.06.25 Request for consideration for City Manager to renew contract with Huntress —**Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

16.06.25 Request for consideration for the City Manager to sign a 12-month agreement with Dataprise for the purposes of Managed Mobility Services — **Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

17.06.25 Request for consideration for the City Manager to enter a 12-month agreement with Dataprise for the purposes of Mobile Device Management (MDM) Support Services— **Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

18.06.25 Request for consideration for the City Manager to enter an agreement with Eaton Corporation for the annual servicing and maintenance of the battery backup unit that supports the datacenter at City Hall.— **Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

23.06.25 Request for consideration for the City Manager to be permitted to sign the copier renewal lease with Dex Imaging, previously Ameritek **– Brandon Sims IT Director – Finance Committee**

22.06.25 Request for consideration to pay invoice from Cobbs Allen for premium adjustment notice. **– Glen T. Adams, City Manager – Finance Committee**

24.06.25 Request for consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Dawson Memorial Baptist Church for the use of the parking deck on Oxmoor Rd. – **Glen T. Adams, City Manager – Finance Committee**

19.06.25 Request to authorize the placement of a public fire hydrant at the corner of Oxmoor Road and Cook Street **– Chief Brandon Broadhead, Fire Department – Public Safety Committee**

20.06.25 Request permission to execute an amendment to a Through Road Agreement with Jefferson County **– Cale Smith, PE – Public Works Committee**

Councilor Alemán moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Jones 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 21.06.25 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of June 10, 2025, through June 23, 2025 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

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

Resolution No. 25-106

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of June 10, 2025, through June 23, 2025)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-106. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Jones 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jones stated that the Committees would meet on June 30, 2025 starting with the Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, and Public Works, immediately following the previous meeting. The Special Issues and Planning and Development Committees did not schedule a meeting for June 30, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 6:37 p.m.