

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

July 13, 2020

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, July 22, 2020 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Wright at 6:08 p.m.

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; J.J. Bischoff, Chief of Staff; and Mayor Scott McBrayer.

At this time, Councilor Thames moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 22, 2020 and approve them as presented. 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.

At this time, Councilor Hardin moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting of July 6, 2020 and approve them as presented. 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.

President Wright amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 11.07.20 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign supplemental to original contract for ALDOT Project #CMAQ-TA15(903) – 18th Street Improvements from 28th Avenue to Valley Avenue including the addition of a right turn lane on Valley Avenue and 18th Street – Wyatt Pugh/BEZ – Finance Committee,

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

11.07.17 Request for update on new Public Safety Center Construction Project–
Alex Wyatt

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met on July 6, 2020 and voted 3-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Hardin and seconded by Councilor Smith.

05.04.20 Request for Birmingham Water Works Board (BWVB) to address leak on
300 block of Rumson Road – **Jennifer Andress**

Action Taken: The Public Works Committee met on July 6, 2020 and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor McClusky and seconded by Councilor Wyatt.

Councilor Gwaltney moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. 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.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 13.06.20 – Public Hearing continued from June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to 15' setback requirement for fence in 2nd front yard at 1114 Columbiana Road – The Delk Family, Wyatt Pugh, BEZ.

President Wright stated that, as per request from the Delk Family, the Public Hearing would be continued to the July 27, 2020 Council Meeting.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 19.06.20 – Public Hearing set for July 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. will be opened and immediately closed due to applicant withdrawing their request – Sheri White/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on July 6, 2020 and voted 4-0 to recommend dropping this item as applicant withdrew the request.

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

President Wright declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.

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

Councilor Wyatt moved to drop this item. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.02.20 – Request for consideration of funding street improvements – Councilors Gwaltney and Thames.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on July 6, 2020 and voted 3-0 to recommend sending this item to a Special Called Work Session and Budget Hearings.

President Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Finance 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 under Old Business was Item No. 16.06.20 – Request to authorize the Mayor to sign annual maintenance agreement with Motorola for the radio system and NICE recorded – Lt. Brandon Broadhead/E911 Director.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on July 6, 2020 and voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

President Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Finance 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. 20-93

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign annual maintenance agreement with Motorola for the radio system and NICE recorded)

Councilor Thames moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-84. Councilor Higginbotham seconded the motion.

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.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 17.06.20** Request for consideration to form a joint task force of community and Homewood Police Department leadership to evaluate current policies concerning use of force and other related matters and make recommendations as needed– **Councilor Mike Higginbotham – Public Safety Committee (Carried over from Committee Referral Agenda 6/22/20)**
- 02.07.20** Request for consideration to change the short section of Vulcan Road from one-way back to two-way – **Michael Williams/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Public Safety Committee**
- 03.07.20** Request to consider amendments to the FY 19-20 Budgets – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk/Melody Salter, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 04.07.20** Request to consider accepting reimbursement of expenditures related to COVID 19 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) under the CARES Act received on behalf of the City of Homewood by Jefferson County – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk/Melody Salter, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director – Finance Committee**
- 05.07.20** Request to address flooding concerns on Hillmoor Drive – **Councilor Andrew Wolverton – Public Works Committee**

- 06.07.20** Request for consideration and discussion of a city wide alert system for citizen information – **Councilor McClusky – Special Issues Committee**
- 07.07.20** **Request to set a Public Hearing and Referral to the Special Issues Committee** to allow one section of an 8-foot fence to extend to 10 feet in height to create a symmetrical privacy screen from the elementary school carpool line at 322 Gran Avenue – **Brain Wallace/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 11.07.20** Request to authorize the Mayor to sign supplemental to original contract for ALDOT Project #CMAQ-TA15(903) – 18th St Improvements from 28th Ave to Valley Ave including the addition of a right turn lane on Valley Ave and 18th St – **Wyatt Pugh/BEZ – Finance Committee**

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 07.07.20 – Request to set a Public Hearing to allow one section of an 8-foot fence to extend to 10 feet in height to create a symmetrical privacy screen from the elementary school carpool line at 322 Gran Avenue – Brain Wallace/Wyatt Pugh, BEZ.

President Wright stated that the Public Hearing would be set for July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 08.07.20 – Request to set a Public Hearing for consideration of extension to remove inoperable, abandoned, or stored vehicle (1988 Oldsmobile) from 701 Grove Street (Sc. 19-73 of Code of Ordinances) – Anne Grant Weil/Scott Cook, Code Enforcement/Police Dept.

President Wright stated that the Public Hearing would be set for July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 09.07.20 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of June 23, 2020 through July 13, 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. 20-94

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of June 23, 2020 through July 13, 2020)

Councilor Thames moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 20-94. 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 10.07.20 – Request for consideration of an ABC 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license for SB Homewood LLC d/b/a Shrimp Basket located at 801 Green Springs Hwy – Melody Salter, City Clerk.

Councilor Wolverton moved for having no objections to the issuance of the ABC 020 – Restaurant Retail Liquor license. 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.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on July 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee would not meet on July 20, 2020.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on July 20, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on July 20, 2020 at 6:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 6:43 p.m.