

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

**September 14, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation recognizing Recovery Month.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andress at 6:01 p.m.

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

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Paul Simmons, Chris Lane, 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: Nick Sims and Winslow Armstead.

At this time, Councilor Simmons moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of August 24, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

Councilor Simmons then moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting of September 3, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

## **BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS**

Councilor Simmons moved to appoint Gabriel Harris to the Ward 2 Abatement Board position. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Address 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.

Mayor Address stated that, as a reminder, the application period for Wards 1 through 4 as well as three At-Large positions of the Homewood Historic Preservation Commission were open until September 28, 2026.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At this time, Mayor Address amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items: Item No. 01.09.26 Request to consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 26-61 to extend the eligible retirement period through November 1, 2026 – Cale Smith, City Manager; 03.09.26 Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY25 audit services – Cale Smith, City Manager; 04.09.26 Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY26 Audit Services – Cale Smith, City Manager; 05.09.26 Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for non-attest services – Cale Smith, City Manager; 06.09.26 Request permission to authorize city manager to sign a contract with Trane Intelligent Services – Cale Smith, City Manager; 07.09.26 Request permission for city manager to sign a contract with Homewood Board of Education for SRO reimbursement – Cale Smith, City Manager; 08.09.26 Request permission to authorize City Manager to sign a contract with Axon Enterprises – Cale Smith, City Manager; 09.09.26 Request to amend existing easement at 117, 121, 125, and 129 Hall Avenue – Amy Zari, City Engineer; 13.09.26 Request to accept grant award from Jefferson County Commissioner Bolin – Amy Zari, City Engineer; 14.09.26 Request permission to authorize City Manager to execute OPEB Trust Agreement with Synovus/Pinnacle – Cale Smith, City Manager.

Councilor Simmons moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilor Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Address 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. 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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:16 p.m.

Conrad Garrison addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. There was no response from the audience.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over for consideration at the September 28, 2026 Council Meeting.

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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:20 p.m.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. The following residents addressed the Council regarding this item: Lisa Lee and Eric Crocker spoke in favor of this item.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

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

### **Resolution No. 26-90**

**(A Resolution to declare property at 1045 Forrest Brook Drive a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-90. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:40 p.m.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. There was no response from the audience.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

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

**Resolution No. 26-91**

**(A Resolution to declare property at 608 Shades Creek Parkway a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-91. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:43 p.m.

Scott Cook addressed the Council regarding this item.

Mayor Andress then opened the Public Hearing for Public Comment. There was no response from the audience.

Mayor Andress then closed the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

The Council then held discussion.

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

**Resolution No. 26-92**

**(A Resolution to declare property at 1580 Berry Road a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-92. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 19.07.26 – Public Hearing set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. 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 this item would be carried over pending the Public Hearing that was set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 04.08.26 – Public Hearing set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of Unsafe Structure Located at 1556 29th Court South – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over pending the Public Hearing that was set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 05.08.26 – Public Hearing set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of Unsafe Structure Located at 1552 29th Court South – Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over pending the Public Hearing that was set for September 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 08.08.26 – Public Hearing set for October 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for approval of a Final Development Plan for "The Woods", a proposed golf-oriented outdoor entertainment venue in West Homewood – Wyatt, Pugh, Building Official

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over pending the Public Hearing that was set for October 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 09.08.26 – Public Hearing set for October 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for approval of a Final Development Plan for Samford University's proposed South Campus Student Housing development – Wyatt, Pugh, Building Official.

Mayor Andress stated that this item would be carried over pending the Public Hearing that was set for October 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

## **ORDINANCES**

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 02.08.26 – Request for consideration of revisions to the Beautification Board Ordinance – Bo Seagrist, City Clerk / Keith Jackson, City Attorney.

Mayor Andress stated that, as a reminder, the first reading was held at the August 24, 2026 Council Meeting.

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

### **Ordinance No. 2991**

**(An Ordinance for revisions to the Beautification Board Ordinance)**

Councilor Simmons 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. 16.08.26 – Request for consideration to declare vehicles and equipment surplus – Blake Graves, Fleet Maintenance Director.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:51 p.m.:

### **Ordinance No.**

**(An Ordinance to declare vehicles and equipment surplus)**

Councilor Simmons 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, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

**Ordinance No. 2992**

**(An Ordinance to declare vehicles and equipment surplus)**

Councilor Simmons moved to approve 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, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 14.09.26 – Request permission to authorize City Manager to execute OPEB Trust Agreement with Synovus/Pinnacle – Cale Smith, City Manager.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:53 p.m.:

**Ordinance No.**

**(An Ordinance to authorize City Manager to execute OPEB Trust Agreement with Synovus/Pinnacle)**

Councilor Simmons 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, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

**Ordinance No. 2993**

**(An Ordinance to authorize City Manager to execute OPEB Trust Agreement with Synovus/Pinnacle)**

Councilor Simmons moved to approve 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, Chris Lane, and Jennifer Andress.

The motion carried without dissent.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 15.08.26 – Request for consideration of a Resolution Fixing Demolition Costs and Assessing Lien – 1625 26th Avenue South – Wyatt Pugh, Chief Building Official.

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

**Resolution No. 26-93**

**(A Resolution Fixing Demolition Costs and Assessing Lien – 1625 26th Avenue South)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-93. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 17.08.26 – Request to extend retaining wall at 505 Norfolk Lane into the Right of Way – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

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

**Resolution No. 26-94**

**(A Resolution to extend retaining wall at 505 Norfolk Lane into the Right of Way)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-94. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 18.08.26 – Request for indemnification agreement for extending drainage pipe to street at 1525 Manhattan Street – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

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

**Resolution No. 26-95**

**(A Resolution for indemnification agreement for extending drainage pipe to street at 1525 Manhattan Street)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-95. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 19.08.26 – Request for indemnification agreement for retaining wall and steps in the Right of Way at 2716 16<sup>th</sup> Place South – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

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

**Resolution No. 26-96**

**(A Resolution for indemnification agreement for retaining wall and steps in the Right of Way at 2716 16<sup>th</sup> Place South)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-96. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 21.08.26 – Request to consider a license application approval process for retail food stores wanting to apply to the ABC

Board for a license to sell beverage consumable hemp products – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-97**

**(A Resolution for a license application approval process for retail food stores wanting to apply to the ABC Board for a license to sell beverage consumable hemp products)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-97. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 16.09.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of August 25, 2026 through September 14, 2026 – J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Kellie Lee, Accountant; Aspen Collins, Finance Director.

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

**Resolution No. 26-98**

**(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of August 25, 2026 through September 14, 2026)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-98. 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 voice vote, the motion carried on a vote of 2-01. Councilor Lane abstained.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 01.09.26 – Request to consider a resolution amending Resolution No. 26-61 to extend the eligible retirement period through November 1, 2026 – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-99**

**(A Resolution amending Resolution No. 26-61 to extend the eligible retirement period through November 1, 2026)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-99. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 03.09.26 – Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY25 audit services – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-100**

**(A Resolution to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY25 audit services)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-100. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 04.09.26 – Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY26 Audit Services – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-101**

**(A Resolution to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for FY26 Audit Services)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-101. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 05.09.26 – Request permission to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for non-attest services – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-102**

**(A Resolution to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Doeren Mayhew for non-attest services)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-102. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 06.09.26 – Request permission to authorize city manager to sign a contract with Trane Intelligent Services – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-103**

**(A Resolution to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Trane Intelligent Services)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-103. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 07.09.26 – Request permission for city manager to sign a contract with Homewood Board of Education for SRO reimbursement – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-104**

**(A Resolution to authorize the city manager to sign a contract with Homewood Board of Education for SRO reimbursement)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-104. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 08.09.26 – Request permission to authorize City Manager to sign a contract with Axon Enterprises – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

**Resolution No. 26-105**

**(A Resolution to authorize city manager to sign a contract with Axon Enterprises)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-105. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 09.09.26 – Request to amend existing easement at 117, 121, 125, and 129 Hall Avenue – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

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

**Resolution No. 26-106**

**(A Resolution to amend existing easement at 117, 121, 125, and 129 Hall Avenue)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-106. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 13.09.26 – Request to accept grant award from Jefferson County Commissioner Bolin – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

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

**Resolution No. 26-107**

**(A Resolution to accept grant award from Jefferson County Commissioner Bolin)**

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-107. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion, duly made, adjourned at 7:28 p.m.