

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

September 28, 2026

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, September 28, 2026 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor Andress then presented a Proclamation recognizing GYN Cancer Awareness Month.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andress at 6:13 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, 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 Sims moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 14, 2026, and approve them as presented. 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.

BOARD VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS

Councilor Armstead moved to appoint Maranda Dancy to the Supernumerary Abatement Board position. 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.

Councilor Simmons moved to appoint Kandace VanWanderham to the At-Large Abatement Board position. 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.

Councilor Armstead moved to appoint Beverly LeBoeuf to the Ward 1 Abatement Board position. 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.

Councilor Simmons moved to appoint Madoline Koonce to the Ward 1 Historic Preservation position. 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.

Councilor Sims moved to appoint Gary Johnson to the Ward 2 Historic Preservation position. 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.

Councilor Lane moved to appoint David Bains to the Ward 3 Historic Preservation position. 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.

Councilor Armstead moved to appoint Eddie Griffith to the Ward 4 Historic Preservation position. 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.

Councilor Armstead moved to appoint Julie Muir to an At-Large Historic Preservation position. Councilor Simmons 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.

Councilor Simmons moved to appoint Josh Alford to an At-Large Historic Preservation position. Councilor Sims 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.

Councilor Lane moved to appoint Robert Anderson to an At-Large Historic Preservation position. Councilor Sims 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time, Mayor Address amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items: Item No. 17.09.26 - Request permission to make a Budget Amendment for OpenGov Financial Software – Cale Smith, City Manager.

Councilor Sims moved to approve the amended Council Agenda. Councilor Armstead 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 (Public Hearing held and closed 9/14/26 and Item Carried Over).

Mayor Address stated that, as a reminder, the first reading was held at the September 14, 2026 Council Meeting.

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

Ordinance No. 2994

(An Ordinance 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)

Councilor Sims moved for approval. 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.

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.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:21 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Article II, Definitions, to add the use of "Minor Vehicle Repair")

Mayor Address called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:22 p.m.

Conrad Garrison addressed the Council regarding this item.

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

Mayor Address then closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Address stated that this item would be carried over for consideration at the October 12, 2026 Council Meeting.

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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:24 p.m.

Wyatt Pugh 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 6:27 p.m.

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

Resolution No. 26-108

(A Resolution declaring Unsafe Structure Located at 1556 29th Court South)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-108. 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. 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 called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Wyatt Pugh 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 6:33 p.m.

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

Resolution No. 26-109

(A Resolution declaring Unsafe Structure Located at 1552 29th Court South)

Councilor Lane moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-109. 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. 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 for the Public Hearing 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 for the Public Hearing set for October 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 21.09.26 – Request to set a Public Hearing to declare property at 1622 26th Avenue S a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 22.09.26 – Request to set a Public Hearing to declare property at 1600 Berry Road a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 23.09.26 – Request to set a Public Hearing to declare property at 304 Mecca Avenue a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 24.09.26 – Request to set a Public Hearing to declare property at 139 State Farm Parkway a Public Nuisance due to excessive growth – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

Mayor Andress stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 25.08.26 – Discussion and consideration of proposed City Manager Evaluation Procedures and Evaluation Form – Kim Kinder, HR Director.

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

Resolution No. 26-110

(A Resolution approving City Manager Evaluation Procedures and Evaluation Form)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-110. 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. 02.09.26 – Request to approve the commemorative mural rendering done by Fitz Signs & Murals – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-111

(A Resolution to approve the commemorative mural rendering done by Fitz Signs & Murals)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-111. 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. 12.09.26 – Request permission to authorize City Manager to execute a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for FY 26-27 – Cale Smith, City Manager.

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

Resolution No. 26-112

(A Resolution to authorize City Manager to execute a Contract with the Chamber of Commerce for FY 26-27)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-112. 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. 25.09.26 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of September 15, 2026 through September 28, 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. 26-113

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of September 15, 2026 through September 28, 2026)

Councilor Sims moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-113. 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 on a vote of 4-0-1. Councilor Lane abstained.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 15.09.26 – Request to consider new spend platform – Brandon Broadhead, Fire Chief.

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

Resolution No. 26-114

(A Resolution approving new spend platform)

Councilor Simmons moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 26-114. 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.

ORDINANCES

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 10.09.26 – Request to install speed cushions on Hambaugh Avenue between Columbiana Road and Dixon Ave, and on Dixon Avenue between Broadway Street and Hambaugh Avenue – Amy Zari, City Engineer.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:46 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to install speed cushions on Hambaugh Avenue between Columbiana Road and Dixon Ave, and on Dixon Avenue between Broadway Street and Hambaugh Avenue)

Mayor Address stated that this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 17.09.26 – Request permission to make a Budget Amendment for OpenGov Financial Software – Cale Smith, City Manager.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:52 p.m.:

Ordinance No. 2995

(An Ordinance approving a Budget Amendment for OpenGov Financial Software)

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

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda was Item No. 26.09.26 – Request for consideration of City Manager’s Budget Presentation for FY 2026-2027 – Cale Smith, City Manager.

At this time, the first reading of the proposed Ordinance was presented for consideration at 6:54 p.m.:

Ordinance No. 2996

(An Ordinance the City Manager’s Budget for FY 2026-2027)

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

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 7:10 p.m.