

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

September 23, 2019

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, September 23, 2019 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

At this time, Mayor McBrayer presented a Proclamation for Family Day/Family Week to Alabama Family Rights Association.

Ms. Sherri Nielson of the U.S. Census Bureau then addressed the Council and provided a presentation regarding the 2020 Census.

Mayor McBrayer then presented a Proclamation for North Star Martial Arts.

Mayor McBrayer then presented a Proclamation for Eagle Scout Day to members of Eagle Scout Troup #97.

The invocation was given by Logan Whitehead of the Homewood Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order by President Limbaugh at 6:20 p.m.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Britt Thames, Mike Higginbotham, Patrick McClusky, Walter Jones, Barry Smith, Alex Wyatt, Jennifer Andress, 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: Andrew Wolverton and Peter Wright.

At this time, Councilor Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 9, 2019 and approve them as distributed. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

President Limbaugh stated that the Board of Adjustments and Appeals nominations would be carried over to clarify eligibility.

President Limbaugh stated that interviews would be set for the HDRA/IDB positions.

President Limbaugh stated that the Educational Building Authority nominations would be carried over to clarify eligibility.

President Limbaugh stated that the application period for the Ward 2 Arts Advisory Council would be re-opened until October 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

President Limbaugh stated that the application period for the Ward 3 Cable Commission would be re-opened until October 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

President Limbaugh stated that the application period for the Ward 5 Abatement Board would be re-opened until October 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

President Limbaugh Wright amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 23.09.19 – Request for consideration of a Rosedale Local Historic Designation – Councilors Andy Gwaltney and Britt Thames – Planning and Development Committee; Item No. 24.09.19 – Request to consider transferring from General Fund Surplus an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to the Capital Projects Fund – Mayor Scott McBrayer/Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk – Finance Committee.

President Limbaugh further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the New Business Agenda: Item No. 21.09.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to accept the FEMA Firefighter SAFER Grant Award – Chief John Bresnan; Item No. 22.09.19 – Request to create a City Planner Position for the FY 19-20 Budgets – Mayor Scott McBrayer and Councilor Walter Jones.

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the approval of the Council Agenda as amended. 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 first item considered on the Agenda, taken out of order, was Item No. 16.09.19 – Request for consideration to pass a resolution of City support for the 2020 Census Participation – Sherri Nielson, Partnership Specialist U.S. Census Bureau/Melody Salter, City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director.

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

Resolution No. 19-141

(A Resolution City support for the 2020 Census Participation)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-141. 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 considered on the Agenda, taken out of order, was Item No. 04.09.19 – Public Hearing set for September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration for a variance to the Sign Ordinance at 131 West Oxmoor Road – Meighan Ellis/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

President Limbaugh declared the Public Hearing opened.

President Limbaugh 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 Council.

President Limbaugh declared the Public Hearing closed and stated that this item was on the Consent Agenda for consideration to be dropped.

CONSENT AGENDA

23.08.19 Request for consideration for a timed pedestrian light at Windsor Drive and Lakeshore – **Jennifer Andress**

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor Higginbotham and seconded by Councilor Smith.

01.06.19 Request for discussion of unrelated people in rental property in the City of Homewood – **Councilor Barry Smith**

Action Taken: The Special Issues Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor McClusky and seconded by Councilor Higginbotham.

14.07.19 Request for consideration to adopt policy for In Memoriam naming within the City Limits – **Councilor Higginbotham**

Action Taken: The Special Issues Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was

made by Councilor Address and seconded by Councilor Higginbotham.

04.09.19 Public Hearing set for September 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration for a variance to the Sign Ordinance at 131 West Oxmoor Road – **Meighan Ellis/Greg Cobb, BEZ**

Action Taken: The Special Issues Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Councilor McClusky and seconded by Councilor Address.

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

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

OLD BUSINESS AGENDA

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 05.09.19 – Public Hearing set for October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration to amend Subsection (2) c. relating to posting of property with signs of Sec. B. entitled “Zoning Amendments” of Article IX Entitled “Administration and Review Procedures” of Appendix A entitled “Zoning” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Homewood – City Attorney Mike Kendrick (Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation 6-0 at their September 3, 2019 meeting).

President Limbaugh stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 26.06.19 – Bid Opening held on August 26, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. for insurance agent for City of Homewood – Councilor Alex Wyatt.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 5-0 to form a review committee and carry this over in Committee.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 03.08.19 – Bid Opening set for September 16, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. with deadline for submission of bids at 4:30 p.m. for Wrecker Service Contract – Chief Tim Ross, Police Dept.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and, after report from Sgt. Suttles, voted 5-0 to recommend accepting bid from Weil Wrecker, sole bidder.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-142

(A Resolution accepting bid with Weil Wrecker for Wrecker Service Contract)

President Limbaugh 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 on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.08.19 – Bid Opening set for September 16, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. with deadline for submission of bids at 4:30 p.m. for Animal Control Contract – Chief Tim Ross, Police Dept.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and, after report from Sgt. Suttles, voted 5-0 to recommend accepting bid from Vulcan Animal Control.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-143

(A Resolution accepting bid with Vulcan Animal Control for Animal Control Contract)

President Limbaugh 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 on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 30.08.19 – Request for consideration of the Finance Committee's recommendations of changes to the 2019/2020 Mayor's Proposed Budgets and adoption of Resolutions appropriating sums and amounts for the following Funds:

(1) General – Fund 01

- (2) **Grants – Fund 02**
- (3) **7 Cents Gas Tax – Fund 04**
- (4) **4 Cents & 5 Cents Gas Tax – Fund 05**
- (5) **Board of Education Trust Fund- Fund 06**
- (6) **Debt Service – Fund 11**
- (7) **Capital Projects Fund – Fund 12**
- (8) **Environmental Escrow – Fund 13**
- (9) **Insurance – Fund 14**
- (10) **E-911 – Fund 15**
- (11) **Corrections/Jail - Fund 21**
- (12) **Corrections/Court – Fund 22**
- (13) **Court Special – Fund 24**
- (14) **Inspection Technology – Fund 25**
- (15) **GOW 16 Construction - Fund 26**
- (16) **Judicial Administrative – Fund 28**

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the General Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-144

(A Resolution adopting the General Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Grants Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-145

(A Resolution adopting the Grants Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Wolverton entered the Council Chambers at 6:44 p.m.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the 7 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-146

(A Resolution adopting the 7 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the 4 Cents and 5 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-147

(A Resolution adopting the 4 Cents and 5 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Board of Education Trust Fund 2018/2019 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-148

(A Resolution adopting the Board of Education Trust Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Debt Service Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-149

(A Resolution adopting the Debt Service Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Capital Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-150

(A Resolution adopting the Capital Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Environmental Escrow Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-151

(A Resolution adopting the Environmental Escrow Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Insurance Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-152

(A Resolution adopting the Insurance Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the E-911 Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-153

(A Resolution adopting the E-911 Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Corrections/Jail Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-154

(A Resolution adopting the Corrections/Jail Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Corrections/Court Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-155

(A Resolution adopting the Corrections/Court Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Court Special Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-156

(A Resolution adopting the Court Special Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Inspection Technology Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-157

(A Resolution adopting the Inspection Technology Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the GOW 16 Construction Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-158

(A Resolution adopting the GOW 16 Construction Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approving the Judicial Administrative Fund 2019/2020 Budget.

President Limbaugh 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. 19-159

(A Resolution adopting the Judicial Administrative Fund 2019/2020 Budget)

President Limbaugh 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 on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 24.05.19 – Request to review/amend West Homewood District Zoning – Mike Higginbotham and Andrew Wolverton (The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation of 5-0 at their meeting on 9/3/19).

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend referring Councilor Higginbotham's option to the full Council without recommendation pending a Public Hearing to be set for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

President Limbaugh 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.

President Limbaugh stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 03.09.19 – Request for consideration of zoning setback changes – Councilors Andy Gwaltney and Britt Thames.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met on October 21, 2019 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

President Limbaugh 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.

President Limbaugh stated that a Public Hearing would be set for October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 01.09.19 – Request for consideration to work in the City Right-of-Way at 1906 Kensington – Frazier Christy/Greg Cobb, BEZ.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval pending indemnification agreement.

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and stated that at that address there was a drain in the backyard that went down the block through private property and it was not in the City's Right-of-Way. Mr. Cobb further stated that they were having issues and so to resolve it the homeowner wanted to bring the water out to the street underground and piped out the Right-of-Way and then put it in a 10 inch concrete pipe that would run down to a manhole down the street. Mr. Cobb added that also in the Right-of-Way they would need a variance from the standard sized pipe so that would be a Planning Commission issue. Mr. Cobb further added that this was a gravity line that they would need to make sure they could get from Point A to Point B.

Councilor Wolverton left the Council Chambers at 6:54 p.m.

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

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

Resolution No. 19-160

(A Resolution to work in the City Right-of-Way at 1906 Kensington)

President Limbaugh 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.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.09.19 – Request for consideration for C-Spire to bore underneath the City Right-of-Way at Summit Parkway – Mitchell Hickman, SMW Engineering/Wyatt Pugh/Greg Cobb, and BEZ.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on September 16, 2019 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval pending indemnification agreement.

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

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

Resolution No. 19-161

(A Resolution for C-Spire to bore underneath the City Right-of-Way at Summit Parkway)

President Limbaugh 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

- 11.09.19** Request for consideration to amend the FY18-19 Budgets – **Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Melody Salter, City Clerk/Berkley Squires, Public Works Director – Finance Committee**
- 12.09.19** Request for consideration to consider options to improve resident participation in the 2020 Census – **Sherri Nielson/Melody Salter, City Clerk – Special Issues Committee**
- 13.09.19** Request for consideration to construct a parking pad in the city right-of-way at 417 Columbiana Road – **Brittany Conger/Wyatt Pugh/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 14.09.19** Request for consideration for a large mailbox base in the city right-of-way at 514 Rumson Road – **Will Smith/Wyatt Pugh/Greg Cobb, BEZ – Special Issues Committee**
- 15.09.19** Request for consideration to conduct diversity training for City Employees – **Councilor Mike Higginbotham – Special Issues Committee**
- 23.09.19** Request for consideration of a Rosedale Local Historic Designation – **Councilors Andy Gwaltney and Britt Thames – Planning and Development Committee**
- 24.09.19** Request to consider transferring from General Fund Surplus an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to the Capital Projects Fund – **Mayor Scott McBrayer/Robert Burgett, Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk – Finance Committee**

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 17.09.19 – Request for consideration to extend moratorium on the issuance of new construction building permits within the West Homewood Zoning District as adopted by Resolution No. 19-92 and began June 14, 2019 – Councilor Mike Higginbotham/Andrew Wolverton.

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

Resolution No. 19-162

(A Resolution to extend moratorium on the issuance of new construction building permits within the West Homewood Zoning District as adopted by Resolution No. 19-92 that began June 14, 2019)

Councilor Wolverton entered the Council Chambers at 6:56 p.m.

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-162. 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. 18.09.19 – Request to fund employee bonuses contingent on a September 30, 2019 General Fund Surplus payable to employees in November, 2019 in a not to exceed amount of \$370K with the same years of service tiers as in past years– Walter Jones, Finance Committee Chairman and Mayor McBrayer.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 19-163

(A Resolution to fund employee bonuses contingent on a September 30, 2019 General Fund Surplus payable to employees in November, 2019 in a not to exceed amount of \$370K with the same years of service tiers as in past years)

President Limbaugh 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 on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 19.09.19 – Request to fund a 2.5% Cost of Living Raise (COLA) in the FY 19-20 Budgets– Walter Jones, Finance Committee Chairman and Mayor McBrayer.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

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

Resolution No. 19-164

(A Resolution to fund a 2.5% Cost of Living Raise (COLA) in the FY 19-20 Budgets)

President Limbaugh 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 on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 20.09.19 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of September 10, 2019 through September 23, 2019 – City Treasurer/Finance Committee.

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

Resolution No. 19-165

(A Resolution for approval of vouchers for period of September 10, 2019 through September 23, 2019)

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-165. 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 voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 21.09.19 – Request to authorize the Mayor to accept the FEMA Firefighters SAFER Grant Award – Chief John Bresnan.

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

Resolution No. 19-166

(A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the FEMA Firefighters SAFER Grant)

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-166. 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. 22.09.19 – Request to add a City Planner Position for the FY 19-20 Budgets – Mayor Scott McBrayer/Councilor Walter Jones.

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

Resolution No. 19-167

(A Resolution to add a City Planner Position for the FY 19-20 Budgets)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 19-167. 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.

Mayor McBrayer addressed the Council and stated that he was relieved that the budget passed and he appreciated all the hard work because the budget was one of the most important things that they did and he was proud of his team for the work they put into it to provide a good, honest budget. Mayor McBrayer further stated that he appreciated the time that the Council took to make sure that they got it right and he wanted to thank their families for the time that they had to spend away from home during this time.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that he enjoyed the seven meetings he spent with Committee working on this. Councilor Gwaltney further stated that he appreciated everything that Ms. Salter and Mr. Burgett did to help them resolve questions that came up and handle things in such a professional manner.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee would meet on September 30, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Councilor Thames further stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor, Ms. Salter, and Mr. Burgett for a good budget and for all the hard work. Councilor Thames added that he had a great time on the radio with Councilors Andress and Gwaltney last week.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that he wanted to echo the comments that had been made by thanking the Mayor, Mr. Burgett, and Ms. Salter as well as his colleagues on the Finance Committee, especially Finance Chairman Councilor Jones.

Councilor Wolverton stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Berkley Squires and the Public Works Department for all the paving work they had done.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on September 30, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. Councilor McClusky further stated that he wanted to thank everyone for their hard work putting the budget together especially Finance Chairman Councilor Jones for his leadership through the Budget Hearings and President Limbaugh for the smooth meeting with 16 budget items.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on September 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Councilor Jones thanked everyone for their kind words tonight and for their great participation throughout the budget process. Councilor Jones added that they had passed 167 resolutions in this fiscal year so he wanted to thank Mr. Kendrick for drafting all of those.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on September 30, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. Councilor Smith further stated that every year the budget process ended up being so educational because they learned a lot about the city and was going to be happening. Councilor Smith added that she wanted to thank Finance Chairman Councilor Jones for the amazing job he did keeping everyone on task and also wanted to thank everyone who participated. Councilor Smith added that the Homewood Preservation Committee would be holding a forum tomorrow night at the Library in the auditorium from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with speaker Pamela Sterne King, President for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation.

Councilor Wyatt stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on September 30, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. Councilor Wyatt further stated that the budget was an immense document and every year it looked intimidating until they started going through

it because the Mayor, Mr. Burgett, and Ms. Salter did an amazing job taking them through it and Finance Chairman Councilor Jones kept them on task and always had all the information they needed to make it easier. Councilor Wyatt added that the Homewood Athletic Foundation was hosting the Buddy Wade Memorial Tournament this Thursday at Oxmoor Valley.

Councilor Andress stated that she knew she asked for a lot in this budget and she really appreciated everyone taking her concerns into consideration on projects that would benefit the city. Councilor Andress further stated that she wanted to congratulate Ms. Meredith Drennen of the Homewood Chamber of Commerce on the birth of daughter who was born today. Councilor Andress added that she felt like their work to improve recycling services was being well received

President Limbaugh stated that he had had the responsibility of being President during Budget Hearings for seven years and Finance Chairman Councilor Jones was really well suited to this. President Limbaugh further stated that other cities would love to have one of Mr. Burgett or one of Ms. Salter and they had two and they knew how fortunate they were to have both of them in the city.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 7:14 p.m.