## MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

## THE CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA

# August 25, 2025

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, August 25, 2025 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 6:01 p.m.

At this time, Darryl Washington was introduced as the new Jefferson County Greenways CEO.

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

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Melanie Geer, Andrew Wolverton, Nick Sims, Jody Brant, Barry Smith, Jennifer Andress, 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: Carlos Alemán, Jalete Nelms, and John Hardin.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 11, 2025 and approve them as presented. 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.

### BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

President Jones stated that the application period for the Ward 4 Beautification Board position would be re-opened until September 29, 2025.

President Jones stated that, as a reminder, the application period for two At-Large positions and the Ward 3 position of the Homewood Environmental Commission would need to be opened until September 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Nelms entered the Council Chambers at 6:06 p.m.

Councilor Smith moved to open the Ward 1 Park Board application period until September 15, 2025. Councilor Geer 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.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gwaltney moved to approve the published 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

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS AGENDA**

The first 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.

President Jones stated that this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 18.07.25 – Request permission for City Manager to execute ALDOT traffic signal/lighting maintenance agreements for DDI project – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

### Resolution No. 25-141

### (A Resolution for installation and maintenance of traffic signals)

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.

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

### Resolution No. 25-142

### (A Resolution for installation and maintenance of roadway lighting)

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.

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

### Resolution No. 25-143

## (A Resolution for Lakeshore and I-65 Improvements)

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. 01.08.25 – Request to consider funding for the Lakeshore and I-65 Diverging Diamond project – Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

### Resolution No. 25-144

## (A Resolution for funding for the Lakeshore and I-65 Diverging Diamond project)

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. 02.08.25 – Request for consideration of 2025/2026 Budget Brief – Glen Adams, City Manager.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend accepting the report.

At this time, Glen Adams, City Manager addressed the Council and presented the proposed budget.

Mayor Wyatt then addressed the Council regarding this item.

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. 03.08.25 – Request for consideration of Budget Amendments for line-item transfers – Berkley Squires, Public Works Director.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

#### Resolution No. 25-145

# (A Resolution for Budget Amendments for line-item transfers)

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. 15.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of tax incentive agreement with Piggly Wiggly construction project – Murray Legg / Andy Virciglio / Mayor Wyatt.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:36 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.

Murray Legg addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments. There was no response from the Council.

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

## Resolution No. 25-146

(A Resolution for tax incentive agreement with Piggly Wiggly construction project)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-146. Councilor Geer 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 16.08.25 – Request for consideration of new audit agency – Mayor Wyatt.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

### Resolution No. 25-147

## (A Resolution approving Dent Moses as new audit agency)

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. 34.04.25 – Request for discussion of safety issues at the intersection of Oxmoor and St. Charles – Glen Adams, City Manager.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee met on August 4, 2025 and voted 5-0 for approval of re-striping.

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Safety. The Council then held discussion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 04.08.25 – Request permission to reconstruct a deck and fence in the City's right-of-way at 2824 16<sup>th</sup> Place South – Cale Smith, PE / Laurie Zelinski.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the Public Works Committee met on August 18, 2025 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

### Resolution No. 25-148

(A Resolution permission to reconstruct a deck and fence in the City's right-of-way at 2824  $16^{th}$  Place South)

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. 10.07.25 – 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 #29-00-23-2-013-012.043) 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 Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on July 21, 2025 and voted 3-0 to refer this item to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:45 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.

Matthew York addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments. The Council then held discussion.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:52 p.m.:

### Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance for an Amended Development Plan for property at 124 South Pointe Drive (PID #29-00-23-2-013-012.043) 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)

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

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

### Ordinance No. 2947

(An Ordinance for an Amended Development Plan for property at 124 South Pointe Drive (PID #29-00-23-2-013-012.043) 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)

Councilor Smith 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, Smith, Nelms, Andress, and Jones.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.08.25 – Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of an Amended Development Plan for the property at 215 Lakeshore Parkway (PID# 29-00-26-2-000-001.005) to Amend the Wildwood Centre South Redevelopment Plan to permit the construction of a single-story retail building, comprising a total of 722 sq. ft., as the site for a proposed 7Brew Coffee Stand, including associated parking, landscaping and other site improvements. Applicant: Southern Brew Corporation Owner: Richard Pate (The Planning Commission had a vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

President Jones stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. set for to consider declaring the property located at 405 Woodvale Ln. (PID# 29-00-23-1-005-005.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Chapter 11, Health & Sanitation. Article II. Litter Section 11-42 Open Storage of Certain Items – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:57 p.m.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be continued, and this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 09.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to set a public hearing to consider declaring the property located at 509 Broadway St, (PID# 29-00-13-3-010-003.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750– Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:59 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. There was no response from the audience

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

President Jones asked if the Council had any questions or comments. There was no response from the Council.

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

#### Resolution No. 25-149

(A Resolution declaring the property located at 509 Broadway St, (PID# 29-00-13-3-010-003.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-149. Councilor Andress 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 10.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to set a public hearing to consider declaring the property located at 718 Broadway St, (PID# 29-00-13-3-016-008.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:01 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. There was no response from the audience.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Councilor Smith moved to drop this item. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 11.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to set a public hearing to consider declaring the property located at 228 Hall Ave (PID# 29-00-23-2-011-024.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:03 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. There was no response from the audience.

Councilor Smith moved to drop this item. 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.

The next item on the Agenad under Old Business was Item No. 12.08.25 – Public Hearing set for August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to set a public hearing to consider declaring the property located at 3016 Firefighter Ln. (PID# 29-00-07-3-033-011.000) a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750– Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:05 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. There was no response from the Council.

President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Councilor Nelms moved to drop this item. Councilor Wolverton 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**

16.08.25	Request to authorize City Manager to sign Change Order #1 for Gossett Construction – Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee
17.08.25	Request permission for City Manager to sign a contract with Gossett Construction for the removal of two parking spaces at Patriot Park – Councilor Wolverton / Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee
18.08.25	Request for consideration of Birmingham Bowl sponsorship – Councilor Smith – Finance Committee
19.08.25	Request for consideration of no parking zone to replace loading zoning in Edgewood Business district – Councilor Gwaltney – Public Safety Committee
20.08.25	Request for consideration of crosswalk adjustments at the north side of Oxmoor Rd and St. Charles St. – Councilor Gwaltney – Public Safety Committee
21.08.25	Request for consideration of crosswalk adjustments at the east side of Oxmoor Rd and St. Charles St. – Councilor Gwaltney – Public Safety Committee
22.08.25	Request permission to work within the right-of-way to remove overgrown trees at 1 West Lakeshore Drive – Perry Algren / Cale Smith, PE – Public Works Committee

Councilor Smith moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda. 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.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 23.08.25 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign Paving Grant from Jefferson County for West Oxmoor Paving Project – Berkley Squiers, Public Works Director.

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

### Resolution No. 25-150

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Paving Grant from Jefferson County for West Oxmoor Paving Project)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-150. Councilor Wolverton 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 24.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 139 State Farm Pkwy,; PID# 29-00-13-3-008-010.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" and Chapter 11, Article II "Litter" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 25.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 1807 Mayfair Dr.,; PID# 29-00-18-2-008-009.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 26.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 2534 Central Ave,; PID# 29-00-07-2-016-002.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 27.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 20 West Lakeshore Dr,; PID# 29-00-24-3-005-005.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 28.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 109 Hanover Rd.; PID# 29-00-13-1-003-006.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 29.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 251 Carr Ave,; PID# 29-00-23-2-001-001.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" and Chapter 11, Article II "Litter" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 30.08.25 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of declaring the property located at 1045 Forest Brook Dr,; PID# 29-00-26-3-004-015.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Jones stated that the Public Hearing would be set for September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 31.08.25 – Request permission to place a construction dumpster in the public parking lot behind City Hall to remain in place for the duration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor new tenant renovation project – Prier Construction / Wyatt Pugh, Chief Building Official.

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

### Resolution No. 25-151

(A Resolution for permission to place a construction dumpster in the public parking lot behind City Hall to remain in place for the duration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor new tenant renovation project)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-151 pending completion of parking lot repairs. Councilor Wolverton 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 on a vote of 7-2. Councilors Gwaltney and Geer voted no.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business, taken out of order, was Item No. 33.08.25 – Request to authorize the City Manager to sign contract with Gossett Construction for an ADA ramp – Cale Smith, PE.

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

#### Resolution No. 25-152

(A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign contract with Gossett Construction for an ADA ramp)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-152. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No 34.08.25 – Request to authorize the City Manager to sign contract with Pennigton Group Inc for stair fabrication of Dawson Parking Deck – Cale Smith, PE.

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

### Resolution No. 25-153

(A Resolution to authorize the City Manager to sign contract with Pennigton Group Inc for stair fabrication of Dawson Parking Deck)

Councilor Geer moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-153. Councilor Wolverton 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 on a vote of 8-1. Councilor Gwaltney voted no.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 32.08.25 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of August 12, 2025, through August 25, 2025 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff.

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

### Resolution No. 25-154

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of August 12, 2025, through August 25, 2025)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 25-154 pending final review. Councilor Wolverton 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**

Mayor Wyatt addressed the Council and provided the following announcements:

President Jones then stated that the Public Comment period for the Stormwater Management Program would be opened from September 1 – September 7, 2025.

President Jones stated that the Committees would meet on September 8, 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 September 8, 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 7:39 p.m.