

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

February 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor McClusky presented a Proclamation to Greg Cobb recognizing his service to the City and his retirement.

Mayor McClusky then presented a Proclamation for National 2-1-1 Day to Shakeitha Tatum, Director of the Community Service Response Center of the 2-1-1 Program at the United Way of Central Alabama.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Wyatt at 6:09 p.m.

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

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of January 25, 2021 and approve them as presented. 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.

Councilor Smith moved to appoint Megan Tsang Hand to the BZA Ward 4 position. 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.

Mayor McClusky then appointed Ben Booth to the Beautification Board. Councilor Andress moved to approve the appointment. 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, President Wyatt amended the published Council Agenda to add the following item to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 11.02.21 – Request for consideration of Climate Change presentation by John Northrop – Barry Smith – Special Issues Committee.

Councilor Alemán moved for the approval of the amended Council Agenda. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.01.21 – Public Hearing set for February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of petition to vacate a strip of Parkridge Drive next to Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot – Wyatt Pugh/BEZ/Melody Salter, City Clerk.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.10.20 – Bid Opening held on January 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for City Communication Services – Councilors Andress and Smith.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of accepting JettyTrip's Proposal One as the lowest responsive bidder for \$96,000.00.

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

Resolution No. 21-18

(A Resolution accepting JettyTrip as the lowest responsive bidder for Communication Services Proposal One)

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. 01.02.20 – Bid Opening set for February 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for GreenSprings Revitalization Phase II and Requests for updates on GreenSprings Revitalization – Berkley Squires, Public Works Director.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to refer this item back to the full Council without recommendation pending the Bid Opening and to address moving to the second lowest bidder for Landscaping. Councilor Smith then stated that the Superiorscape was the next lowest responsive bidder for Phase I.

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

Resolution No. 21-19

(A Resolution accepting bid from Superiorscape for Phase 1: Landscaping)

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 21-19. Councilor Andress 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. 21-20

(A Resolution to reject bid for GreenSprings Revitalization Phase II and negotiate)

Councilor Hardin moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 21-20. 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. 11.08.20 – Request for consideration for additional street lighting and address traffic concerns in Forest Brook Drive and Delcris – Councilor Wolverton/Randy Hambley.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of eight additional lights.

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

Resolution No. 21-21

(A Resolution eight additional street lighting and address traffic concerns in Forest Brook Drive and Delcris)

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. 13.01.21 – Request to set a Bid Opening Date for City-Wide Fire System Maintenance – Chief Hill, Battalion Chief Broadhead, Fire Department.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend setting a Bid Opening Date for March 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. with a deadline for submittals set at 4:00 p.m.

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. 15.01.21 – Request for consideration of placing an ad in the Homewood Chamber of Commerce Magazine – Councilor Smith.

Councilor Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval for funding of \$1,914.00 from Advertising Fund.

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

Resolution No. 21-22

(A Resolution for placing an ad in the Homewood Chamber of Commerce Magazine)

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. 12.08.20 – Request to address safety concerns at Hollywood/La Prado intersections – Councilors Andress and Hardin.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of a four-way stop.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:45 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to add a four-way stop at Hollywood/La Prado intersections)

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

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2796

(An Ordinance to add a four-way stop at Hollywood/La Prado intersections)

Councilor Andress moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2796. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Geer, Alemán, Wolverton, Sims, Jones, Smith, Nelms, Address, Hardin, and Wyatt.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 13.10.20 – Request to add handicapped parking space on 29th Avenue at new angled spaces – Councilor Address.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee met on February 1, 2021 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval and referral to the Finance Committee.

President Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Public Safety Committee. There was no response from the Council.

President Wyatt stated that this item would be referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 01.02.21** Request for permission to work in the City right-of-way adjacent to 1503 Melrose Place – **Michele Mizerany – Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 02.02.21** Request for permission to work in city right-of-way in alley behind 413 Woodland Drive to remove a Hackberry tree – **Burt Nabors, Homeowner / Wyatt Pugh, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 03.02.21** Request for permission to work in city right-of-way at 2719 19th Street South – **Rives Construction / Wyatt Pugh, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 04.02.21** Request for variance to extend fence taller than 8' at 1507 Ridge Road – **Colleen Henling, Homeowner / Wyatt Pugh, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 05.02.21** Request to declare the following totaled vehicles surplus: 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNLC2E03ER203662) and 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe (VIN 1GNLCDEC2GR133063) – **Gordon Jaynes, Fleet Maintenance Dept – Finance Committee**
- 06.02.21** Request to amend FY 20-21 Budgets – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk and Melody Salter, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director – Finance Committee**

- 07.02.21** Request for adoption of franchise ordinance for Spire – **Wyatt Pugh, BEZ – Public Works Committee**
- 08.02.21** Request for consideration for crosswalks and/or a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Grace Street and Evergreen Avenue – **Councilor Geer – Public Safety Committee**
- 09.02.21** Request for consideration to add street lighting at 2922 Park Ridge – **Councilor Geer – Public Safety Committee**
- 11.02.21** Request for consideration of Climate Change presentation by John Northrop – **Barry Smith – Special Issues 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. 10.02.21 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of January 26, 2021 through February 8, 2021 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director / Assistant City Clerk and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

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

Resolution No. 21-23

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of January 26, 2021 through February 8, 2021)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 21-23. 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on February 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on February 22, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on February 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on February 22, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Andress stated that the Planning and Development Committee would meet on February 22, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 7:23 p.m.