MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA

August 10, 2026

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, August 10, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress stated that the Stormwater Management Public Comment Period would be open from August 11th through August 21, 2026.

Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation to recognize the Alabama Master Gardners Association.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andress at 6:14 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilor 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 Keith Jackson and Jay Murrill, City Attorneys. Absent: None.

At this time, Councilor Lane moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 27, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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.

BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Andress stated that, as a reminder, the application period for the Ward 1, Ward 2, and a Supernumerary Abatement Board positions were open until September 14, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time, Mayor Andress amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items: Item No. 13.08.26 A request for approval to fund HICA's Emergency Assistance Fund for the Park at Buckingham – Councilor Nick Sims, Councilor Paul

Simmons; 01.08.26 Request to authorize the City Manager to execute contingency agreement with Riley & Jackson, P.C. and associated counsel related to Fire Apparatus Manufacturer Antitrust Litigation – Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

Councilor Armstead moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The first item on the Agenda was Item No. 16.06.26 – Public Hearing held on July 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of declaring the property at 405 Woodvale Lane a public nuisance – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement (Public Hearing Closed 7/27/26 and Item Carried Over).

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

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

Resolution No. 26-82

(A Resolution declaring the property at 405 Woodvale Lane a public nuisance)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-82. 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 was Item No. 13.06.26 – Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to rezone the western portion of 1832 25th Court South, comprising approximately 2,079 sq. ft., from I-2, Institution District to an NPD, Neighborhood Preservation District zoning classification in order to make it consistent with the majority of the lot's current zoning designation – Wyatt Pugh, Chief Building Official / Conrad Garrison, Zoning Administrator.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 10.07.26 – Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to declare property at 1045 Forrest Brook Drive a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 11.07.26 – Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to declare property at 608 Shades Creek Parkway a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 19.07.26 – Request to set a public hearing for consideration to review and recommend approval of an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Article II, Definitions, to add the use of "Minor Vehicle Repair" – Wyatt Pugh, Chief Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 12.07.26 – Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to declare property at 1580 Berry Road a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for September 14, 2026.

ORDINANCES

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 06.07.26 – Request consideration of Amendment to Ordinance 2949 to better define "compact motor vehicle" and support effective enforcement of compact parking regulations – Amy Zari, City Engineer (First Reading held and Item Carried Over 7/27/26).

Mayor Andress stated that, as a reminder, the first reading was held at the July 27, 2026 Council Meeting.

At this time, the proposed Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration.

Ordinance No. 2986

(An Amendment to Ordinance 2949 to better define "compact motor vehicle" and support effective enforcement of compact parking regulations)

Councilor Simmons moved for approval. 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.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 07.07.26 – Request for consideration of 29th Ct S One Way Conversion – Amy Zari, City Engineer (First Reading held and Item Carried Over 7/27/26).

Mayor Andress stated that, as a reminder, the first reading was held at the July 27, 2026 Council Meeting.

At this time, the proposed Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration.

Ordinance No. 2987

(An Ordinance for 29th Ct S One Way Conversion)

Councilor Armstead moved for approval. 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.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 18.07.26 – Request for consideration to surplus miscellaneous IT equipment – Brandon Sims, IT Director.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:28 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to surplus miscellaneous IT equipment)

Councilor Armstead moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

At this time, the following Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 2988

(An Ordinance to surplus miscellaneous IT equipment)

Councilor Armstead moved to approve the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 06.08.26 – Request for Consideration of an Ordinance to Repeal and Rescind Ordinance No. 1718 Relating to the Municipal Budget Process – Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:30 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to Repeal and Rescind Ordinance No. 1718 Relating to the Municipal Budget Process)

Councilor Sims moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

At this time, the following Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 2989

(An Ordinance to Repeal and Rescind Ordinance No. 1718 Relating to the Municipal Budget Process)

Councilor Sims moved to approve the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 07.08.26 – Request for Consideration of an Ordinance to Replace Chapter 9, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Homewood Relating to the Annual Municipal Budget Process – Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:32 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to Replace Chapter 9, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Homewood Relating to the Annual Municipal Budget Process)

Councilor Armstead moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

At this time, the following Ordinance was presented for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No. 2990

(An Ordinance to Replace Chapter 9, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Homewood Relating to the Annual Municipal Budget Process)

Councilor Lane moved to approve the proposed Ordinance as read. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Paul Simmons, Nick Sims, Chris Lane, Winslow Armstead, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 01.07.26 – Request to authorize private removal of a large pine tree located in the rear right-of-way / unmaintained alley behind 3107 Overton Drive – Wyatt Pugh, Chief Building Official (Carried Over 7/27/26).

Councilor Sims moved to drop this item. 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 on the Agenda was Item No. 21.07.26 – Request permission to authorize City Manager to sign letters of support for grant applications for non-profits that the City supports financially – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-83

(A Resolution to authorize City Manager to sign letters of support for grant applications for non-profits that the City supports financially)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-83. 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 on the Agenda was Item No. 14.08.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of July 28, 2026 through August 10, 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. 26-84

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of July 28, 2026 through August 10, 2026)

Councilor Lane moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-84. 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 considered on the Agenda was Item 13.08.26 A request for approval to fund HICA's Emergency Assistance Fund for the Park at Buckingham – Councilor Nick Sims, Councilor Paul Simmons.

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

Resolution No. 26-85

(A Resolution to fund HICA's Emergency Assistance Fund for the Park at Buckingham)

Councilor Armstead moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-85. 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 on the Agenda was Item 01.08.26 – Request to authorize the City Manager to execute contingency agreement with Riley & Jackson, P.C. and associated counsel related to Fire Apparatus Manufacturer Antitrust Litigation – Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

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

Resolution No. 26-86

(A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute contingency agreement with Riley & Jackson, P.C. and associated counsel related to Fire Apparatus Manufacturer Antitrust Litigation)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-86. 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 was Item No. 10.08.26 – Request for consideration of ABC 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) Licenses for Alfreds LLC / Alfreds at 111 Broadway Street, Ste 3 – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Simmons moved for having no objection to the issuance of the license. 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 on the Agenda was Item No. 11.08.26 – Request for consideration of ABC 011 – Lounge Retail Liquor – Class II (Package) License for Madira H150 LLC / Madira Liquor Wine and Beer at 229 Lakeshore Pkwy Ste D16 – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Lane moved for having no objection to the issuance of the license. 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 on the Agenda was Item No. 12.08.26 – Request for consideration of ABC 160 – Special Retail – More Than 30 Days – License for Lovely Ritas LLC / Salice at 1722 28th Ave S Ste 100 – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk.

Councilor Sims moved for having no objection to the issuance of the license. 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.

At this time, Cale Smith presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 7:19 p.m.