

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

February 27, 2017

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, February 27, 2017 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Tricia Kirk from the Exceptional Foundation addressed the Council and stated that they were up to \$247,000.00 for team sponsors for the Chili Cook-off and they had 117 teams competing and 50 judges. Ms. Kirk further stated that she wanted to thank the Homewood Police Department who deputized one of their long-time students, John Miller, to fulfill his dream of becoming a Homewood Police Officer. The invocation was then given by Firefighter Tony Franklin of the Homewood Fire Department, after which the pledge of allegiance was led by the Exceptional Foundation Scouts.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Peter Wright.

Upon Roll Call, the following were present: Andy Gwaltney, Britt Thames, Mike Higginbotham, Andrew Wolverton, Patrick McClusky, Walter Jones, Alex Wyatt, Jennifer Address, and Peter Wright. Also present were: Mike Kendrick, City Attorney; Melody Salter, City Clerk, Chief of Staff J.J. Bischoff; and Mayor Scott McBrayer. Barry Smith and President Limbaugh were absent.

At this time, Mrs. Address moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13, 2017 and approve them as distributed. Mr. Wolverton seconded the motion.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Wright asked if the Council had any recommendations or appointments to be made regarding board vacancies.

Mr. Wright stated that he needed to open the application periods for the Ward 1 Board of Education, Ward 1 Homewood Environmental Commission, At-Large Homewood Historical Preservation Committee and Ward 2 positions, all to close on March 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Wright further stated that they would need to extend the application period for HDRA/IDB to fill Mr. Stephen Jones vacated position.

At this time, Mr. Wright amended the published Agenda to add the following items from the Committee Meetings held earlier tonight prior to the Council Meeting to the Old Business Agenda: Item No. 09.02.17 – Request for consideration to add a crosswalk at Malaga and Hollywood Blvd – Jennifer Andress; Item No. 26.01.17 – Request for consideration of City Wide traffic study – Britt Thames.

Mr. Wright further amended the published Agenda to add the following item to the Consent Agenda: Item No. 10.02.17 – Request for consideration for a “No Outlet” or “Dead End” sign at Lancaster Road at the base of the hill near Highway 31 – Linda Tilley/Jennifer Andress/Peter Wright.

Mr. Wright further amended the published Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 28.02.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue – Justin Drummond/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – Special Issues Committee; Item No. 29.02.17 – Request for consideration to add various crosswalks and street lights in the Rosedale Community – Britt Thames/Andy Gwaltney – Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Wright further amended the published Agenda to add the following to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. Item No. 28.02.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue – Justin Drummond/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department; Item No. 30.02.17 – Request to consider changing Council Meeting dates in March 2017.

Mr. Higginbotham moved for the approval of the Agenda as amended. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. 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

10.02.17 Request for consideration for a “No Outlet” or “Dead End” sign at Lancaster Road at the base of the hill near Highway 31 – Linda Tilley/Jennifer Andress/Peter Wright.

Action Taken: The Public Safety committee met and voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Mr. Thames and seconded by Mrs. Andress.

Mr. McClusky moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda as amended. Mrs. Andress seconded the motion.

Mr. 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

The first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 04.01.17 – Request for consideration to add lighting to traffic roundabouts by All Saints Church – Jason Kellen/Barry Smith (Approved by Public Safety Committee on 2/6/17 and referred to Finance Committee at 2/13/17 Council Meeting).

Mr. Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted 4-0 to approve a yearly expenditure of \$147 from the 7 cents gas tax fund item 04-22-550220 (Electricity – Street Lights).

Mr. 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. 17-31

(A Resolution to add lighting to traffic roundabouts by All Saints Church)

Mr. Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-31.

Mr. 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. 24.01.17 – Request to accept ALDOT Project Number: NH-0149(501) Planning, Resurfacing, Safety Widening, Loop Detectors, Guardrail End Anchors and Permanent Traffic Stripe on SR-149 from 1021.57' South of SR-38 (US-280) to Columbiana Road and to authorize the Mayor to sign contract – Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department (Carried over 2/13/17).

Mr. Greg Cobb stated that the wording in the contract required the city to keep up the intersecting roads to the edge of the right-of-ways on SR-149 but one of the connecting roads was Old Montgomery Highway which did not belong to the city. Mr.

Cobb further stated that he spoke to Sandra Bonner with the DOT and she was going to change the wording on the last page regarding upkeep on connecting roads and once he received that back from her, he would send it to Mr. Kendrick for review.

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

Resolution No. 17-32

(A Resolution to accept ALDOT Project Number: NH-0149(501) Planning, Resurfacing, Safety Widening, Loop Detectors, Guardrail End Anchors and Permanent Traffic Stripe on SR-149 from 1021.57' South of SR-38 (US-280) to Columbiana Road and to authorize the Mayor to sign contract pending Mr. Kendrick's approval of changes)

Mr. Thames then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-32 contingent upon Mr. Kendrick's review of changes. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 01.02.17 – Public Hearing set for February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 230 Green Springs Highway – Park Grimmer/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Special Issues Committee met February 21, 2017 and voted 5-0 to send to the Council without recommendation pending public hearing after hearing from Greg Cobb, Park Grimmer and Rosalyn Holderfield.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Wright asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, this Item.

Mr. Cobb stated that this was for an additional attached sign and was oversized.

Mr. Park Grimmer of Grimmer Realty addressed the Council and stated that this was the former Kmart and Kmart had signs on the front and on the rear of the building so they were asking to do the same thing.

Mr. Wright 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 Council.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Item.

Mr. Higginbotham asked if the variance was for the number of signs or the size, and how many signs and how far over the size limit it would be.

Mr. Cobb replied that the ordinance allowed one attached sign at 50 square feet.

Ms. Rosalyn Holderfield addressed the Council and stated that they were asking for four signs on the front façade, one sign on the side, and one sign on the rear façade and the size would be 574 inches on the front and a total of 1,050.4 not including a free standing sign and would just need a face swap-out.

Mr. Higginbotham welcomed the business to Homewood and asked for further clarification on the number of signs on the front of the building and why the need for signs stating tile, wood, and stone.

Ms. Holderfield replied that the signs provided further explanation as to products and added emphasis on products sold at the Floor and Décor business.

Mr. Grimmer stated that Kmart had a big sign at the front of the building and a pharmacy sign on one end of the building and a garden sign on the other end of the building and had product signage in the middle so this company would have less signs than Kmart.

Mr. Wyatt asked how big the new wall would be.

Ms. Holderfield replied that the height was 38 feet to match with the front façade walk.

Mr. Wright stated that it was one thing to get some signage on the side but it was another thing to construct a new wall and was unprecedented with regard to sign variances. Mr. Wright asked how imperative it was to construct the addition for the sign.

Mr. Grimmer replied that people traveling on I-65 South could barely see the back of the building so they wanted to raise it up for more visibility.

Mr. Thames stated that he was concerned about the appearance of the rear of the parapets from Green Springs if it were 38 feet tall.

Mr. Grimmer stated that it would be finished off like Fred's and Dollar Tree.

Mr. Thames asked if he knew how the parapet would be finished.

Mr. Grimmer replied that it would be a steel structure and the back would be some sort of pretreated metal.

Mr. McClusky asked if there would be parapet walls on all the other stores.

Mr. Grimmer replied that they just had them on the front of the buildings.

Mr. Gwaltney asked what the current height was from the ground to the parapet.

Ms. Holderfield replied 17 feet in the rear.

Mr. Gwaltney stated that they were proposing to go 38 feet high.

Mr. Grimmer stated that he was correct.

Mr. Wright stated that the problem with the back wall was that there were other businesses adjacent to them who would also probably want to do the same thing and that would not look very attractive. Mr. Wright further stated that he had no problem with the front of the building which he thought looked very nice and he did not have a problem with the signage in the back but he just had a problem with the parapet because it was setting a dangerous precedent.

Mr. Grimmer stated that Office Depot was way up on the hill probably 100 feet high and Dollar Tree's is 25 to 30 feet higher than this one they are requesting.

Mr. Wright stated that they may need to look at it more and shrink the wall so there would be consistency along I-65 so he would prefer the signage to be on the back so he would like to look at it longer.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that he agreed with Mr. Wright because he also had concerns about the wall.

Mr. Wright stated that they could vote on all signs except the parapet sign and could carry over the parapet signage.

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

Resolution No. 17-33

(A Resolution for a variance to the sign ordinance at 230 Green Springs Highway for front and side signage)

Mr. Wolverton moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-33. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion.

Mr. 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 on an 8-0-1 vote. Mr. Higginbotham abstained.

Mr. Cobb stated that there was also a request to put up a “Coming Soon” banner and then later a “Grand Opening” banner so they were asking for a time extension for the time that the banners were up and were asking for a larger sized banner.

Mr. Wright asked what the time frame would be for the banners.

Ms. Holderfield replied that it would be from whenever they got approval to August 10, 2017 for the “Coming Soon” banner and then a 30 day “Grand Opening” banner, so the total time frame would be from now until September 10, 2017.

Mr. Wolverton asked for clarification on the variance for the time frame.

Mr. Cobb stated that the Ordinance allowed for 2 banners per calendar year for 30 days separated by 30 days.

Mr. Wright stated that there would actually be three variances, one for size, one for length of the time period, and the time within the two signs.

Ms. Andres stated that she would not be in favor of approving that long of a time frame.

Mr. McClusky stated that he did not mind having it up there because he thought the business would be a great addition but he wanted to ask if they planned on having inflatables out front.

Mr. Grimmer replied that they had no plans to do that.

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

Resolution No. 17-34

(A Resolution for a variance to the sign ordinance at 230 Green Springs Highway for two banners)

Mr. McClusky moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-34. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. 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 passed on a 7-2 vote. Mr. Higginbotham and Ms. Andress voted no.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 02.02.17 – Public Hearing set for February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 1920 29th Avenue South – John Bodner/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Special Issues Committee met February 21, 2017 and voted 5-0 to send to the Council without recommendation pending public hearing after hearing from Greg Cobb and John Bodner.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Wright asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, this Item.

Mr. Cobb stated that the variance was for an area variance for a blade attached sign to the front.

Mr. Mike Windham of Commander Board Signs addressed the Council and stated that they were asking for a blade sign of 30 square feet as opposed to the 15 foot sign that was allowed. Mr. Windham further stated that they would be allowed a 50 foot sign if they put it flat against the wall but with the way the road turned in front of Region's Bank, they felt that the sign would be hidden and that it needed to be a projecting sign and 15 feet would be too small with all the other signs on the street. Mr. Windham added that the Red Lion sign was coming down and the Steep and Deep 60 foot projecting sign was coming down so they would be cutting the size of that sign in half.

Mr. Cobb stated that the second variance was where the Red Lion sign was on the back of the building for an additional attached sign.

Mr. Wolverton asked if signage from Steep and Deep was going away.

Mr. Windham replied that those signs were all going away.

Mr. Windham addressed the Council and stated that the blade on the front would have guy wires.

Mr. Cobb stated that the biggest concern was how the sign was attached to the building.

Mr. Wright 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 Council.

Mr. Jared Lewis at 1917 29th Avenue South addressed the Council and stated that he thought the signs looked good and hoped they would be open soon.

Mr. Brent Marshall at 1926 29th Avenue South, representing Big Bad Breakfast, addressed the Council and stated that the hardship was based on the assumption when the structure was bought and had taken a lot of structural work to shore it up so they could put a new tenet in the building but the assumption was that it would be grandfathered in because of the signage that was already there.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing closed.

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

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

Resolution No. 17-35

(A Resolution for a sign ordinance at 1920 29th Avenue South)

Mr. McClusky moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-35. Mrs. Address seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 03.02.17 – Public Hearing set for February 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the fence ordinance at 123 Edgewood Blvd. – Shay Vail/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Special Issues Committee met February 21, 2017 and voted 5-0 to send to the Council without recommendation pending public hearing after hearing from Greg Cobb and Shay Vail.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Wright asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, this Item.

Mr. Cobb stated that the variance was for a fence along a public street that was set back 15 feet from the property line and Ms. Vail would like to follow her property line which was behind the sidewalk and would make a 45 degree cut across the back when

they got to the alley so a car coming in the alley could see pedestrians on the sidewalk so there were no sight issues after making that cut like the on Grove Place. He said he didn't have a drawing or rendering to hand out but Ms. Vail had on she showed the committee on her iPad. Mr. Kendrick said she will need to make one and print out and give to City Clerk for the record.

Ms. Shay Vail addressed the Council and stated that the purpose of moving it up near the sidewalk was that her lot fell steeply from the sidewalk so if she came in 15 feet people could look right over the top of the fence and the lot line would still be over three feet from the sidewalk and about ten feet off of the street.

Mr. Cobb stated that there was a grass strip between the sidewalk and the curb line and the sidewalk was five feet wide so her property line was about ten feet from the street.

Mr. Wright 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 Council.

Mr. Wright declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Wright stated that he did recall this one from committee and he felt comfortable with the proposal because it would help the backyard with the way the lot was laid out.

Mr. Cobb stated that it was very steep in two directions, from the alley and from the street.

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

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

Resolution No. 17-36

(A Resolution for a sign ordinance at 123 Edgewood Blvd)

Mr. McClusky moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-36. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 07.02.17 – Request for consideration to work in the city right-of-way at 100 Green Springs Highway – Buck Malone/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Special Issues Committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted 4-0 to approve pending indemnification agreement after hearing from Mr. Malone and Berkley Squires.

Mr. Cobb stated that they were doing landscaping there and, since Mr. Squires was in charge of landscape, they ran everything through him, and he was okay with the proposal and they would maintain it after they put it in.

Mr. Wright 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. 17-37

(A Resolution to allow work in the right-of-way at 100 Green Springs Highway pending indemnification agreement)

Mr. Wyatt moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-37. Mr. Higginbotham seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 11.02.17 – Request for consideration of declaring the following surplus property: 1999 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 VIN: 3GNEK18R3XG124009; 2008 F-250 SD Ext. Cab Pickup VIN: 1FTSX20R28EB42959; 2000 Ford F150 Ext. Cab 2x4 VIN: 1FTRX17W81NA63631 – Gordon Jaynes/Fleet Maintenance Superintendent.

Mr. Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted 4-0 to declare the above property surplus.

Mr. 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 first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance declaring the following surplus property: 1999 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 VIN: 3GNEK18R3XG124009; 2008 F-250 SD Ext. Cab Pickup VIN: 1FTSX20R28EB42959; 2000 Ford F150 Ext. Cab 2x4 VIN: 1FTRX17W81NA63631)

Mr. McClusky moved for unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Mr. 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: Mr. Gwaltney, Mr. Thames, Mr. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Address, and Mr. Wright.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2651

(An Ordinance declaring the following surplus property: 1999 Chevy Tahoe 4x4 VIN: 3GNEK18R3XG124009; 2008 F-250 SD Ext. Cab Pickup VIN: 1FTSX20R28EB42959; 2000 Ford F150 Ext. Cab 2x4 VIN: 1FTRX17W81NA63631)

Mrs. Address moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2651. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. 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: Mr. Gwaltney, Mr. Thames, Mr. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Address, and Mr. Wright.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 18.02.17 – Request to fund Servis First landscaping as per prior agreement – President Limbaugh.

Mr. Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted 4-0 to fund an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from Capital Projects Fund Small Infrastructure line item 12-12-522500 for this expenditure.

Mr. 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. 17-38

(A Resolution to fund Servis First landscaping as per prior agreement)

Mr. Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-38.

Mr. 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. 19.02.17 – Request to fund and authorize the Mayor to sign Phase 4 mitigation study related to the West Homewood Odor Issues – Walter Jones.

Mr. Jones stated that the Finance Committee met on February 21, 2017 and voted 4-0 in the amount of \$36,200.00 contingent on receiving industry standards to use in City ordinances from the consultant as well as amending the General Fund Budget line item 01-11-520400 Contractual Services for this expenditure from carryover fund balance.

Mr. 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. 17-39

(A Resolution to fund and authorize the Mayor to sign Phase 4 mitigation study related to the West Homewood Odor Issues)

Mr. Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-39.

Mr. 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 on an 8-0-1 vote. Mr. Wolverton abstained.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 09.02.17 – Request for consideration to add a crosswalk at Malaga and Hollywood – Jennifer Address.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend adding a crosswalk at Malaga and Hollywood.

Mr. Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Public Safety's 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:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to add a crosswalk at Malaga and Hollywood)

Mr. McClusky moved for unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Mr. Higginbotham seconded the motion.

Mr. 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: Mr. Gwaltney, Mr. Thames, Mr. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Address, and Mr. Wright.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2652

(An Ordinance to add a crosswalk at Malaga and Hollywood)

Mr. McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2652. Mrs. Address seconded the motion.

Mr. 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: Mr. Gwaltney, Mr. Thames, Mr. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Mr. Jones, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Address, and Mr. Wright.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered under Old Business was Item No. 26.01.17 – Request for consideration of City Wide traffic study – Britt Thames.

Mr. Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met tonight, prior to the meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend a comprehensive city wide traffic master plan study to be budgeted from the budgeted line item.

Mr. Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Planning and Development Committee's recommendation. There was no response from the Council.

Mr. Thames then moved to approve the traffic master plan study.

Mr. 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 on a 9-0 vote. Mr. Kendrick said this is just a motion to approve contract with the Birmingham Regional Planning Commission and the Council will later have to approve any resolutions for this.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 20.02.17** Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 915 Valley Ridge Drive – Bobby George/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – **Special Issues Committee**
- 21.02.17** Request for consideration to add a street light at 924 South Forest Drive – Randy Hambley/Traffic Maintenance Division/Police Department – **Public Safety Committee/Finance Committee**
- 22.02.17** Request for consideration to add a street light at Frisco Street – Britt Thames – **Public Safety Committee/Finance Committee**
- 23.02.17** Request for consideration to purchase ad in support of The 2017 Homewood Magazine – Barry Smith – **Finance Committee**
- 24.02.17** Request to amend FY 16-17 Budgets – Melody Salter/Finance Director/Mayor McBrayer – **Finance Committee**
- 28.02.17** Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue – Justin Drummond/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – **Special Issues Committee**
- 29.02.17** Request for consideration to add various crosswalks and street lights in the Rosedale Community – Britt Thames/Andy Gwaltney – **Public Safety Committee**

Mr. McClusky moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda as amended. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 20.02.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 915 Valley Ridge Drive – Bobby George/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. Wright stated that the Public Hearing would be set on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 25.02.17 – Request for consideration of a three (3) year audit contract with RiverTree Systems, Inc. – Jim Thomas/RiverTree Systems, Inc./City Clerk.

Mr. Jones stated that Rivertree had done a great job for the city and had gotten in a lot of revenue based on their audits but the contract was up so they were asking for another three year contract with the same rates.

Mr. Wright stated that the city was collecting a lot more money than they were paying Rivertree for the service so it was a really good deal.

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

Resolution No. 17-40

(A Resolution for a three (3) year audit contract with RiverTree Systems, Inc.)

Mr. Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-40. Mr. McClusky seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 26.02.17 – Request to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Strada Professional Services to evaluate wetlands behind Mason Corporation – Mayor McBrayer.

Mr. Wright stated that this Item would be carried over pending Mr. Kendrick's review.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 27.02.17 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of February 13, 2017 through February 26, 2017 – City Treasurer/Finance Committee.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that he recommended payment of invoices with the addition of an invoice from Ameritek.

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

Resolution No. 17-41

(A Resolution approving vouchers for period of February 13, 2017 through February 26, 2017)

Mr. Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-41. Mr. Thames seconded the motion.

Mr. 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. 28.02.17 - Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue – Justin Drummond/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. Wright stated that the Public Hearing would be set on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item considered under Other New Business was Item No. 30.02.17 – Request to consider changing Council Meeting dates in March 2017.

Mr. Jones stated that he and Ms. Salter would be out of town for a conference on March 13, 2017 and asked if they could have the meeting on March 6, 2017.

Mr. Wright stated that committee meetings would also need to be held on the week of March 6, 2017.

Mr. Bischoff stated that there were two Public Hearings set for March 13, 2017.

After a show of hands, everyone but Mr. Jones, Mr. Thames, and Ms. Salter would be able to attend the March 13, 2017 Council Meeting.

Mr. Higginbotham moved to set the Council Meetings for March 13, 2017 and March 20, 2017. Mrs. Andress seconded the motion.

Mr. 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.

Mr. Gwaltney stated that on March 6, 2017 there would be a Ward 1 Meeting at the Rec Center in the Event Room at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Thames stated that on March 7, 2017 the Council would play basketball against the Exceptional Foundation.

Mr. Wolverton stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Randy Hambley and the crew that came out to install some crosswalks at the corner of Oak Grove and Oxmoor Road and he knew that when summer hit those would be used a lot for the Farmer's Market. Mr. Wolverton further stated that the Wine 10K would be held on March 11, 2017. Mr. Wolverton added that he would like the Council to tour the Bell Center and find out how they planned to renovate the space. Mr. Wolverton added that there was a Fire in West Homewood last night and he wanted to thank the Fire Department for their response.

Mr. McClusky stated that he wanted to thank the Police Department for how they helped with the Exceptional Foundation and what an excellent job they did outside of their everyday job of keeping everyone safe. Mr. McClusky further stated that they were trying to have quarterly meetings between himself and Chief Ross to report back to the Public Safety Committee but Chief Ross sent an email out today regarding some traffic complaints he had received from individual Wards and some things that they had done over the past couple of weeks such as making 45 traffic stops and 28 citations based on those complaints including 16 stops on Mecca in a week and had written 14 citations. Mr. McClusky added that the Public Safety Committee would meet on March 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and the Special Issues Committee would meet on March 6, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on March 6, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Jones further stated that Taste of Homewood would be held on March 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wyatt stated that the Girls' High School Basketball Team made it to their third consecutive final four and would be playing on Wednesday at noon at the Civic Center. Mr. Wyatt further stated that the Athletic Foundation would be holding Cornapalooza on March 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Red Hills Brewery and if anyone was looking to form a team they could contact Mr. John Wallace.

Mrs. Andress stated that she also wanted to thank the Police Department for their help with traffic calming measures. Mrs. Andress further stated that the Homewood Arts Council would be holding an opening reception at Homewood City Hall on March 2, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. for the Youth Art Month Show.

Mr. Wright stated that the Public Works Committee would meet on March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wright further stated that the Chili Cook-off for the Exceptional Foundation would be held on March 4, 2017 and the basketball game would be held on March 7, 2017. Mr. Wright added that he wanted to thank Mr. Brian Wallace for his visualizations at the council meetings. Mr. Wright further added that concerning the school and parks project there would be a meeting on March 2, 2017 to consider the finalist for Project Manager.

Mr. Wright stated that Homewood had been recognize by Niche as the best school system in the State of Alabama and as the number 1 suburb in Alabama.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned.