

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

**April 13, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session via Zoom on Monday, April 13, 2020 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilor Walter Jones after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by President Wright at 6:04 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present for the online meeting via Zoom: Andy Gwaltney, Britt Thames, Mike Higginbotham, Patrick McClusky, Walter Jones, Barry Smith, Alex Wyatt, Jennifer Andress, John Hardin, and Peter Wright constituting a quorum of Council members. Also present online were: Mike Kendrick, City Attorney; Melody Salter, City Clerk; and J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff. Absent: Andrew Wolverton.

At this time, Councilor McClusky moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 30, 2020 and approve them as amended. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wright 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 entered the Council Meeting via Zoom at 6:10 p.m.

President Wright amended the published Council Agenda to amend the following item in the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 04.04.20 – Request for consideration to work in the City Right-of-Way on Highland/Irving alley adjacent to Sims Garden – Councilor Britt Thames.

Councilor Jones moved for the approval of the Council Agenda as amended. Councilor Hardin seconded the motion.

President Wright 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**

- 07.01.20      Public Hearing held on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** for consideration to rezone property at 1619 Oxmoor Road (PID #29-00-13-1-013-002.000) from a R-5 (Attached Dwelling Unit District) to a C-1c (Office Building District with Proffered Conditions): Applicant: River Brook LLC dba River Brook Design & Construction/Owner(s): Leigh & Kevin Misso for the purpose to permit the utilization of an existing building for a design and construction services business. (The Planning Commission had a vote of 7-0 for an unfavorable recommendation of the rezone) – **Wyatt Pugh (Public Hearing closed on 3/9/20 and Item Carried Over)**  
**Action to be Taken: This Item will be carried over until May 11, 2020.**
- 08.10.19      Public Hearing set for March 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** for consideration for the city to vacate land between 904 Highland Road and 909 Irving Road – **Holly Polk and Will Gardner/Wyatt Pugh/Greg Cobb, BEZ**  
**Action to be Taken: This Public Hearing will be continued until May 11, 2020.**
- 12.03.20      Public Hearing set for April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** for consideration to rezone property at 2927 Central Avenue (PID 28-00-07-3-035-009.000) from a C-1 (Office Building District) to I-2 (Institutional District): Applicant: Chris Eckroate/Owner(s): Catholic Diocese of Birmingham to permit the development of a surface parking lot in support of adjacent Our Lady Sorrows Church (The Planning Commission had a vote of 6-0 for a favorable recommendation of the rezone) – **Wyatt Pugh**  
**Action to be Taken: This Public Hearing will be continued until May 11, 2020.**

Councilor Thames moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

President Wright 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. 05.03.20 – Request for consideration of reimbursement for pump rental and property repair costs related to flooding at 2832 Linden Avenue – Mark and Darby Westfall, Hummingbird

Properties, LLC/Wyatt Pugh and Greg Cobb, BEZ (Carried Over to the May 11, 2020 Council Meeting at the March 30, 2020 Council Meeting).

Having previously been reported out, the Council held discussion regarding this item.

President Wright stated that this item would be carried over.

### **COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA**

**01.04.20** Request for consideration to allow parking area to extend partially into the Right-Of-Way at 401 Sterrett Ave – **Jim Hoyer, Builder/Wyatt Pugh/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**

Councilor Gwaltney then moved for the approval of the Committee Referral Agenda. Councilor Thames seconded the motion.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 02.04.20 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign letter to ALDOT requesting to implement phased construction of Greenway II project to segment ½ of trail into future construction due to limited funding and increased construction costs – Wyatt Pugh/BEZ.

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

#### **Resolution No. 20-60**

**(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign letter to ALDOT requesting to implement phased construction of Greenway II project to segment ½ of trail into future construction due to limited funding and increased construction costs)**

Councilor Andress moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-60. Councilor Thames seconded the motion.

President Wright 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. 03.04.20 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of March 31, 2020 through April 10, 2020 – City Treasurer.

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

**Resolution No. 20-61**

**(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of March 31, 2020 through April 10, 2020)**

Councilor Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-61. Councilor McClusky seconded the motion.

President Wright 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. 04.04.20 – Request for consideration to work in the City Right-of-Way on Highland/Irving alley adjacent to Sims Garden – Councilor Britt Thames.

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

**Resolution No. 20-62**

**(A Resolution to work in the City Right-of-Way on Highland/Irving alley adjacent to Sims Garden)**

Councilor Thames moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-62. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

President Wright stated that Committee Meetings would not be scheduled and the next Council Meeting would be set for April 27, 2020 at 6:00 via Zoom.

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