

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

October 23, 2023

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, October 23, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor McClusky presented a proclamation recognizing October as Italian Heritage Month.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Wyatt at 6:05 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Melanie Geer, Carlos Alemán, Andrew Wolverton, Nick Sims, Walter Jones, Barry Smith, Jaletel Nelms, Jennifer Andress, John Hardin, and Alex Wyatt constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present were: Mike Kendrick, City Attorney; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; Mayor Patrick McClusky, Melody Salter, City Clerk; and Bo Seagrist, Senior Revenue Examiner.

At this time, Councilor Wolverton moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 9, 2023 and approve them as presented. Councilor Alemán seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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, Councilor Andress moved to appoint Kirk Mobley to the Ward 5 Library Board position. Councilor Hardin seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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, President Wyatt amended the published Council Agenda to add the following item to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 19.10.23 – Request for consideration for a one-time offer concerning retiree health insurance – Mayor McClusky – Finance Committee.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the amended Council Agenda. Councilor Alemán seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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. 01.10.23 – Request to fund the Senior Engineering Inspector position – Mayor McClusky/ Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 23-150

(A Resolution to fund the Senior Engineering Inspector position)

President Wyatt 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. 02.10.23 - Request permission to submit an ATRIPP II Grant Application for access management along the US 31 corridor – Councilor Andress / Cale Smith, PE.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 23-151

(A Resolution to submit an ATRIPP II Grant Application for access management along the US 31 corridor)

President Wyatt 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. 03.10.23 – Request to set a Bid Opening for Communication Services – Councilor Smith.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend setting a Bid Opening for November 6, 2023 at 4:31 p.m. with submissions due at 4:30 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.10.23 – Request for consideration of Public Safety Building elevator maintenance – Lt. Peterson, Police Dept.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 23-152

(A Resolution for funding for Public Safety Building elevator maintenance)

President Wyatt 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. 05.10.23 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of condemnation of the accessory structure at 2819 Crescent Avenue –Wyatt Pugh, Building Official.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 5-0 to recommend setting a Public Hearing for November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and to refer to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.10.23 – Request for consideration of Wine 10k event on City Hall Plaza for March 2, 2024 – Councilor Andress.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 23-153

(A Resolution for Wine 10k event on City Hall Plaza for March 2, 2024)

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Special Issues Committee. The Council then held discussion regarding this item.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 15.09.23 – Public Hearing set for October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of sign variance(s) at 2713 18th Place South – Dunn Real Estate / David Brandt, Fravert / Wyatt Pugh, Building Dept.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 4-0 to refer this item to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Wyatt declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

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

Wyatt Pugh then addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Wyatt declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding this item. The Council then held discussion regarding this item.

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

Resolution No. 23-154

(A Resolution for sign variance(s) at 2713 18th Place South)

Councilor Wolverton moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-154. Councilor Alemán seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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. 16.09.23 – Public Hearing set for October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of sign variance(s) at 169 State Farm Parkway, Suite 101 – Stanton Optical / RME Signs Pro LLC / Wyatt Pugh, Building Dept.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on October 16, 2023 and voted 4-0 to refer this item to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Wyatt declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:18 p.m.

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

Wyatt Pugh and Mauricio Mercado then addressed the Council regarding this item.

President Wyatt declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding this item. The Council then held discussion regarding this item.

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

Resolution No. 23-155

(A Resolution for sign variance(s) at 169 State Farm Parkway, Suite 101 on back of building only)

Councilor Andress moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-155. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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. 11.10.23 – Public Hearing set for November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to approve an Amended Development Plan at 202 State Farm Parkway (PID # 29-00-23-3-001-001.019 Zoning: PMUD (Planned Mixed-Use District) Applicant/Owner: Homewood Property Outparcel Owner, LLC to permit the proposed construction of a new 3,726 sq. ft., single-story urgent care medical clinic (Fast Pace Urgent Care), as well as associated parking, landscaping and other site improvements The Planning Commission had a vote of 9-0 for a favorable recommendation) – Cale Smith, PE.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. President Wyatt then stated that there would also be Public Hearings on November 6, 2023 for Item 08.10.23, 09.10.23, 10.10.23, and 12.10.23.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

14.10.23 Request to set a Bid Date for Delcris Drive Sidewalk Phase II – Cale Smith, PE – Finance Committee

18.10.23 Request for consideration of update from Homewood Chamber of Commerce – Meredith Drennen / President Wyatt and Councilor Hardin – Finance Committee

19.10.23 Request for consideration for a one-time offer concerning retiree health insurance – Mayor McClusky – Finance Committee

Councilor Smith moved to approve the amended Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Nelms seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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. 15.10.23 – Request for consideration to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and pay FY 23-24 Budget Appropriation for the Chamber of Commerce and Red Mountain Park – Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 23-156

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and pay FY 23-24 Budget Appropriation for the Chamber of Commerce)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-156. Councilor Wolverton seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Resolution for the Council's consideration.

Resolution No. 23-157

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign contract and pay FY 23-24 Budget Appropriation for Red Mountain Park)

Councilor Alemán moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-157. Councilor Wolverton seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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. 16.10.23 – Request to change Council Meeting dates for November and December – President Wyatt.

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

Resolution No. 23-158

(A Resolution changing Council Meeting dates in November and December to November 6th, November 27th, December 11th, and December 18th with Committee dates changed to October 30th, November 13th, December 4th, and December 18th)

Councilor Wolverton moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-158. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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 New Business was Item No. 17.10.23 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of October 10, 2023 through October 23, 2023 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 23-159

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of October 10, 2023 through October 23, 2023)

Councilor Hardin moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 23-159. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wyatt 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.

President Wyatt stated that the Committees would meet on October 30, 2023 starting with the Finance Committee at 5:00 p.m. with Public Safety, and Planning and Development meeting immediately following the previous meeting. The Public Works and Special Issues Committee Meetings were not scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 6:40 p.m.