MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA

July 28, 2025

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, July 28, 2025 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Councilor Nelms moved to appoint Councilor Andy Gwaltney as Meeting Chair. Councilor Hardin seconded the motion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The invocation was given by Bo Seagrist, City Clerk, after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Gwaltney at 6:04 p.m.

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

At this time, Councilor Wolverton moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 14, 2025 and approve them as presented. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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 Gwaltney stated that the application period for the Ward 4 Beautification Board position was re-opened until August 25, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gwaltney added the following items to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 27.07.25 – Request for consideration for budget amendment for municipal election – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Wolverton moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilor Geer seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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

07.07.25 Request permission to authorize the City Manager to execute a change order for the Kenilworth Stormwater project **– Cale Smith, PE**

Action Taken: The Committee voted 3-0 to drop this item. The motion was made by Councilor John Hardin and seconded by Councilor Jody Brant.

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

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 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 (Carried Over 7/14/25).

Councilor Gwaltney stated this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.02.25 – Request permission to provide an update on the Kenilworth Stormwater Project – Cale Smith, PE**.**

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval of change order.

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

Resolution No. 25-123

(A Resolution to approve change order for the Kenilworth Storm Water Project)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 01.07.25 – Request for consideration of purchasing equipment for pothole patching and paving – Berkley Squires, Director of Public Services / Glen Adams, City Manager.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-124

(A Resolution for purchasing equipment for pothole patching and paving)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 02.07.25 – Request to amend budget – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-125

(A Resolution to amend budget)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 03.07.25 – Request to set Bid Date on August 19, 2025 for Greensprings PH II – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that this item would be carried over for the Bid Date set for August 19, 2025.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.07.25 – Request to surplus miscellaneous Library items – Judith Wright, Library Director.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:11 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to surplus miscellaneous Library items)

Councilor Hardin moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Geer seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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, Geer, Wolverton, Sims, Brant, Nelms, and Hardin.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2945

(An Ordinance to surplus miscellaneous Library items)

Councilor Geer moved for approval of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Wolverton seconded the motion

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Geer, Wolverton, Sims, Brant, Nelms, and Hardin.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was 05.07.25 – Request for line-item transfers – Chief Broadhead, Fire Department.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-126

(A Resolution to amend budget for line-item transfers)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 06.07.25 – Request to hire Prosecutor for the Municipal Court – Glen Adams, City Manager / Laura Roberts, Court Administrator/Chief Magistrate.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-127

(A Resolution to hire Prosecutor for the Municipal Court)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 08.07.25 – Request to purchase an ad in the Chamber of Commerce Centennial Map Guide – Councilor Smith / Dee Park, Alliance Publishing.

Councilor Hardin stated that the Finance Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 25-128

(A Resolution to purchase an ad in the Chamber of Commerce Centennial Map Guide)

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 09.07.25 – Request permission to install a stormwater diversion at the entrance of Camelot Condos and Lancaster Road – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the Public Works Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Councilor Gwaltney 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 re-set for July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of an Amended Development Plan for property at 800 Lakeshore Drive (PID #28-00-18-3-001-009.003) 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 Gwaltney declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:18 p.m.

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

Jeff Poleshek of Samford University addressed the Council regarding this item.

Councilor Gwaltney declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

Councilor Nelms stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on June 16, 2025 to refer this item to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing and then, on June 23, 2025 voted to re-set the Public Hearing for July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Gwaltney asked if the Council had any questions or comments. There was no response from the Council.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:21 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance for an Amended Development Plan for property at 800 Lakeshore Drive (PID #28-00-18-3-001-009.003) 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)

Councilor Hardin moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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, Geer, Wolverton, Sims, Brant, Nelms, and Hardin.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2946

(An Ordinance for an Amended Development Plan for property at 800 Lakeshore Drive (PID #28-00-18-3-001-009.003) 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)

Councilor Hardin moved for approval of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Geer seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Geer, Wolverton, Sims, Brant, Nelms, and Hardin.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 10.07.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of an Amended Development Plan for property at 124 South Pointe Drive (PID #29-00-23-2-013-012.000) for South Wood Subdivision to permit the construction of a 10' X 10' covered porch to be attached to a single-family house; said porch to be located 14.1ft. from the rear property line Applicant/Owner: Matthew York (The Planning Commission had a vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 11.07.25 – Public Hearing set for August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to rezone 1833 29th Avenue South (PID #28-00-07-3-029-001.000) from I-2 (Institution District) to C-4 (a) (Retail Shopping District). Applicant: Michael A. Mouron /Owner: City of Homewood to rezone the western portion of the subject property, currently included within a .54-acre lot that formerly served as the site of the City of Homewood's Police Station. The proposed action is intended to facilitate the development of a 4,500 sq. ft., single-story restaurant;the remaining or eastern portion of the property retaining its I-2 zoning classification in support of the planned development of a small public park for Homewood's citizens. (The Planning Commission had a vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

18.07.25 Request permission for City Manager to execute ALDOT traffic signal/lighting maintenance agreements for DDI project **– Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee**

19.07.25 Request to amend budget for line-item transfers **– Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee**

20.07.25 Request for City Manager to sign lease for 3rd floor office space with Navigate Wealth Management **– JJ Bischoff \ Johan Grahs, Navigate Wealth – Finance Committee**

21.07.25 Request to discuss opioid settlement funds and possible allocation within the City **– Councilors Jones and Sims – Finance Committee**

22.07.25 Request to authorize the City Manager to sign a proposal from Eaton Corporation for the installation of new batteries for the UPS supporting the city's core server room – **Brandon Sims, IT Director – Finance Committee**

23.07.25 Request authorization for City Manager to sign a contract for design services for Library Renovation Phase IV **– Cale Smith, PE / Judith Wright, Library Director – Finance Committee**

24.07.25 Request permission to work in ROW at 841 Sylvia Drive **– Cale Smith, PE / Melinda Sellers – Public Works Committee**

Councilor Wolverton moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 25.07.25 – Request to add Nick Hayes, Deputy Finance Director to bank accounts – Glen Adams, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 25-129

(A Resolution to add Nick Hayes, Deputy Finance Director to bank accounts)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-129. Councilor Geer seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 26.07.25 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of July 14, 2025, through July 28, 2025 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

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

Resolution No. 25-130

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of July 14, 2025, through July 28, 2025)

Councilor Nelms moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-130. Councilor Hardin seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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. 27.07.05 – Request for consideration for budget amendment for municipal election – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 25-131

(A Resolution for budget amendment for municipal election)

Councilor Nelms moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-131. Councilor Wolverton seconded the motion.

Councilor Gwaltney 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

Glen Adams, City Manager addressed the Council and provided the following announcements: the Back to School Bonanza would be held Tuesday, July 29, 2025 from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. at the Homewood Library; School starts back on Thursday, August 7, 2025 and school crosswalks had been repainted.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Committees would meet on August 4, 2025 starting with the Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, Public Works and Planning and Development Committees, immediately following the previous meeting. The Special Issues Committees did not schedule a meeting for August 4, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 6:31 p.m.