

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

May 18, 2020

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Special Session on Monday, May 18, 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 6:02 p.m., after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

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

At this time, Councilor Thames moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 11, 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.

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

Councilor Smith moved to nominate Dr. Paul Doran for the Ward 4 Library Board position. Councilor Wyatt 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 amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Old Business Agenda: From the Finance Committee: Item No. 018.11.19 – Request for consideration of Parking Management System RFI – Councilors Andy Gwaltney and Britt Thames; Item No. 11.03.20 – Request for consideration to place video/streaming technology in the Council Committee Room for the purpose of

recording/broadcasting Committee Meetings – Councilor Higginbotham; Item No. 05.05.20 – Request to consider compensation for the Absentee Election Manager as allowed by the Code of Alabama – City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director; From the Planning and Development Committee: Item No. 20.02.20 – Request to consider plaza and parking improvements – Councilors Andress, Gwaltney and Thames; From the Special Issues Committee: Item No. 04.05.20 – Request to consider Ordinance to call and provide for the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Homewood, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and to provide for a runoff election if required on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 if required– City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director; Item No. 06.05.20 – Request to consider approving use of the ES&S DS-200 tabulator system and ExpressVote, or an Electronic Vote Counting System as will be supplied by Jefferson County, Alabama for the 2020 City of Homewood Municipal Election as complies with the Code of Alabama– City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

Councilor Hardin moved for the approval of the Council Agenda as amended. Councilor Andress 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

01.05.20 Request for permission to allow parking area to extend partially into the Right-of-Way at 401 Sterrett Ave – **Jim Hoyer/Wyatt Pugh and Greg Cobb, BEZ**

Action Taken: The Special Issues Committee met and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Andress and seconded by Councilor McClusky.

16.07.19 Request for consideration of trash issues on Huntington – **Cathy Tayloe/Councilor Jennifer Andress (Tabled 8/5/19)**

Action Taken: The Committee met and voted 5-0 to remove this item from the table. The motion was made by Councilor Andress and seconded by Councilor Gwaltney. The Committee then recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Andress and seconded by Councilor Gwaltney.

Councilor Jones moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. 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.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 07.05.20 – Public Hearing set for June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of property at 720 Shades Creek Parkway (PID 28-00-17-1-005-004.001) from a I-2 (Institutional District) to C-1 (Office Building District): Applicant: Schoel Engineering Company Inc./Owner(s): Shades Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church for the purpose to rezone the eastern portion (1.289 acres). (The Planning Commission had a vote of 7-0 for a favorable recommendation of the rezone) – Wyatt Pugh.

President Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 18.11.19 – Request for consideration of Parking Management System RFI – Councilors Andy Gwaltney and Britt Thames (Reports from Finance & Public Works).

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend sending this item to the Budget Hearings.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Works Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 4-0 to table this item.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 11.03.20 – Request for consideration to place video/streaming technology in the Council Committee Room for the purpose of recording/broadcasting Committee Meetings – Councilor Higginbotham.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend sending this item to the Budget Hearings.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 05.05.20 – Request to consider compensation for the Absentee Election Manager as allowed by the Code of Alabama – City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend funding of \$50.00 per day for 46 days.

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

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

Resolution No. 20-75

(A Resolution for compensation for the Absentee Election Manager as allowed by the Code of Alabama)

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 20.02.20 – Request to consider plaza and parking improvements – Councilors Andress, Gwaltney and Thames.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 4-0 to recommend sending this item to the Budget Hearings.

President Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion from the Planning and Development Committee. 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. 04.05.20 – Request to consider Ordinance to call and provide for the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Homewood, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and to provide for a runoff election if required on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 if required– City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

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

President Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the recommendation from the Special Issues Committee. 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 6:17 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to call and provide for the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Homewood, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and to provide for a runoff election if required on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 if required)

Councilor McClusky moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Wyatt 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, Hardin, and Wright.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2774

(An Ordinance to call and provide for the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Homewood, Alabama on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and to provide for a runoff election if required on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 if required)

Councilor McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2774. 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 roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Address, Hardin, and Wright.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 06.05.20 – Request to consider approving use of the ES&S DS-200 tabulator system and ExpressVote, or an Electronic Vote Counting System as will be supplied by Jefferson County, Alabama for the 2020 City of Homewood Municipal Election as complies with the Code of Alabama– City Attorney and Melody Salter, CPA – City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

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

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

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

Resolution No. 20-76

(A Resolution approving use of the ES&S DS-200 tabulator system and ExpressVote, or an Electronic Vote Counting System as will be supplied by Jefferson County, Alabama for the 2020 City of Homewood Municipal Election as complies with the Code of Alabama)

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

14.05.20 Request for consideration of taking over cost of existing street light next the intersection of Crest Avenue and Columbiana Road – **Mayor Scott McBrayer – Finance Committee**

Councilor Higginbotham 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. 15.05.20 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of May 12, 2020 through May 18, 2020 – Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk and Melody Salter, CPA, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

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

Resolution No. 20-77

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of May 12, 2020 through May 18, 2020)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-77. 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 Gwaltney stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee would meet on June 1, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee would not meet on June 1, 2020.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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