

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

March 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, March 18, 2019 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Chris Ely, from the Homewood Fire Department, after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by President Limbaugh at 6:16 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Mike Higginbotham, Andrew Wolverton, Patrick McClusky, Walter Jones, Barry Smith, Alex Wyatt, Jennifer Andress, Peter Wright, and Bruce Limbaugh constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present were: Mike Kendrick, City Attorney; Robert W. Burgett, Assistant City Clerk; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; and Mayor Scott McBrayer. Absent: Britt Thames.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 25, 2019 and approve them as distributed. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 then moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 11, 2019 and approve them as distributed. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 Limbaugh requested Board openings and nominations.

Ms. Salter stated that the application period for the At-Large position of the Arts Advisory Board closed today and she had received one application from Mr. Brian Collins which she would forward to the Council.

President Limbaugh stated that the HDRA/IDB At-Large and the Ward 2 application periods would be extended to April 22, 2019.

President Limbaugh stated that Homewood Environmental Commission At-Large interviews were set for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 5:15 and 5:45 p.m.

At this time, President Limbaugh amended the published Council Agenda to add the following item to the Consent Agenda: Item No. 02.02.19 – Request for consideration to purchase the alley adjacent to 405 Cliff Place – Michael Thomason/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

President Limbaugh further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Old Business Agenda: From The Special Issues Committee Meeting: Item No. 06.03.19 – Request for consideration to work in the city right-of-way to construct new stone landing, 12” retaining wall, and new stone steps extending to street at 1505 Ridge Road – Steve Martin/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ; Item No. 07.03.19 – Request for consideration to keep work site fencing in city right-of-way during construction of new hotel on 18th Street – David Green, Robins & Morton Construction/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ; From the Finance Committee Meeting: Item No. 01.03.19 – Request for consideration of placing full page ad for the City in Homewood Magazine (A Chamber of Commerce Publication) at a cost of \$1,740,00 (the non-profit rate) – Barry Smith; Item No. 12.03.19 – Request for presentation of Chamber of Commerce updates – Alex Wyatt/Meredith Drennen; Item No. 27.01.19 – Request for consideration to add stop signs at intersection of Woodbine Drive and Lakewood Drive – Stephanie Holley/Barry Smith; Item No. 02.03.19 – Request for consideration for stop or yield sign at Manchester and Fairfax – Jennifer Foster/Jennifer Andress; Item No. 03.03.19 – Request for consideration for placing stop signs at West Homewood Park – Berkley Squires; Item No. 04.03.19 – Request for consideration to move the two on-street handicap parking spaces at the intersection of Oxmoor Road and Peerless Avenue – Randy Hambley.

President Limbaugh further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following item to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 22.03.19 – Request for consideration of an agreement between the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the City of Homewood concerning the Homewood Citywide sign code – Britt Thames – Finance Committee.

President Limbaugh further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 20.03.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign Funding Agreement with ALDOT for Project No. ST-037-999-020 for Resurfacing Various Streets in Homewood – Melody Salter/City Clerk; Item No. 21.03.19 – Request for consideration of an ABC 220 – Brewpub license for The Grocery Brewpub, LLC d/b/a The Grocery Brewpub located at 2823 Central Ave, Suite

107 – Melody Salter, City Clerk; Item No. 23.03.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with ALDOT concerning the maintenance of public right-of-way at Shades Creek Parkway – Greg Cobb, BEZ; Item No. 24.03.19 – Request for consideration to authorize the City to participate in the National Mayor’s Challenge for water conservation presented by the Wyland Foundation and Toyota – Amy Milam/Mike Higginbotham.

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the approval of the Council Agenda as amended. Councilor McClusky seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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

02.02.19 Request for consideration to purchase the alley adjacent to 405 Cliff Place – Michael Thomason/Greg Cobb, BEZ (Carried over 03/04/19)

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met on March 18, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Wright.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilor Wyatt seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 22.02.19 – Request to remove city light at Ventura – Chris Tucker (Carried over 03/11/19).

Mr. Chris Tucker addressed the Council and stated that they had two choices prepared for the Council that they could work with. Mr. Tucker further stated that the first one was drawn up by their engineering department but Mr. Kendrick recommended that it be tightened down.

Mr. Kendrick stated that they did not want to include his driveway in their easement that the city would have to maintain.

Mr. Tucker stated that with this option the light pole would be approximately two feet away from the driveway which was doable because there were large construction trucks with mirrors coming through so it would be tight. Mr. Tucker further stated that the he wrote up the second legal description and in that option the pole would be three feet away from the driveway and either one would work but he would prefer to be further away from the pole.

President Limbaugh asked if this would put it closer to Highway 280.

Mr. Tucker replied that it would put it closer to Highway 31 and away from the driveway.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the light pole in question had not been operational and he did not know how long construction was going to be so he wondered how soon they were talking about putting a new pole back up and if they would have to worry about construction trucks coming through if they were not going to put it up right away.

Mr. Tucker replied that it could be done either way but he thought the most efficient way was to just go ahead and dig the cylinder two feet wide and pour the new slab and then it would go from the existing location to the other location within minutes.

Councilor Andress stated that, based on the feedback from the neighborhood, she thought they needed the light up and working as soon as possible.

Councilor Wolverton asked if there was another pole on hand that they would be replacing it with.

Mr. Tucker replied that they would be using the same pole and they would just move it and replace the bulb.

Councilor Wolverton asked how moving the pole would make the light work.

Councilor Andress replied that they were not moving the pole to make it work but were moving the pole for Mr. Tucker's driveway.

Mr. Tucker stated that they would replace the light bulb when the pole was moved.

Councilor Wolverton asked if the light was not working because the bulb was burnt out or if there was functional problem with the pole itself and so they would be moving a pole that would not operate no matter what they did to it.

Mr. Tucker replied that he would either replace the light bulb or make sure that they fixed whatever was wrong with it.

President Limbaugh asked to verify that Mr. Tucker was committed to an operational light.

Mr. Tucker replied yes and stated that he could replace the bulb with an LED bulb.

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

Resolution No. 19-39

(A Resolution to relocate a city light with approval of the three foot option)

Councilor Wright moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-39. Councilor Andress seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 considered under Old Business was Item No. 27.01.19 – Request for consideration to add stop signs at intersection of Woodbine Drive and Lakewood Drive – Stephanie Holley/Barry Smith (Referred back to Committee from Council 03/11/19).

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 4-0 to recommend approval of adding a stop sign on Lakewood Drive only.

Ms. Stephanie Holley at 17641 Woodbine Road addressed the Council and stated that she was the original mom who requested this other stop sign on Woodbine and it was relayed to her that the traffic study did not show much speeding. Ms. Holley further stated that the speed limit on her street was 25 miles per hour and the top recorded speeds when the traffic study was done was 34 miles per hour so 10 miles per hour was a lot faster on a residential road that was saturated with kids. Ms. Holley added that they were told to tell their neighbors that there would be targeted enforcement so she was sure that had a lot to do with the temporary slowing down of cars knowing that they would probably be ticketed. Ms. Holley further added there were, as the traffic study showed, not a lot of cars that drove up and down that road so she thought the problem with the stop sign going in with people worried about getting in and out of their drive ways would not be much of a problem because there would not be that many cars that would be holding them up.

Ms. Holley stated that her life at home was challenging and while it took a village to raise a child, this was her village and it was something so small but it was so big for her in keeping her child safe in simply making this a three-way stop so that people had to pause before they got to their house and knew if her son was in the street or not.

Ms. Lisa Morgan at 1659 Lakewood Drive addressed the Council and stated that she lived in the corner house where the stop sign had been for over thirty years and coming out of her driveway, was like when someone was coming up Murray Hill where there was not a stop sign, but there was two roads that both had stop signs so she felt like a three-way stop sign would be good or if they just did two stop signs, both on Lakewood Drive because it was a disaster in their neighborhood. Ms. Morgan further stated that kids flew over the hill and it was hard and they had a lot of kids now and when their children were growing up they were basically the only children in the neighborhood but now they had so many more.

Ms. Mary Marshall Jones at 1776 Woodbine Circle addressed the Council and stated that there were so many children in the neighborhood now and if they started at the corner house at Woodbine there were five houses in a row with children and through the stop sign and there were three more houses with children and there had never been that many children so her concern was of the safety of all the children.

Ms. Morgan stated that it was not only the children but also the drivers and the people who were walking because they did not get sidewalks when everyone else got sidewalks. Ms. Morgan further stated that when she came out of her driveway and came up the hill, Woodbine was in front of her, and if she wanted to take a left, she was pausing for a while because she did not know who might be flying over the hill because there was not a stop sign.

President Limbaugh asked for clarification of their request.

Ms. Morgan replied that she would love to have a three-way stop sign or at least Woodbine stopped. Ms. Morgan stated that she already had one stop sign in her yard which she did not mind at but she would also be for a three-way stop sign with one put across the street from her and one on Woodbine.

Councilor Jones stated that he felt like the committee looked at all different options and at the last committee meeting the one stop sign for Lakewood Drive the residents that were there agreed that this was the best way to go so they had people who felt differently but Mr. Hambley recommended one stop sign so he felt they had the best solution for the street.

Councilor McClusky stated that when this was first brought up to committee it was to remove the one on Woodbine and replace it with the one on Lakewood to where it was one flowing street.

Councilor Smith stated that this was correct and that the new motion was to leave the existing Woodbine stop sign where it was and add the Lakewood stop sign coming on to Woodbine.

Councilor McClusky stated that based on the last committee meeting the suggestion of the stop sign being closer to the fire hydrant they knew would not work because they would be put into the middle of the intersection but again as he recalled as they were coming over the hill the problem was that if they moved the stop sign up closer to Columbiana as they were coming over the hill if they ran right into it they would not be given enough time to actually come to a complete stop there.

Councilor Smith stated that the placement of that stop sign was the difficulty because that was not a true three-way intersection so there was not a location that made sense to put that downhill stop sign that did not cause more problems than it prevented. Councilor Smith further stated that in the first meeting they had not gotten the results of that traffic study yet and the results of that study were presented at the second meeting so the information was not available to them that there was little traffic and the traffic that was there was not speeding but that was not presented to them until the second meeting which helped them make the decision.

President Limbaugh asked Councilor McClusky to verify the recommendation from the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor McClusky replied that the recommendation from Public Safety from tonight's meeting was that there was an additional stop sign to be placed on Lakewood Drive.

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 stop signs at intersection of Woodbine Drive and Lakewood Drive)

Councilor Jones moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Wright seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright and Limbaugh.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2734

(An Ordinance to add stop signs at intersection of Woodbine Drive and Lakewood Drive)

Councilor Address moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2734. Councilor Wright seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Address, Wright and Limbaugh. Nays: Gwaltney, Smith, and Wyatt.

The motion carried on a vote of 7-3.

Councilor Jones stated that there might be other solutions they had not thought of that they needed to look at maybe Mr. Hambley could potentially help with that so he encouraged the Council to look at different ways to handle the issues as opposed to just looking at additional stop signs.

President Limbaugh addressed the citizens and stated that the ordinance had passed to add a stop sign and they would be looking at addressing the issue further.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 09.03.19 – Public Hearing set for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to amend the development plan at 2762 (2756) B M Montgomery Street (PID #28-00-07-3-008-006-000) Applicant: Coker Holdings, LLC for Owner: Tim Coker for the purpose to relocate existing commercial building and replace with a new two-story 6,000 sq. ft. mixed use building (The Planning Commission had a unanimous vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation of the amendment to the previously approved development plan) – Wyatt Pugh.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 06.03.19 – Request for consideration to work in the city right-of-way to construct new stone landing, 12” retaining wall, and new stone steps extending to street at 1505 Ridge Road – Steve Martin/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and after hearing from both parties, Councilor Andress moved to recommend approval and Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion with the motion failing on a vote of 2-3.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Special Issues Committee's recommendation. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion failed on a vote of 0-10.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 07.03.19 – Request for consideration to keep work site fencing in city right-of-way during construction of new hotel on 18th Street – David Green, Robins & Morton Construction/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Special Issues Committee's recommendation. There was no response from the Council.

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

Resolution No. 19-40

(A Resolution to keep work site fencing in city right-of-way during construction of new hotel on 18th Street)

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from Special Issues. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on considered under Old Business was Item No. 01.03.19 – Request for consideration of placing a full page ad for the City in Homewood Magazine (A Chamber of Commerce Publication) at a cost of \$1,740.00 (the non-profit rate) – Barry Smith.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 19-41

(A Resolution placing a full page ad for the City in Homewood Magazine (A Chamber of Commerce Publication) at a cost of \$1,740.00 (the non-profit rate))

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from Finance. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 12.03.19 – Request for presentation of Chamber of Commerce updates – Alex Wyatt/Meredith Drennen.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend acceptance of report.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from Finance. There was no response from the Council.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 02.03.19 – Request for consideration of a stop or yield sign at Manchester and Fairfax – Jennifer Foster/Jennifer Andress.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and, based on the report from Mr. Randy Hambley, voted 4-0 to install stop sign on Fairfax.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Public Safety Committee's recommendation. There was no response from the Council.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:54 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to install stop sign on Fairfax Drive)

Councilor McClusky moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Wyatt seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright and Limbaugh.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2735

(An Ordinance to install stop sign on Fairfax Drive)

Councilor McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2735. Councilor Address seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright and Limbaugh.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 03.03.19 – Request for consideration for placing stop signs at West Homewood Park – Berkley Squires.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 4-0 to recommend approval of stop signs requested by Mr. Berkley Squires at the small ball fields at the top of West Homewood Park where the crosswalk goes across the street from the parking lot.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Public Safety Committee's recommendation. There was no response from the Council.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:56 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to install stop signs at West Homewood Park)

Councilor McClusky moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright and Limbaugh.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2736

(An Ordinance to install stop signs at West Homewood Park)

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2736. Councilor McClusky seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright and Limbaugh.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 04.03.19 – Request for consideration to move the two on-street handicap parking spaces at the intersection of Oxmoor Road and Peerless Avenue – Randy Hambley.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and after hearing from Mr. Randy Hambley, voted 5-0 to recommend approval of moving the two handicap spaces to get them away from the traffic loop, which could be done in-house.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over for the Ordinance to be drafted.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

16.03.19 Request for consideration for awards for the community, on behalf of the Beautification Board – **Jennifer Address – Finance Committee**

17.03.19 Request for consideration to rename a section of roadway from Columbiana Road to Green Springs Hwy from Lakeshore Drive to Raleigh Ave. and changing addresses of 924 and 1000 Columbiana Road to the 900 block of Green Springs Hwy. for less confusion in dispatching to the locations – **Hannah Smith, 9-1-1 Office/Homewood Police Dept. – Special Issues Committee**

- 18.03.19 Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee** for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2823 Central Avenue Suite 107 – **Rayford Cook/Greg Cobb, BEZ Dept. – Special Issues Committee**
- 22.03.19** Request for consideration of an agreement between the Regional Planning Commission and the City concerning the Homewood Citywide sign code – Britt Thames – **Finance Committee**

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the approval of the Committee Referral Agenda as amended. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 23.03.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with ALDOT concerning the maintenance of public right-of-way at Shades Creek Parkway – Greg Cobb, BEZ.

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and stated that this was the last piece that was needed in order to put in the Rumson Road sidewalks, the sidewalks on Shades Creek Parkway, and the crosswalk. Mr. Cobb further stated that when they do the work on the ALDOT right-of-way they had to agree to maintain it.

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

Resolution No. 19-42

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with ALDOT concerning the maintenance of public right-of-way at Shades Creek Parkway)

Councilor Andress moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-42. Councilor Wright seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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. 18.03.19 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of a variance to sign ordinance at 2823 Central Avenue, Suite 107 – Rayford Cook/Greg Cobb, BEZ Dept.

President Limbaugh stated that the Public Hearing would be set for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 19.03.19 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of March 11, 2019 through March 17, 2019 – City Treasurer/Finance Committee.

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

Resolution No. 19-43

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period March 11, 2019-March 17, 2019)

Councilor Wright moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-43. Councilor Jones seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 20.03.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign Funding Agreement with ALDOT for Project No. ST-037-999-020 for Resurfacing Various Streets in Homewood – Melody Salter/City Clerk.

Councilor Andress stated that this was concerning the transfer of money that was coming to the City from ALDOT for paving projects toward the bridge.

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

Resolution No. 19-44

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Funding Agreement with ALDOT for Project No. ST-037-999-020 for Resurfacing Various Streets in Homewood)

Councilor Andress moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-44. Councilor Wright seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 21.03.19 – Request for consideration of an ABC 220 – Brewpub license for the Grocery Brewpub, LLC d/b/a The Grocery Brewpub located at 2823 Central Ave, Suite 107 – Melody Salter, City Clerk.

Ms. Salter stated that they passed for the Restaurant Retail Liquor license but now they were requesting their Brewery license and the zoning had now been approved from Mr. Pugh so this would give them the Brewery license, not just the Restaurant Retail Liquor license that was passed last time.

President Limbaugh asked Mr. Kendrick if he was comfortable with the Council having no objections based on the Fire and Police reports from the last request for the Restaurant Retail Liquor license.

Mr. Kendrick replied yes.

Councilor McClusky moved for having no objections of the issuance of the ABC 220 – Brewpub license. Councilor Wyatt seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 considered under Other New Business was Item No. 24.03.19 – Request for consideration to authorize the City to participate in the National Mayor's Challenge for water conservation presented by the Wyland Foundation and Toyota – Amy Milam/Mike Higginbotham.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that the challenge was for the entire month of April and the challenge was that cities nationally had a friendly competition about ways that they can reduce water usage in their communities and while it was not a commitment on the part of the city to do anything regarding to reducing water usage but the city encourages citizens to get involved in the program and choose some of the ways they could reduce water. Councilor Higginbotham further stated that he went through the process and the kinds of things they asked people to do was have a full load of clothes when they wash laundry or have a full load of dishes when they washed dishes and it was just the citizens voluntarily agreeing to do these things and what happened was when they went online and agreed to do the things their answers were captured and assigned to a credit to Homewood and they competed with cities of similar size. Councilor Higginbotham added that the city itself was not agreeing to do anything other than promote this to residents and encourage them to save water in the month of April.

Mayor McBrayer addressed the Council and stated that it was never a bad thing to conserve water and one of the goals was to never let the water run while they were brushing their teeth but it was really about the things they were asking people not to do when they were seriously in a water shortage.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that at the end of the online agreement it told how much of an impact they would have personally and how many gallons of water they would save by the choices they made and things they committed to do as citizens.

Councilor Higginbotham moved for approval. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Limbaugh 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 Wolverton stated that the Color Run at Hall Kent Elementary was yesterday. Councilor Wolverton further stated that everyone was getting excited about the pool this summer and everything that was going on in the neighborhood.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on April 1, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on April 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Wyatt stated that the Planning and Development Committee would meet on April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilor Wright stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on April 1, 2019 at 6:40 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 7:21 p.m.