

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

March 13, 2017

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, March 13, 2017 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Smith moved to appoint Mr. Alex Wyatt to preside over the Council Meeting in the absence of the President and President Pro-Tempore. Ms. Andress seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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 invocation was then given by Father Balta Pentareddy of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, after which the pledge of allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wyatt.

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

Mr. Wyatt stated that, without objection, the reading of the Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Council Meeting would be carried over. There were no objections.

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

Mr. Gwaltney moved to open the application period for the Homewood Historical Preservation Commission Ward 1 position from March 13, 2017 to March 27, 2017. Mr. McClusky seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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 moved to open the application period for the Board of Education Ward 1 position from April 1, 2017 to April 10, 2017. Mr. McClusky seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. McClusky moved to open the application period for the Board of Education Ward 3 position from April 1, 2017 to April 10, 2017. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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 nominated Mr. Jake Collins and Mrs. Ann Wheeler to the Historic Preservation Commission At-Large positions. Mr. McClusky seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. Higginbotham moved to appoint Mr. Charlie Graham to the Historic Preservation Commission Ward 2 position. Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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.

Ms. Smith moved to open the application period for the Homewood Environmental Commission Ward 4 position from March 13, 2017 to March 27, 2017. Ms. Andress seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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, Mr. Wyatt amended the published Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 04.03.17 – Request for consideration to

work in the city right-of-way for a parking pad at 1618 Ridge Road – Karen Sullivan/Barry Smith – Special Issues Committee; Item No. 05.03.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a driveway ordinance at 602 Windsor Drive – Maria Wiggins/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning – Special Issues Committee; Item No. 06.03.17 – Request for consideration to authorize the Mayor to renew insurance consulting services contract for FY 17-18 – Melody Salter/Finance Director/Walter Jones – Finance Committee; Item No. 08.03.17 – Request for consideration of traffic improvements at Linwood Traffic Circle – Alex Wyatt/Barry Smith – Public Works Committee.

Mr. Wyatt further amended the published Agenda to add the following items to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 03.03.17 – Request to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Operation School Bell for their funding request in FY 16-17 budget – Melody Salter, Finance Director/City Clerk; Item No. 05.03.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a driveway ordinance at 602 Windsor Drive – Maria Wiggins/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning; Item No. 07.03.17 – Request for consideration of a Resolution to oppose and object to Senate Bill 31 as proposed by Senator Beasley which would preempt the sales of prescription drugs in the calculation of municipal business licenses – Walter Jones.

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

Mr. Wyatt 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

13.01.13 Request for consideration to obtain the services of a technical utilization consultant to review and recommend software and hardware needs for City Hall – **Walter Jones (Tabled 06/16/14)**

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met and voted 5-0 to take off the table. The motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thames. The Committee then voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Mr. Thames and seconded by Mr. Wright.

04.08.15 Request for consideration of the Charter Cable Franchise Agreement –
City Attorney (Tabled 08/31/15)

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met and voted 5-0 to take off the table. The motion was made by Mr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Smith. The Committee then voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Higginbotham.

02.08.16 Request for consideration of a franchise agreement with Mobilitie, LLC for permission to install a utility pole in the City Right-of-Way – **Rick Frier/Melody Salter/City Clerk/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department (Tabled 9/19/16)**

Action Taken: The Finance Committee met and voted 5-0 to take off the table. The motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thames. The Committee then voted 5-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Mr. Thames and seconded by Mr. Wright.

08.02.17 Request for consideration to add a sidewalk on Hampton Drive between Windsor and Devon – **Jennifer Address (Carried Over 2/27/17)**

Action Taken: The Public Works Committee met and voted 4-0 to recommend dropping this item. The motion was made by Mr. McClusky and seconded by Mr. Wyatt.

Mr. McClusky moved for the approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 17.09.16 – Request for consideration of Transition Plan for ADA – Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department (Carried Over 2/27/17).

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and stated that Sain Associates were selected for this project and the contract had been reviewed by Mr. Kendrick.

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

Resolution No. 17-42

(A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Sain Associates for Transition Plan for ADA)

Mr. McClusky moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-42. Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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 – Request for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 230 Green Springs Highway (for parapet signage) – Park Grimmer/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department (Carried over from the 2/27 Council Meeting).

Mr. Park Grimmer, owner of Green Springs Shopping Center addressed the Council, presented modified plans, and stated that the plans showed two additional options they came up with and showed the view from I-65 South between Valley Avenue and Green Springs Shopping Center and then a view across I-65 of the rear of Green Springs Shopping Center. Mr. Grimmer further stated that the options showed the difference in elevations that they referred to in the last meeting.

Ms. Rosalyn Holderfield addressed the Council and stated that they took all the comments from the Council members at the last meeting and drastically reduced the proposed parapet wall. Ms. Holderfield further stated that they were bringing the wall up seven feet and they had a display that showed that on the rear façade that faced I-65 and they also had some photographs that showed viewing points from I-65 for the proposed signs. Ms. Holderfield added that they also reduced the sign square footage so it was now around 118 square feet.

Ms. Smith asked how tall the initial proposed sign was.

Ms. Holderfield replied that the overall height of the parapet was going to be 38 feet and they were reducing it to seven feet. Ms. Holderfield stated that from the ground to the top was 38 feet and then there was a 16 foot increase from the building wall on the original proposal but now they were just asking for a 7 foot increase.

Ms. Andress asked if the variance was for the second sign.

Mr. Cobb replied that it was for an additional sign.

Ms. Holderfield replied that the variance request was for the sign on the rear, the square footage, and the issue of having it on the parapet.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that he wanted to commend them for bringing to the Council a more aesthetically pleasing sign but he was still struggling with what the hardship was with them not having a sign on the back of the store.

Ms. Holderfield replied that they were still requesting to have the sign on the rear and they were asking if they could have the sign a little bit higher on that rear façade so they could obtain better visibility for I-65 motorists and they had a depiction that showed what the sign would look like on that parapet for those traveling southbound on I-65.

Ms. Smith asked why it was necessary.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that if they were granting a variance there was supposed to be a hardship and this building had a lot of signage on it with a lot of signs across the front, had a bigger sign in the middle than they normally allowed, and he did see the hardship there because they were so far back from the road but he was struggling with why the need for signage that faced I-65 represented a hardship.

Ms. Holderfield replied that Floors and Décor was a regional draw so when people from outside the city came in toward this location, they did not know where Green Springs Highway was and they could not see the front the building from I-65 so having the sign on the rear would help them know where the location was and to be able to easily assess where the on and off ramps were to the store from Green Springs Highway.

Mr. Grimmer presented a photograph and stated that it was taken Saturday morning behind the shopping center and it showed the center median divider for the north and south bound lanes which was not there when K-Mart was there so it was not an issue then, but now the visibility of the building had been taken away plus there was a billboard that took away the visibility of the middle of the building and they also added the parapet to the new entrance on the front side which was on the far left hand side and moving it all the way to the far southwest corner would give Floor and Décor the maximum visibility because they wanted them to do well so it would bring tax dollars to the city of Homewood. Mr. Grimmer further stated that Floor and Décor was a national tenet and they were lucky to have them in Homewood and they had been working on construction for about 45 days so they wanted to have them open this summer but the signage was a very important part of any business and signage, like with fast food chains, was a part of a store's ID. Mr. Grimmer added that the K-Mart sign photograph was taken from the northbound side and it could be seen fine from there but they were also trying to draw south bound traffic. Mr. Grimmer further added that he did not see a problem with it

because they did reduce the overall square footage of the sign and K-Mart did have a sign that was as large as what they were proposing now but they were just raising the parapet up so they would have better visibility from I-65 south bound traffic.

Mr. Higginbotham stated that he wanted to be clear that he was happy that Floor and Décor was coming into the community and he hoped they were successful and he had people asking him daily what was going in that space since the work started and he was enthusiastic about telling everyone about what a great addition to the community they would be but he kept hearing references to K-Mart but he did not know if the old K-Mart signs predated their sign ordinance or if the previous council granted them variances for those signs but from his perspective, they had a sign ordinance in place and it was his obligation as a council member to understand if there was a hardship and to uphold the ordinances that were in place.

Mr. Grimmer stated that when K-Mart came to Homewood he did have to request variances for the signs including those on the rear as well as garden center and pharmacy signs so whatever sign ordinance existed in 1991 required him to get a variance then.

Mr. Cobb stated that it was the same ordinance they used today.

Mr. Grimmer stated that one depiction showed the raised parapet and the other showed it without the raised parapet and they could see the difference in visibility of the sign.

Ms. Smith stated that after reviewing the pictures, she did not have a problem with the parapet and she saw the issue they were talking about when coming south with the median in the road.

At this time, Ms. Smith moved to approve option three of the signage. The motion failed for lack of a second.

At this time, Mr. McClusky recommended approval of option four of the signage which would be the plan without the raised parapet but would allow the secondary sign and increased square footage.

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

Resolution No. 17-43

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

Mr. McClusky then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-43. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion.

Mr. Higginbotham asked exactly what variances this motion would be granting.

Mr. Cobb replied that it would be for additional square footage and for an additional attached sign.

Mr. Wolverton asked if it was measured the same as it was before or if it was using Mr. Cobb's measurements.

Mr. Cobb replied that they were now using his measurements which looked at the overall sign.

On a voice vote, the motion carried on a 6-1 vote. Mr. Higginbotham voted no.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 20.02.17 – Public Hearing set for March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 915 Valley Ridge Drive – Bobby George/Greg Cobb/ Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Ms. Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 4-0 to send out to full Council without recommendation pending the public hearing. Ms. Smith further stated that this was for an apartment complex that was located across the street from the Middle School on Valley Avenue that changed names to Valora so they were redoing the signs.

Mr. Wyatt stated that these were relatively the same size as the previous set of signs.

Ms. Smith stated that was correct but the one with the base and landscaping was a little different.

Mr. Wyatt declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Bobby George presented renderings, addressed the Council and stated that the sign would be made of natural stone and the one before was made of high density foam.

Mr. Wyatt 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.

Mr. Wyatt declared the Public Hearing closed.

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

Mr. Gwaltney asked if this was going back in the same spot as the one on the right hand side.

Mr. George replied yes, but they were going to change the brick but they would be essentially in the same place so there would not be a lot of change but they were trying to signify that this was a new property owner that was coming in and renovating the whole property and they were trying to dress it up.

Ms. Smith asked if all the signs were in the city of Homewood since some of the property was in the city of Birmingham.

Mr. George replied yes because the easement was in the city of Homewood.

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

Resolution No. 17-44

(A Resolution for a variance to the sign ordinance at 915 Valley Ridge Drive)

Ms. Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-44. Ms. Andress seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 21.02.17 – Request for consideration to add a street light at 924 South Forest Drive – Randy Hambley/Traffic Maintenance Division/Police Department.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Ms. Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 5-0 to recommend adding this street light at an annual cost of \$147.00 to be funded from 7 cent gas tax fund line item (04-22-550220 Electricity-Street Lights).

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

Resolution No. 17-45

(A Resolution for a street light at 924 South Forest Drive)

Ms. Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-45.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 22.02.17 – Request for consideration to add a street light at Frisco Street – Britt Thames.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Ms. Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 5-0 to recommend adding this street light at an annual cost of \$147.00 to be funded from 7 cent gas tax fund line item (04-22-550220 Electricity-Street Lights).

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

Resolution No. 17-46

(A Resolution for a street light at Frisco Street)

Ms. Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-46.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 23.02.17 – Request for consideration to purchase ad in support of The 2017 Homewood Magazine – Barry Smith.

Ms. Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 5-0 to recommend the same funding as last year of \$1,875.00 to be paid out of Advertising line item 01-11-570500.

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

Resolution No. 17-47

(A Resolution to purchase ad in support of The 2017 Homewood Magazine)

Ms. Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-47.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 24.02.17 – Request to amend FY 16-17 Budgets – Melody Salter/Finance Director/Mayor McBrayer.

Ms. Smith stated that the Finance Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 5-0 to recommend the budget amendments presented by Ms. Salter.

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

Resolution No. 17-48

(A Resolution to amend the FY 16-17 Budgets)

Ms. Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-48.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 26.02.17 – Request to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Strada Professional Services to evaluate wetlands behind Mason Corporation – Mayor McBrayer (Carried over from the 2/27 Council Meeting).

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

Resolution No. 17-49

(A Resolution to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Strada Professional Services to evaluate wetlands behind Mason Corporation)

Ms. Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-49. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the motion.

Mr. Higginbotham asked how they chose Strada for the project.

Mr. Bischoff replied that this was based on several recommendations that said they had experience in that type of environmental issue.

Mr. Higginbotham asked who recommended them.

Mr. Bischoff replied that a couple of other municipalities recommended them and Mr. Randy Wilhelm explained that they might be able to swap those wetlands by merging them with phase 2 of the Greenway instead of paying a fee to the EPA.

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 28.02.17 – Public Hearing set for March 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue – Justin Drummond/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Ms. Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 4-0 to send out to full Council without recommendation pending the public hearing.

Mr. Wyatt declared the Public Hearing opened.

Mr. Greg Cobb addressed the Council and stated the variance was for a secondary sign that would match the one on the front of their building. Mr. Cobb further stated that it was for a very small sign that was only about six square feet and was interior to their parking lot so it could not be seen from the street but if someone parked behind the building it would go over their door that opened up into the business from the parking lot.

Mr. Wyatt asked to confirm that this was just a variance for a secondary sign.

Mr. Cobb replied yes, that it was for one additional attached sign with no size variance and the two signs together did not meet the maximum square footage.

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

Ms. Andress asked if it was facing anything.

Mr. Cobb replied that it faced the parking lot and would not be seen from the street and was the same size that was already on the building but when someone was behind the building they would not accidentally go into one of the other businesses since the other businesses had back doors as well.

Mr. Jeremy Love addressed the Council and asked where the location was.

Mr. Cobb replied that it was located around the curve on Central Avenue in the building that was under construction straight across from Little Donkey.

Mr. Love asked what they wanted to do with the sign.

Mr. Cobb showed a depiction of the proposed sign.

Mr. Wyatt 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. Wyatt declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 17-50

(A Resolution for a variance to the sign ordinance at 2822 Central Avenue)

Mr. McClusky moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-50. Mr. Wolverton seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 29.02.17 – Request for consideration to add various crosswalks and street lights in the Rosedale Community – Britt Thames/Andy Gwaltney.

Mr. McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met on March 6, 2017 and voted 4-0 to recommend approval of crosswalks but to also carry this item over in committee for the lighting.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to add crosswalks in the Rosedale Community at the intersections of 26th Ave S and 18th Street; and 27th Ave. S and 18th Street)

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

Mr. Wyatt 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. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Ms. Smith, Mr. Wyatt, and Ms. Address.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2653

(An Ordinance to add crosswalks in the Rosedale Community at the intersections of 26th Ave S and 18th Street; and 27th Ave. S and 18th Street)

Mr. McClusky moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2653. Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. Higginbotham, Mr. Wolverton, Mr. McClusky, Ms. Smith, Mr. Wyatt, and Ms. Address.

The motion carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 01.03.17 Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee** for consideration for a variance to the fence ordinance at 1715 Mayfair Drive – Angela Thornton/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – **Special Issues Committee**
- 04.03.17 Request for consideration to work in the city right-of-way for a parking pad at 1618 Ridge Road – Karen Sullivan/Barry Smith – **Special Issues Committee****
- 05.03.17 Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee** for consideration of a driveway ordinance at 602 Windsor Drive – Maria Wiggins/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning – **Special Issues Committee**
- 06.03.17 Request for consideration to authorize the Mayor to renew insurance consulting services contract for FY 17-18 – Melody Salter/Finance Director/Walter Jones – **Finance Committee****

08.03.17 Request for consideration of traffic improvements at Linwood Traffic Circle – Alex Wyatt/Barry Smith – **Public Works Committee**

Mr. Higginbotham moved to approve the Committee Referral Agenda as amended. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 01.03.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration for a variance to the fence ordinance at 1715 Mayfair Drive – Angela Thornton/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 02.03.17 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of February 27, 2017 through March 12, 2017 – City Treasurer/Finance Director.

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

Resolution No. 17-51

(A Resolution approving vouchers for period of February 27, 2017 through March 12, 2017)

Mr. Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-51. Mr. McClusky seconded the motion.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 03.03.17 – Request to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Operation School Bell for their funding request in FY 16-17 budget – Melody Salter, Finance Director/City Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 17-52

(A Resolution to authorize Mayor to sign contract with Operation School Bell for their funding request in FY 16-17 budget)

Ms. Smith moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-52. Mr. Gwaltney seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. 05.03.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a driveway ordinance at 602 Windsor Drive – Maria Wiggins/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Mr. Wyatt stated that the Public Hearing would be set for April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 07.03.17 – Request for consideration of a Resolution to oppose and object to Senate Bill 31 as proposed by Senator Beasley which would preempt the sales of prescription drugs in the calculation of municipal business licenses – Walter Jones.

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

Resolution No. 17-53

(A Resolution to oppose and object to Senate Bill 31 as proposed by Senator Beasley which would preempt the sales of prescription drugs in the calculation of municipal business licenses)

Mr. Higginbotham moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-53. Mr. Wolverton seconded the motion.

Mr. Wyatt 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. Wolverton thanked everyone who participated in the Wine 10K.

Mr. McClusky stated that he would not need to set a meeting for the Public Safety Committee. Mr. McClusky further stated that the Exceptional Foundation Basketball was a successful event and he commended the Exceptional Foundation for all their work.

Ms. Smith stated that the Finance Committee Meeting would be held on May 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and the Special Issues Committee Meeting would be held on May 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Andress stated that she wanted to thank the Arts Council for the Youth Arts Month Display in City Hall. Ms. Andress further stated that she wanted to congratulate the Homewood High School Track Teams for their success in the New Balance National Indoors Track Meet.

Mr. Wyatt stated that he wanted to thank the Homewood Chamber of Commerce for the Taste of Homewood event and congratulated the Girls Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. Mr. Wyatt further stated that the Homewood Athletic Foundation would host Cornapalooza on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Red Hills Brewery. Mr. Wyatt added that the next Task Force Meeting would be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Education. Mr. Wyatt further added that the Public Works Committee Meeting would be held on May 20, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.

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