

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

April 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, April 8, 2019 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Dr. Bill Johnston, from Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, 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: Britt Thames, 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; Melody Salter, City Clerk; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; and Mayor Scott McBrayer. Absent: Andy Gwaltney.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 18, 2019 and approve them as distributed. 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.

At this time, President Limbaugh requested Board openings and nominations.

Councilor Andress moved to nominate Mr. Brian Collins to the Homewood Arts Council At-Large position. 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.

Councilor Higginbotham moved to nominate Mr. Michael Churchman to the Homewood Environmental Commission At-Large position. Councilor Smith 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 opened one At-Large position of the Mental Health Authority to close on April 22, 2019 4:30 p.m.

At this time, President Limbaugh amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 20.04.19 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Public Works Committee for consideration of possible vacation of alley on 18th Street – President Limbaugh – Public Works Committee; Item No. 21.04.19 – Request for consideration to reaffirm crosswalk at Raleigh Ave and Greensprings Hwy – Andrew Wolverton/Mike Higginbotham – Public Safety Committee.

President Limbaugh further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 19.04.19 – Request for consideration to change May's Meeting Dates to May 13, 2019 and May 20, 2019.

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

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

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item as plaques could be handled in house. The motion was made by Councilor Smith and seconded by Councilor Wright.

Councilor Smith moved for the approval of the Consent 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.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first 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 (Carried over 03/18/19).

President Limbaugh opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

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

Mr. Tim Coker addressed the Council and stated that what they had planned was a two level building and the finished floor elevation would be at the floor of the existing building where there would be underground parking and then one level of residential above that.

President Limbaugh asked if this was for Mixed Use.

Mr. Coker replied yes.

President Limbaugh asked if he had pictures to show the public.

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and provided pictures.

Councilor Higginbotham asked to verify that this was an amendment to the development plan and not a rezoning of the property.

Mr. Coker replied yes and stated that this property was rezoned to Mixed Use a few years ago.

Councilor Smith asked if this was the building that currently housed the Studio by the Tracks and the Biscuit Leather Company.

Mr. Coker replied yes and stated that they would be returning back to the ground level which would be studio and business occupancy. Mr. Coker further stated that their offices would return there as well.

President Limbaugh asked that, since it was in the same location, what they were going to do in the meantime.

Mr. Coker replied that they were going to relocate across the street in some rental space.

Mr. Cobb then presented a picture of the basement.

President Limbaugh asked how many parking spaces there would be.

Mr. Coker replied that there would be eight spaces, maybe seven, and stated that this was the basement level which would be slightly above street level and would be entered in from the BM Montgomery Street side. Mr. Coker further stated that the main level, which would be at the same elevation as the existing building, right now was a big open space but they were configuring that. Mr. Coker added that there would also be a condo on the upper right.

President Limbaugh asked if he had specific drawings for the first floor at this point.

Mr. Coker replied no.

Councilor Thames asked to verify that the first floor would be the same height as the current finished floor and asked what the overall height of the building was and how it would compare to the building adjacent to it.

Mr. Coker replied that, compared to the existing duplex, it would be a foot or two below and the roof structure would be a couple of feet below or right at it. Mr. Coker stated that they did have a rendering developed of basically just a block style building but the plan was it to be no higher than the existing building, which was a residential property.

President Limbaugh asked if the seven circular items on the front were trees.

Mr. Coker replied yes and stated that those were existing trees that would remain. Mr. Coker further stated that the property line was at the location of the thick, hedgerow between the two properties. Mr. Coker added that their commercial building was to the left where they worked but the tenet now occupied 100 percent of the building so they moved out temporarily from the building that they were going to remove and the hedgerow would stay above it as well as the trees that broke the property line between the two buildings.

Councilor Wright asked if the second floor would be for residential.

Mr. Coker replied yes.

Councilor Wright asked how many residential units there would be.

Mr. Coker replied that one was planned right now but there would be no more than two and stated that previously they submitted parking calculations based upon the two but right now the schematic documents were just for one unit.

Councilor Wright asked if the residential unit would be a condominium development.

Mr. Coker replied yes and stated that he had someone interested in owning that property.

Councilor Andress asked if that was the change in the development plan that brought him back before the Planning Commission since he was changing the number of condos he was building.

Mr. Coker replied no and stated that the Mixed Use Zoning requirements were that every time they did anything with the property that was different, once it was zoned Mixed Use, by ordinance that allowed businesses and residential occupancy, so every time they did anything they had to get it approved as they did when they built the existing duplex because they removed a smaller duplex then and built the duplex and they were doing the same thing here.

Ms. Barbara Pope at 2606 Central Avenue South addressed the Council and stated that she was opposed to any more businesses coming into the Rosedale area and she wanted to know what happened to the master plan where they said they would not let any more commercial businesses move into the Rosedale area. Ms. Pope further stated that it was so hard now to come up BM Montgomery Street because of the businesses and the recreational building so she was asking them to not allow any more commercial businesses there as there were just a few residents left.

Ms. Mary Edwards at 1704 27th Avenue South addressed the Council and stated that she did not approve of what they were asking for because she was 86 years old and had been in Rosedale since before they had built the building there. Ms. Edwards further stated that they were saying they were going to build a big building with commercial downstairs and residential upper stairs, but the whole entire building was nothing but businesses. Ms. Edwards added that it was like an inchworm because if they gave them an inch they would take a mile and they would keep inching until there was nobody in Rosedale. Ms. Edwards further added that they just recited the pledge for justice and liberty for all but justice was not for all and asked how they would like it for somebody to go into their community and do the same thing.

Ms. Edward stated that Rosedale was not filled with fine houses because they did not have that kind of money but everybody that lived in a home there was loved and everybody in Rosedale loved everybody. Mr. Edwards asked if the Council would want

someone to come in if they had been there their whole life and they were still there and comfortable where they lived, and if they would want somebody to come in and put a building in their front door. Ms. Edwards further stated that it was enough that they were putting a hotel down there but now they were going to put up all these building coming up BM Montgomery Street.

Mr. Walt Davis at 2617 BM Montgomery Street addressed the Council and stated that he was a five year resident in Rosedale and asked what the boundaries and safeguards were that existed for future development in their community as it pertained to rezoning that would prevent a trend where an investor saw one new structure that was Mixed Use and thought that they could buy up a number of properties and would preserve the residential aspect.

Councilor Thames replied that the process for rezoning a property was that the request went to the Planning Commission first, where they heard it and made the recommendation to the City Council, so it was a Public Hearing at the Planning Commission, then the Planning Commission voted on it and either give a positive or negative recommendation, and then it came to the City Council where it would go to Committee at which point it was voted out again to the full Council, typically without recommendation because they would have a pending Public Hearing like they were doing tonight, and then it would be heard and voted on and ultimately the City Council made the decision, which was the process for rezoning. Councilor Thames stated that this was not what they were doing tonight, because there was no rezoning involved but traditionally an MXD Zoning was actually what Ms. Davis was talking about and was supposed to be the line in the sand between Commercial and Residential where they would find Commercial on one side and MXD Zoning and then on the other side they would have lower density Residential and that was supposed to be where it stopped. Councilor Thames further stated that on BM Montgomery Street they had Commercial, then they had the MXD lot, and then Residential going up from there.

Mr. Davis asked how much influence the residents had in the process if future rezoning was proposed.

President Limbaugh replied that this was why they had Public Hearings because they wanted to hear what the citizens of Homewood had to say and their charge was to listen to those and do what was best for Homewood given all the guidance that they received both from citizens and from experts as well.

Councilor Smith stated that recently in her Ward they had an issue with almost exactly the same thing when someone was wanting to rezone an NPD lot to Multi-Residential and the residents of that street went to the Planning Commission and made their opinion known that they did not want that to happen and the Planning Commission

listened to them and denied the rezoning so residents did have a part. Councilor Smith further stated that residents could appear at the Public Hearing and could also attend the Planning Commission Meetings and speak there as well if they were opposed. Councilor Smith added that they were not changing the zoning in this case, as it had already been zoned this way years ago.

Mr. Davis stated that it was the zoning that was on his mind because as he understood it, the residents were not particularly in favor of the rezone to begin with but nevertheless it occurred, which was why he was asking about safeguards.

Councilor Thames stated that one thing the city used as a guide was the City Master Plan that had future zoning use that was provided to them by the Planning Commission whenever a rezoning case came up so they had current zoning and the recommended future zoning based on the Master Plan. Councilor Thames further stated that a lot of times they would see them try to follow that Master Plan like in the case Councilor Smith mentioned that occurred a couple of weeks ago where, for the lot in question, the future use was NPD and the property owner was wanting townhouses but the Planning Commission recommended against it. Councilor Thames added that with this lot, if they looked at the Master Plan, the future zoning was planned for Mixed Use.

President Limbaugh asked Mr. Davis if he was for or against this request.

Mr. Davis replied that he knew Mr. Coker and did not have any suspicions of his motivations here so he did not have any opposition to this particular development because from what he could see it was going to be the same commercial occupants as it currently was with the only expansion being the residential part upstairs which did not create a concern for him. Mr. Davis stated that his concern was more with what investors would do when they drove by and saw potentially cheap lots and what safeguards would protect the neighborhood. Mr. Davis further stated that he was okay with this request but he did have some concerns with what pattern and precedent it set for the future.

Ms. Melanie Geer at 304 St. Charles Street addressed the Council and stated that when she saw that this was up for a change, she was at the Planning Commission meeting for something else and she did not see any drawings then and she did not see any now in terms of what it was supposed to look like from the street. Ms. Geer further stated that she rode by this area and she knew these little shops and knew how well they fit into the area because they looked like the houses next to them. Ms. Geer asked why the original rezoning was done and she thought it was done because this gentleman wanted to put a couple of businesses there. Ms. Geer asked if he made any promises then to keep the structures like they were and stated that she wondered why they needed this larger structure in this location when these current structures fit exactly what was on the street. Ms. Geer asked where Mr. Coker was going to move the structures as she wondered what

the current businesses would do because she spoke to someone at Studio By the Tracks who told her that they did not know where they were going and that they may have to move back to Irondale now and she was curious as to why Mr. Coker did not say who was going to be living upstairs because she thought it was him who was intending to live there. Ms. Geer added that residents were concerned about developers moving into the area who were not talking to the neighbors about what they wanted and were not considering what the city had in mind for Rosedale. Ms. Geer further added that though that corner was zoned Mixed Use she thought that just happened a few years ago when he put those two businesses there so why did that need to be changed to build a new big building there that the neighbors did not want because she was not for changing it because the two little houses worked just fine.

President Limbaugh asked when the rezoning took place.

Mr. Kendrick replied June 12, 2017 by Ordinance 2661 was the last time it was on an Agenda.

Councilor Thames replied that the actual rezone was probably 2013 and it had two duplexes on the property at the time.

Ms. Mary Ellen Snell at 902 Stuart Street addressed the Council and presented a letter to the Council in opposition to this request which was entered into the record.

President Limbaugh asked Mr. Coker to verify that the parking would be below and would not be on the street.

Mr. Coker replied yes and stated that the proposed additional spaces were all basement parking and would not be seen from the street.

Councilor Smith asked if there would be an attempt to design a building that did fit with the rest of neighborhood or would it look like a commercial building.

Mr. Coker replied that there was a commercial building that they had to the south that was a contemporary design and the idea of this design was to be an urban studio as an attempt to try to bridge the look of the two. Mr. Coker stated that Rob Walker Architects was the architect involved and he was working on that now. Mr. Coker added that it was interesting to note that of the two buildings that were there, one was an older, smaller duplex and one was a larger duplex that they built last year and that building was opposed as well with residents saying that it did not fit in and now it was being advocated for being one of the two buildings that were older and fit in with the neighborhood but that building was just a little over a year old and they built it new because the old structure was in disrepair.

President Limbaugh asked Mr. Coker what his intentions were for the condo.

Mr. Coker replied that his wife was very interested in it and they did plan to move there but they had a house to sell in the process so there was some uncertainty.

Councilor Wright asked how difficult it would be for Mr. Coker to provide a more accurate depiction because he was having a little trouble with what he was seeing because he did not have a clear view of what was going to fit in there.

Mr. Coker replied that it was on the site plan.

Councilor Wright stated that he was talking about the structure and how it was going to look and fit with the other buildings around it.

Mr. Coker stated that this would not be difficult to do but he did not realize that the exterior designs was a requirement at this time but certainly before the permitting was done that could be finalized but it was still being planned with the upper level plan as well the exterior elevation and style. Mr. Coker further stated that he was going to own and possibly live there so he was going to make it very fitting as the other projects they had done had been.

Councilor Wright asked if he could make a proffer about making the top floor residential.

Mr. Coker replied that as part of this process he could not change the use unless an amendment use plan was approved.

Ms. Margaret Beck at 1011 Oaks Drive addressed the Council and stated that she was a student at Samford University and she lived in Birmingham her whole life and her roommate told her about Rosedale but she had never heard of it so she came here to try to learn about what was going on in the area because she was confused as to why she had lived here for so long but had never heard of the area. Ms. Beck further stated that when she realized it was so small she looked at the history of how it was diminished throughout the years. Ms. Beck further stated that though this was not a big move to take over a lot of Rosedale and was just adding another floor to the building but she did not think they should make any more movements to develop that area because it had been continuously diminished and she thought it had historical importance and they should try to preserve that.

Mr. Jimmie Edwards at 1704 27th Avenue South addressed the Council asked Mr. Coker where he was going to put his building.

Mr. Coker replied that it would go where the existing building was.

Mr. Edwards asked if he knew that he was building across a cemetery that was behind his building.

Mr. Coker replied no and stated that there was not a cemetery on his property.

Mr. Edwards stated that it was behind his property from Carbon Hill to River Street and behind where he had his building now was a cemetery and asked where he was putting his building. Mr. Edwards asked where the residents were going to go when they took all their stuff from them and where were they going to live. Mr. Edwards further stated that he had taken care of children for 35 years crossing the street and it did not make sense to push them out.

Councilor Smith stated that this building was already owned by Mr. Coker and there were already businesses in so they were not displacing anybody from the residential area and as it stood today it was not a residence but was already a business so they were not moving anybody out of there. Councilor Smith further stated that she understood the concerns about the encroachment to the neighborhood but it was already zoned for Mixed Use and had been since 2014 and they followed the Master Plan to rezone it and they were not going to change any of the Residential zoning without somebody coming to them but the trend had been since she was a member of the Council not to rezone NPD. Councilor Smith added that she did not rezone this to Mixed Use because she was not on the Council at that point but she could tell them that there would not be a positive rezone that would toss people out of houses because that was not what they were here to do or wanted to do but this property was already zoned for Mixed Use and had two businesses in it that were going to be the same two businesses that were going back into it along with a residence upstairs. Councilor Smith further added that the design might not be to people's liking but the desire of the Council was not to displace anybody from their homes.

Mr. Edwards asked what it was being rezoned to.

Councilor Smith replied that it was already zoned for Mixed Use and had been that way since 2014 so most of the Council members here tonight did not have a part in that rezoning so they were not rezoning anything tonight.

Mr. Edwards asked where they were going.

President Limbaugh stated that this Council's intent was not to change the Neighborhood Preservation districts from where they were right now.

Councilor Thames stated that he had been on the Council for almost eight years and in that eight years there had only been one rezoning which was an MXD rezoning for this lot so this Council and the Council previously had shown no desire to zone away Rosedale. Councilor Thames further stated that someone had asked earlier for a plan for Rosedale and the entire time he had been on the Council they had been systematically constructing sidewalks based on a plan, and there had been more money spent on

sidewalk construction in Rosedale than anywhere else in the city. Councilor Thames added that right now they had completely raised Spring Park which was a great investment to rebuild and modernize and every year they were re-investing in the Lee Center so the plan was that Rosedale as Residential was always going to be that way and the previous Council and this Council had done nothing that should make anyone think otherwise and his plan was to continue that trend.

Mr. Edwards asked where they were going to put the building.

Councilor Smith replied that he would be building exactly where the existing buildings were.

Councilor Thames asked for the plans to be shown again and stated that it would go between the commercial, concrete faced building and the residential building where the duplex was now and would be next door to Terry Slaughter's office and the old building would be razed.

Ms. Mary Edwards addressed the Council and stated that Rosedale already had commercial business to take over a third of the residences. Ms. Edwards further stated that they had buildings, and churches, and their children went to Homewood Schools but if they continued to let commercial businesses come in to Rosedale they would not have anywhere to be and there was only a few residents left. Ms. Edwards further added that Rosedale was a goldmine and the investors knew that.

President Limbaugh stated that Rosedale was a goldmine and the Council wanted to maintain and honor the Neighborhood Preservation District as it was laid out right now. President Limbaugh further stated that the Council had no intentions of compromising that but this particular case, as Councilor Smith pointed out, was strictly a matter of an amendment to the same Mixed Use District that was created in 2014. President Limbaugh added that the point they wanted to make was that they respected and honored Rosedale and understood its history and appreciated that Rosedale residents had graduated from Homewood High School but whatever they did tonight would in no way disrespect Rosedale.

Ms. Mary Ellen Snell addressed the Council and stated that they rezoned the two homes at the Exceptional Foundation and those were NPD and were rezoned those Institutional so other NPD areas had been rezoned. Ms. Snell further stated that the plan seemed to be to carve out neighborhoods and at some point they had to say no.

Councilor Thames stated that nobody was talking about rezoning here.

Ms. Snell asked how many times someone could come back and ask for an amended development plan.

Mayor McBrayer asked if this was technically adding a residence to Rosedale.

Councilor Thames replied yes.

Mayor McBrayer stated that if it passed they would be adding a residence so he did not want people to think something would be taken away when it was actually being added.

President Limbaugh asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, this item. There was no response from the audience.

President Limbaugh declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Councilor Wolverton stated that he would like to see a schematic before he would comfortable voting one way or the other without having an idea of this vision.

Councilor Andress asked if this was an NPD lot five years ago before it was rezoned or was it a high density residential section.

Mr. Coker replied that it was previously zoned as R-6, not NPD.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding this item.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 7:04 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance 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)

Councilor Jones asked Mr. Kendrick if a schematic view from the street was required.

Mr. Kendrick replied no and stated that the zoning dealt with the use of property and did not require an elevation drawing.

Councilor Jones 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 Thames. Nays: Higginbotham.

The motion for unanimous consent failed.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over and asked Mr. Coker to provide some renderings that might be desired by several members of the Council.

The next item on the Agenda 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 (Carried over 03/18/19).

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met on March 18, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval due to issues on Sundays with parking in handicap spaces and the traffic loop.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Public Safety Committee's motion to accept the report. 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. 18.03.19 – Public Hearing set for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2823 Central Avenue, Suite 197 – Rayford Cook/Greg Cobb, BEZ Dept.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to refer this item back to the full Council without a recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Limbaugh opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and stated that this was a request for a variance to the sign ordinance because the business had two fronts so the request was for a sign that met the sign ordinance and another one on the back side. Mr. Cobb further stated that the ones on the front were oversized. Mr. Cobb added that the request was for a multiple sign variance and an oversized sign.

President Limbaugh asked how much oversized the sign was from the requirement.

Mr. Cobb replied that the allowance was for 50 square feet and this sign was 78.5 square feet because the way they measured signs the one on the other side was lengthy so was 84 square feet.

Mr. Rayford Cook addressed the Council and stated that neither drawing was to scale and looked bigger than they would appear on the building but the way the building was shaped he was trying to make the building look symmetrical and have a good, clean look to it and it would look awkward to just have the sign in the one spot. Mr. Cook further stated that he was trying to brand the whole place and make it come together a little better.

Mr. Cobb stated that Red Hills Brewery, the former tenet, also had oversized signs and multiple signs.

President Limbaugh asked which if either, or both, would be backlit.

Mr. Cobb replied that there would be no backlighting.

Councilor Smith asked if there was a need for the yellow sign on the front to be oversized.

Mr. Cook replied that it would look weird because the way the building was shaped, and the way it was tucked in behind another building so this design would make it look better. Mr. Cook stated that for the actual logo with the Brew Pub lettering in it, that he tried leaving it like that but they separated them just to make the front of the building look better.

Councilor McClusky asked if this would also have a pole sign in front of the complex.

Mr. Cobb replied that it was still there.

Mr. Cook stated that he had not planned on putting anything on the pole sign.

Councilor Jones stated that the original intent of that pole sign was that they worked with Little Donkey and they agreed that whoever went into that space could use that sign so they could minimize the number of signs and directionally they would know where the business was.

President Limbaugh stated that utilizing that existing sign pole might be important because the goal was to use less pole signs but, since it existed and if it could benefit his business, they would encourage him to consider using it.

Councilor Wyatt asked if the yellow sign on the front could be the same size as the one on the back that was 50 square feet instead of the 78.5 size sign.

Mr. Cook replied that the 50 square feet sign would look funny on that building.

Councilor Wyatt asked if he felt that it needed that size for the front to fill that space.

Mr. Cook replied that he was not trying to fill that entire space and it looked bigger on the drawing than it would actually be on that building because it was not drawn to scale on the drawing so looked really big. Mr. Cook stated that it was only a 10 foot diameter on this side and there really needed to be an entrance on both sides so he changed the back so it would have a glass door and really look like an entrance and most of his parking would be on that side anyway.

Councilor Wolverton asked which sign they would potentially change if he utilized the pole sign versus all the signage on the building itself.

Councilor Wright stated that they already had gone down the path of the pole sign with the other businesses there and they specifically approved the signs to go on the pole. Councilor Wright further stated that he certainly respected and believed his intent in trying to make it look beneficial not only to his business but for the area as well but he would like to see that in a smaller fashion to try to get an accurate view of what it would look like within code.

Mr. Cook stated that the design was done in a program that created the logo as well so it didn't show the dimensions for the whole building but he could try to provide something that was more accurate.

Councilor Wright stated that this was such an important area that he would like to see a smaller version of those signs. Councilor Wright further stated that he understood the hardships on both sides of the building but he would like it to be smaller.

President Limbaugh asked if Mr. Cook would prefer to leave the Public Hearing opened so he could provide more accurate drawings.

President Limbaugh stated that, without objections, the Public Hearing would be continued so more accurate drawings could be provided.

Councilor Jones stated that Mr. Cook could come back and show them what he really wanted which might be what he presented tonight, and also provide the option of the additional sign that fit the 50 square feet requirements and, if he could make the drawing to scale it would really help.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 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.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval after hearing from Officers Mangels.

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.

Mr. Cobb addressed the Council and stated that he made an attempt last week to speak to the homeowners and spoke to one resident who, after explained the intent of the change, said thank you because UPS could not find the place.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 7:26 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance 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.)

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

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that he thought the residents had already been made aware of this item so he would rather wait and talk to the other residents since it was their homes so they would know what would be happening because if someone was going to change his address, he would like for someone to tell him first.

Councilor Smith asked Mr. Cobb to verify that he had spoken to one resident who told him that the other residents experienced the same issues he had.

Mr. Cobb replied yes and stated that for the other addresses he had tried to call them during the day and tonight before the meeting but was not able to get in touch with them yet.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that since there was no reason they had to suspend the rules and vote on this item tonight, he would rather wait until the next meeting to make sure everyone was notified.

Mr. Cobb asked Officer Mangels if anyone spoken to the other residents.

Officer Mangels replied that he did not know and stated that there was an intersection where they had three roads at that intersection and all three of them were named Columbiana.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that as a matter of courtesy he felt that they should be notified first.

Mr. Cobb stated that if it was voted for tonight it would not change tomorrow because they would still have to get a new address assigned to them and would have to go through the Post Office and 9-1-1 System of Jefferson County.

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Thames. Nays: Higginbotham.

The motion for unanimous consent failed.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 22.03.19 – Request for consideration for agreement between the RPC and City concerning the Homewood Citywide sign code – Britt Thames.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to refer this item back to the full Council without a recommendation to allow time to review it. Councilor Jones further stated that the agreement had since been sent out by Councilor Thames.

Ms. Lindsey Puckett of the Regional Planning Commission addressed the Council and stated that the Regional Planning Commission had completed the Downtown Master Plan and the second part of that was to follow up with the Downtown Zoning Ordinance update which was in the works now. Ms. Puckett further stated that their sub-consultant was a national expert in the zoning field called PlaceMakers so during the course of the meetings for the Downtown Code, Mr. Kendrick realized that the city-wide sign code needed to be updated and requested PlaceMakers to look at that. Ms. Puckett added that because they were their on-call consultant for three years they felt it would be easier for the city to enter into an agreement with them and they could pass that to them as an additional task order. Ms. Puckett further added that one reason to accelerate this was because PlaceMakers would be there in a couple of weeks for the Downtown Code to hold to meetings for the Downtown Code as well as some Work Sessions with the City Council, Planning Commission, and developers so while they were here they were hoping to talk to the staff and Council about the issues with the sign code.

Ms. Puckett stated that the scope of work they might have seen did not talk about the reasons why they needed to update the sign code so she presented a handout to list the

reasons. Ms. Puckett further stated that presently they had five sign districts and they did not align with the zoning district boundaries. Ms. Puckett added that they had many requests for sign variances concerning coverage and square footage of each sign. Ms. Puckett further added that the real reason they needed to update it was because the last update to the sign code was in March of 2015 and three months after that the Supreme Court heard a case called the Reed vs. The Town of Gilbert and currently the sign code was not in legal conformance with that Supreme Court case. Ms. Gilbert further added that the Supreme Court in that case ruled that signs must be content neutral so they could not regulate political signs, religious signs, or real estate signs and if they had to read the sign that meant it was based on content so they needed to align their signs with the zoning districts so the only thing they could really regulate was the type of sign such as a monument sign vs. a pole sign.

Ms. Puckett stated that the Sign Code needed to be updated to regulate the signs by the type, the number, the size, and the style of the signs rather than by the categorical types they had in the code now so it was out of legal compliance with the Supreme Court case. Ms. Puckett further stated that because they were going to be here in a couple of weeks, it would be a three phased project so they could get input while they were here and come up with an annotated outline of what the new outline of the code would be. Ms. Puckett added that over the course of the summer they would come back and have Work Sessions as well as releasing the first draft of the code for people to react to and then hopefully they could deliver the Final Sign Code by the end of September. Ms. Puckett further added that they were looking at about a five to six month time frame if they were to get started while they were here in a couple of weeks.

Councilor Smith asked if there was a date set.

Ms. Puckett replied that the Downtown Code Meeting was April 23, 2019 and on April 24, 2019 they were dedicating Work Sessions to this but on April 25, 2019 there would be a meeting to discuss things such as why they were having so many sign variance requests and this would help solve that problem as well as bringing the code into legal compliance.

Councilor Jones asked where they recommended the funds be taken for this.

Ms. Salter replied that it could come from Contractual Services.

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

Resolution No. 19-45

(A Resolution for an agreement between the RPC and City concerning the Homewood Citywide sign code)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-45. Councilor Higginbotham 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 Old Business was Item No. 11.03.19 – Request to address safety concerns and consider traffic calming measures along Oak Grove Road between Raleigh Ave and Hall Ave – Andrew Wolverton/Mike Higginbotham.

President Limbaugh asked if this would need to be two ordinances.

Mr. Kendrick replied yes.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend no parking on westbound side of Oak Grove Road and then voted 5-0 to recommend adding a crosswalk with signage.

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 7:40 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to prohibit parking on westbound side of Oak Grove Road)

Councilor McClusky moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Higginbotham 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 Thames, 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. 2737

(An Ordinance to prohibit parking on westbound side of Oak Grove Road)

Councilor McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2737. Councilor Higginbotham 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 Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright, and Limbaugh.

The motion carried without dissent.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 7:42 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance for a pedestrian crosswalk at Oak Grove Road)

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.

Councilor Jones stated that he was concerned about where this was going without some type of traffic study because they initially performed a traffic study when they did the redevelopment there and what was recommended was the one crosswalk but now they were talking about putting one where there was a driveway and having people driving in and out of that was going to be dangerous so he did not think a traffic engineer would recommend a crosswalk where they were wanting to put it. Councilor Jones further stated that he felt they were putting it in haphazardly and they would be losing two to three parking spaces.

Councilor McClusky stated that this was for the single crosswalk that went from the end of the parking area.

Councilor Jones asked if this was where the driveway was.

Councilor McClusky replied yes and stated that there was a sidewalk that ran there.

Councilor Jones asked if they had a rendering of it.

Mr. Kendrick replied that it was at the end of the parking spaces.

Councilor Wolverton stated that it was on the park side and matched up to sidewalk. Councilor Wolverton further stated that it was not a true driveway so they were not going to build it where anyone parked.

Councilor Jones stated that he did not believe they had studied it correctly so he was not in support of this particular crosswalk.

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, and McClusky. Nays: Jones.

The motion for unanimous failed.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.02.19 – Request for consideration of an ordinance limiting timeframe of hotel stays within the city limits of Homewood, AL – Patrick McClusky.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 3-2 to recommend adding a transient definition inside the zoning ordinance to 180 days and refer back to The Planning Commission.

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.

Councilor McClusky moved for approval of recommendation and referral to the Planning Commission. 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 on a vote of 9-1. Councilor Higginbotham voted no.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 15.02.19 – Public Hearing set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the driveway ordinance at 515 Rumson Road – Will Smith/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.03.19 – Public Hearing set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration for a variance to the driveway ordinance to add a second entrance at 311 LeJeune Way – Deborah Smith/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ.

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 13.02.19 – Request to consider downtown signage plan – Britt Thames, Andy Gwaltney, and Jennifer Andress.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on April 1, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend erecting a single directional sign on the corner of 18th and 28th by Holler and Dash and the Item would remain in Committee for future action.

President Limbaugh asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Planning and Development Committee's 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. 04.02.19 – Request for consideration to vacate the alley adjacent to 2560 18th Street South – Jarred Lewis/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

Councilor Wright stated that the Public Works Committee met and voted 5-0 to recommend vacating the alley pending a quit claim deed.

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

Mr. Cobb addressed the Council and stated that Mr. Lewis made this request to vacate the alley and he owned the businesses on both sides of the alley. Mr. Cobb further stated that Mr. Lewis brought a plan to beautify the space in front and an agreement to maintain it.

Mr. Kendrick stated that the Council would need to vote to declare it as surplus and dispose of it by selling it to Mr. Lewis for \$100.00 plus his expense in installing the improvements.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 7:51 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to dispose of surplus real property at 2560 18th Street South to Jarred Lewis)

Councilor Thames 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 Thames, 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. 2738

(An Ordinance to dispose of surplus real property at 2560 18th Street South to Jarred Lewis)

Councilor Thames moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2738. 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 Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Wright, and Limbaugh.

The motion carried without dissent.

At this time, Councilor Jones stated that he just received some information about the time sensitive nature of the crosswalk discussed in Item No. 11.03.19 and asked if they could readdress this Item.

Mr. Kendrick replied yes.

Councilor Jones moved to reconsider the unanimous consent vote. 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 Thames, 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. 2739

(An Ordinance for a pedestrian crosswalk at Oak Grove Road)

Councilor McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2739. Councilor Wolverton 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 Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, Wright, and Limbaugh. Nays: Councilor Jones.

The motion carried on a vote of 9-1.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 01.04.19** Request for consideration to declare miscellaneous interior and patio furniture from the Senior Center surplus – **Berkley Squires, Director/Parks and Rec – Finance Committee**
- 02.04.19** Request for consideration to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the BJCTA –**Robert W. Burgett, Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 03.04.19** Request to authorize the Mayor to sign software-hardware contract for SOHO parking enforcement solution – **Chief Tim Ross/John Self, Police Department – Finance Committee**
- 04.04.19** Request for consideration for re-paving 31/Shades Cahaba Tunnel – **Jennifer Andress – Finance Committee**
- 05.04.19** Request for consideration to donate parcel of land to the City of Homewood (PID # 28 00 07 3 014 004.000) (Legal Description: Lot 18, Block 7, Rosedale Park, Less RD RW) – **Matt Akin/Melody Salter, City Clerk – Finance Committee**
- 06.04.19** Request for consideration of bid for Homewood Police Department FFE – **Jeffrey Black, CMH Architects/Melody Salter, City Clerk– Finance Committee**

- 07.04.19** Request for consideration to set a bid opening for Spring Tree Planting – **Amy Milam, HEC/Melody Salter, City Clerk– Finance Committee**
- 08.04.19** Request for presentation of audit results for fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 by BMSS – **Robert W. Burgett, Finance Director/Melody Salter, Assistant Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 09.04.19** Request to the authorize the Mayor to sign the contract renewal with Predpol– **Chief Tim Ross/Sgt. Jerry Suttles, Police Dept./Melody Salter, City Clerk – Finance Committee**
- 10.04.19** Request for consideration to add crosswalks at the intersection of Oxmoor Road and Edgeknoll Drive as well as Oxmoor Road and Edgeknoll Lane – **Julie Johnson/Carol Wiget/Andrew Wolverton – Public Safety Committee**
- 11.04.19** Request for update on Homewood Curve – **Britt Thames – Planning and Development Committee**
- 12.04.19** Request to work in the City Right-of-Way at 2829 19th Street South – **Dale Bright/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 13.04.19** Request to work in the City Right-of-Way at 400 Shades Creek Parkway – **John Millhouse/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 14.04.19** Request to amend Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgets– **Berkley Squires/Robert W. Burgett, Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 15.04.19** **Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee** for consideration for a variance to the sign ordinance at 2829 19th Street South – **Daniel Von Hagel/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 20.04.19** Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Public Works Committee for consideration of possible vacation of alley on 18th Street – President Limbaugh – **Public Works Committee**
- 21.04.19** Request for consideration to reaffirm crosswalk at Raleigh Ave and Greensprings Hwy – Andrew Wolverton/Mike Higginbotham – **Public Safety Committee**

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 15.04.19 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration for a variance to the sign ordinance at 2829 19th Street South – Daniel Von Hagel/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

President Limbaugh stated that, without objections, the Public Hearing would be set for April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. There were no objections.

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 16.04.19 – Request to authorize one voting delegate of the City of Homewood Council to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention held May 4-7, 2019 in Mobile, AL – Melody Salter, City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 19-46

(A Resolution authorizing Councilor Jones as voting delegate of the City of Homewood Council to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention held May 4-7, 2019 in Mobile, AL)

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-46. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 17.04.19 – Request for consideration of resolution supporting Rep. Faulkner's Bill on Vaping Concerns.

Councilor Andress stated that she and Councilor Gwaltney had been working with other Councilors from other cities, including Birmingham, Hoover, Vestavia, and Mountain Brook along with Commissioner Ammons and each city would be passing a resolution supporting this bill. Councilor Andress further stated that Representative Faulkner had been working on this as HB-41 and had been working on this with Ms. Carissa Anthony from Safe and Healthy Homewood and this would regulate vaping products as the same as tobacco so they wanted to support that. Councilor Andress

further added that in Homewood's resolution they had some statistics on Homewood usage from Middle School children all the way to High School students and this would recognize their concerns that they had as a community for vaping and the Bill had passed unanimously out of the House Judiciary Committee last Wednesday and was voted on in the House Thursday and passed unanimously, and was now in front of the Senate.

Councilor Jones asked to verify that this would not have any effect on any ordinance that they had in place but would just support the Bill.

Councilor Andress replied yes and stated that down the road Congressman Aderholt had a new bill that would raise the purchase age to 21.

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

Resolution No. 19-47

(A Resolution supporting Rep. Faulkner's Bill on Vaping Concerns)

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-47. Councilor Thames 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. 18.04.19 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of March 18, 2019 through April 7, 2019.

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

Resolution No. 19-48

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of March 18, 2019 through April 7, 2019)

Councilor Thames moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-48. Councilor Higginbotham 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. 19.04.19 – Request for consideration to change May’s Meeting Dates to May 13, 2019 and May 20, 2019.

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

Resolution No. 19-49

(A Resolution consideration to change May’s Meeting Dates to May 13, 2019 and May 20, 2019)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-49. Councilor Smith 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. 20.04.19 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Public Works Committee for consideration of possible vacation of alley on 18th Street – President Limbaugh.

President Limbaugh stated that the Public Hearing would be set for May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor McBrayer addressed the Council and stated that Saturday, April 13, 2019 was the Easter Egg Hunt at West Homewood Athletic Center. Mayor McBrayer asked the Council to keep the family of Reverend Sid Burgess in their prayers who had been missing since Saturday. Mayor McBrayer further stated that Mr. Bischoff had reached out to the Winston County Sheriff’s Department to let them know that Homewood was willing to help in the search and rescue efforts so Chief Bresnan was on standby with the Search and Rescue Team.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee would meet on April 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Councilor Thames further stated that he wanted the community to know that they really did have a plan for the Rosedale area and the Council and the Mayor had supported them every time they had asked for something in their Ward such as rebuilding Spring Park, Sidewalks, and reviving the Abatement Board and he appreciated everyone’s support. Councilor Thames asked that the Council keep Mr. Wayne Harris, who owned a lot of shops in Edgewood, in their prayers because he fell from the roof and was severely injured. Councilor Thames further added that Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. they would be meeting on the corner of Central and 26th Avenue South for the Rosedale Day of Service.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor because he was pleased to read last week that Homewood was a Signatory to the No Poaching Agreement which was important for cities to work together as a region and was a positive move. Councilor Higginbotham further stated that they joined the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation a couple of weeks ago and the residents could go to waterpledge.com and help the city compete against other cities in the country and right now they were 5th in the country.

Councilor Wolverton stated that the Parks and Recreation Department extended the renewal time for memberships to April 26, 2019 before the rate change. Councilor Wolverton further stated that he wanted to thank Councilor Jones for reconsidering the unanimous consent vote for the crosswalk item because they could now have an additional crosswalk put on the ground before Street Safety Day.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on April 15, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. Councilor McClusky stated that the Exceptional Foundation's Basketball Game with the Council would be held on April 25, 2019.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on April 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Jones thanked the Council for allowing him to reconsider his vote on the crosswalk item and for letting him share his thoughts on the issue.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on April 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilor Wright stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

President Limbaugh stated that his neighbor in Hallman Hill and owner of Miller Valve, Mr. Lawton Miller, had been diagnosed with liver cancer last week and he asked for the Council's prayers.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 8:19 p.m.