

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

September 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Homewood, Alabama convened in Regular Session on Monday, September 25, 2017 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

President Pro Tempore, Peter Wright asked Mayor McBrayer to address the Council to present a proclamation.

Mayor McBrayer asked Ms. Halyann Badham to address the Council.

Ms. Badham addressed the Council and stated that the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution promoted history of the country, patriotism, love of country, and veterans. Ms. Badham further stated that in 1955 the Daughters of the American Revolution approached President Eisenhower and asked if they could recognize a week to honor the Constitution which was now 230 years old. Ms. Badham added that every year they asked for proclamations and she talked to kids about the Constitution and Congressman Gary Palmer had a program to send representatives to schools to talk to kids about the Constitution as well so she wanted to remind everyone that the Constitution was drafted on September 17, 1787 and they wanted to proclaim the week of September 17-23 Constitution Week.

Mayor McBrayer then presented a proclamation to Ms. Badham for Constitution Week.

President Pro Tempore, Peter Wright then asked Ms. Meredith Drennon of the Homewood Chamber of Commerce to address the Council.

Ms. Drennen addressed the Council, introduced Ms. Mandy Schwinn from Spire and Mr. Steve Preston with Brookwood Medical Center and Tenet Health and stated that they wanted to share their intentions to partner with the city for the potential to engage with Daniel Communities on Economic Development Services for the City of Homewood. Ms. Drennen further stated that this came to them through their strategic planning process and lined up with their mission and vision for the City of Homewood but also came from the strategic process which advocated for planning and their work with the city as an effective liaison for businesses for supporting endeavors and economic development so they were really excited to let the Council know about their intention to partner for \$35,000.00 a year for a period of two years. Ms. Drennen added that she had a really great conversation with the Mayor when they talked and envisioned their role in

this and Councilor Alex Wyatt had been helpful in talking them through what potentially that partnership could look like so they were really excited about it. Ms. Drennen further added that a cross section of businesses were almost unanimously supportive of this and were excited about what this meant for Homewood.

The invocation was given by Pastor Nic Seaborn of Raleigh Avenue Baptist Church, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Hunter Morales with Troop 79.

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Wright at 6:28 p.m.

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

At this time, President Pro Tempore Wright stated that the Council Minutes of September 18, 2017 would be carried over.

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

President Pro Tempore Wright re-opened the At-Large position of the Homewood Arts Council.

At this time, President Pro Tempore Wright amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Consent Agenda: Item 14.09.17 – Request for consideration for Freshwater Land Trust – Jennifer Address.

President Pro Tempore Wright further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Old Business Agenda: From the Special Issues Committee: Item No. 22.08.17 – Request for consideration to work in the city right-of-way at 104 Ventura Avenue – Daniel McCurry, Father Nature Landscaping/Wyatt Pugh/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department; Item No. 17.09.17 – Request to work in the city right-of-way at 319 Gran Avenue – Father Nature Landscaping/Wyatt Pugh; From the Planning and Development Committee: Item No. 08.08.17 – Request for consideration of a Petition of Annexation for the property located at 1809 S. Brook Circle – William Shultz and City Clerk; From the Public Safety Committee: Item No. 12.09.17 – Request for consideration for lighting on Lancaster – Amanda Dabs/Jennifer Address; From the Finance Committee: Item No. 15.08.17 – Request to consider funding employee bonuses from projected FY 16-17 General Fund surpluses to be paid in November, 2017 – Mayor

McBrayer; Item No. 16.08.17 – Request to consider transfer to Capital Projects fund from General Fund projected FY 16-17 surplus – Mayor McBrayer and Melody Salter, Finance Director; Item No. 01.09.17 – Request for consideration to increase business license administration fee from \$10.00 to \$12.00 – City Clerk (issuance fee); Item No. 03.09.17 – Request for consideration to apply for a \$2,500.00 Grant for Bicentennial Programming – Deborah Fout/Library Director; Item No. 11.09.17 – Request for consideration to become an “Official Fan Guide Sponsor” for the December 23, 2017 Annual Birmingham Bowl – Miles Hufstutler/Barry Smith; From the Public Works Committee: Item No. 13.09.17 – Request for consideration for Phase 2 Greenway Project – Jennifer Andress.

President Pro Tempore Wright further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Committee Referral Agenda: Item No. 25.09.17 – Request for consideration for ADA Transition Plan – Vanessa McGrath/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – Planning and Development Committee.

President Pro Tempore Wright further amended the published Council Agenda to add the following items to the Other New Business Agenda: Item No. 26.09.17 – Request for consideration to renew Travelers Insurance Policy – Mayor McBrayer/Charles Zantry.

Councilor McClusky moved for the approval of the Agenda as amended. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

President Pro Tempore 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

14.09.17 Request for consideration for Freshwater Land Trust – **Jennifer Andress**

Action Taken: The Public Works Committee met and Councilor McClusky made a motion to recommend dropping this item.

Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

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

President Pro Tempore 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 considered, taken out of order, under Old Business was Item No. 08.08.17 – Request for consideration of a Petition of Annexation for the property located at 1809 S. Brook Circle (formerly listed incorrectly on agenda as 402 Cambo Lane) – William Shultz and City Clerk.

Councilor Thames stated that the Planning and Development Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

President Pro Tempore 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.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the first reading of the proposed Ordinance for the Council's consideration at 6:38 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to accept Petition of Annexation for the property located at 1809 S. Brook Circle)

Councilor Smith moved for the unanimous consent of the proposed Ordinance as read. Councilor Wyatt seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, and Wright.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

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

Ordinance No. 2670

(An Ordinance to accept Petition of Annexation for the property located at 1809 S. Brook Circle)

Councilor Higginbotham moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2670. Councilor Smith seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, and Wright.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item considered, taken out of order, from the Other New Business Agenda was Item No. 26.09.17 – Request for consideration to renew Travelers Insurance Policy – Mayor McBrayer/Charles Zanaty.

Mr. Charles Zanaty addressed the Council and stated that Homewood's claims this year were only \$144,000.00 and of that Ms. Salter would be getting a check for \$34,000.00 because they had a Homewood Police vehicle t-boned which was covered by the other driver's insurance so they were down to only \$110,000.00. Mr. Zanaty further stated that last year they were at \$125,000.00 so their claims were working really well. Mr. Zanaty added that all the department heads were great to work with but what had affected them was that the previous carrier had to have a five year loss record and each year that carrier had upped their reserves and nothing had happened on certain cases or claims during that period of time and they were doing that to try to influence the rating as they went to the marketplace but they only had one more year and that will be dropped off so they should have some more stability. Mr. Zanaty further added that all their rolling stock, all the vehicles were much newer than most other cities and they were replacing them often which was a good thing so they should not have any problems this coming year because they had been doing a really good job on controlling claims.

President Pro Tempore Wright asked if this was for a one year renewal.

Mr. Zanaty replied yes, and stated that this was the Property & Casualty General Liability Insurance with coverage on all of the Council in case of lawsuits.

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

Resolution No. 17-142

(A Resolution to renew Travelers Insurance Policy)

Councilor Thames moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-142. Councilor Higginbotham seconded the motion.

President Pro Tempore 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 first item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 12.05.17 – Public Hearing set for November 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of Petition of Annexation for the property located at 1400 Shades Crest Road – Melba Kane/Jolene Mills/City Clerk (Carried over 9/18/17)

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for November 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 29.08.17 – Request for consideration of the Finance Committee’s recommendations of the 2017-2018 Budgets and adoption of Resolutions appropriating sums and amounts for the following Funds:

- (1) General – Includes Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) of 2%**
- (2) Grants**
- (3) 7 Cents Gas Tax**
- (4) 4 Cents & 5 Cents Gas Tax**
- (5) Board of Education Trust Fund**
- (6) Debt Service**
- (7) Capital Projects Fund**
- (8) Environmental Escrow**
- (9) Insurance**
- (10) E-911**
- (11) Corrections/Jail**
- (12) Corrections/Court**
- (13) Court Special**
- (14) Inspection Technology**
- (15) GOW 16 Construction**
- (16) Judicial Administrative**

Councilor Jones stated that he wanted to thank the members of the Finance Committee as well as other Councilors for attending the Budget Hearings which were held on September 7th, 12th, 13th, 18th, and 19th, 2017 and moved along so well that they were able to cancel the meeting that was scheduled for the 20th. Councilor Jones further stated that they learned a lot about the city and they thanked the Mayor for putting together a really good budget and from the presentation he made there were very few changes that were made so he appreciated all the time he spent with the department heads to work through all the items. Councilor Jones added that he wanted to thank Ms. Salter and Mr. Burgett for all the time they spent working through the different items and for being patient with their questions. Councilor Jones further added that the main thing they were doing was supporting the two percent COLA as presented as well as merits as presented but one thing that changed was that they found out the health insurance was increasing by 1.5 percent so they did have to make that motion which caused a \$34,000.00 expenditure.

Councilor Jones stated that the RSA pension percentage was increased up to 13.9 percent which was a cost of \$43,000.00 so the total costs were \$690,000.00. Councilor Jones further stated that they increased contractual services up to \$90,000.00 for the Daniel Communities contract as well as increasing social media presence investments. Councilor Jones added that they continued to get feedback from residents who wanted more mature trees within the city so they added a new line item for \$20,000.00 for mature tree planting and \$5,000 for the Kiwanis Centennial Project. Councilor Jones further added that in addition to the merit increases and COLA increases, they would also recommend a one-time bonus not to exceed \$350K pending a surplus.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the budget for the sixteen funds.

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

Resolution No. 17-143

(A Resolution adopting the General Fund 2017/2018 Budget including a 2% Cost of Living Allowance)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-143.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-144

(A Resolution adopting the Grants Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-144.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-145

(A Resolution adopting the 7 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-145.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-146

(A Resolution adopting the 4 Cents and 5 Cents Gas Tax Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-146.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-147

(A Resolution adopting the Board of Education Trust Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-147.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-148

(A Resolution adopting the Debt Service Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-148.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-149

(A Resolution adopting the Capital Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-149.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-150

(A Resolution adopting the Environmental Escrow Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-150.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-151

(A Resolution adopting the Insurance Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-151.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-152

(A Resolution adopting the E-911 Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-152.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-153

(A Resolution adopting the Corrections/Jail Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-153.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-154

(A Resolution adopting the Corrections/Court Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-154.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-155

(A Resolution adopting the Court Special Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-155.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-156

(A Resolution adopting the Inspection Technology Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-156.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-157

(A Resolution adopting the GOW 16 Construction Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-157.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried without dissent.

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

Resolution No. 17-158

(A Resolution adopting the Judicial Administrative Fund 2017/2018 Budget)

Councilor Jones moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-158.

President Pro Tempore 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. 30.08.17 – Public Hearing Continued to September 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 279 Lakeshore Parkway – Valerie Foster/Greg Cobb/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department (Carried over 9/18/17).

Ms. Vanessa McGrath addressed the Council and stated the business owner requested to drop this item.

President Pro Tempore Wright continued the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

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

President Pro Tempore Wright declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Thames moved to drop this item. Councilor McClusky seconded the motion.

President Pro Tempore 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. 19.08.17 – Request for consideration of changing the construction working hours defined in Section 5.9.1: Regulations concerning the issuance of building and construction permits – Andy Gwaltney (Carried over 9/18/17).

Councilor Gwaltney asked that this item be carried over.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over to the October 9, 2017 Council Meeting.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 06.09.17 – Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider declaring the property located at 1801 Kensington Rd., PID# 28-00-18-2-010-008.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance's 1910 & 1750 "Excessive Growth" – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 07.09.17 – Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider declaring the property located at 1000 Forest Brook Dr., PID# 29-00-27-4-001-002.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance’s 1910 & 1750 “Excessive Growth” – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 08.09.17 – Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider declaring the property located at 1602 Ridge Rd., PID# 29-00-13-4-007-023.000 a public nuisance due to a violation of Ordinance’s 1910 & 1750 “Excessive Growth” – Scott Cook, Code Enforcement.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 10.09.17 – Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 1745 Oxmoor Road – Alex Wyatt.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to send this item back to the full Council without recommendation pending the Public Hearing.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over for the Public Hearing set for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 18.09.17 – Request to approve expenditures of Exhibit A from HPM Management on behalf of the Board of Education from Construction Fund – Walter Jones (Carried over 9/18/17).

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be carried over to the October 9, 2017 Council Meeting.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 22.08.17 – Request for consideration to work in the City right-of-way at 104 Ventura Avenue – Daniel McCurry, Father Nature Landscaping/Wyatt Pugh/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department.

Councilor Smith stated that the Special Issues Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and after hearing from Mr. McCurry who agreed to do a well dig so that the root balls of the trees he was planting would be deep enough not to interfere with the sidewalks, voted 5-0 to recommend approval based on well dig and indemnification agreement.

President Pro Tempore Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Special Issues Committee's recommendation.

Councilor Smith stated that they made it part of the Resolution to approve it using that technique.

Councilor Jones asked if they looked at this from a traffic perspective based on the trees becoming mature.

Councilor Smith replied yes, and stated that Mr. Pugh had looked at it and there would not be sight line issues.

Councilor Thames asked if there was a way through the inspection process that they could be sure he did use the deep well dig method.

Councilor Smith replied that he was supposed to get the final landscape plan approved with BEZ and that would be part of the plan.

Mr. Kendrick stated that this stipulation could be included in the Resolution.

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

Resolution No. 17-159

(A Resolution approving work in the City right-of-way at 104 Ventura Avenue with well digs used)

Councilor Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-159.

President Pro Tempore 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. 17.09.17 – Request to work in the city right-of-way at 319 Gran Avenue – Father Nature Landscaping/Wyatt Pugh.

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

President Pro Tempore 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. 17-160

(A Resolution approving work in the City right-of-way at 319 Gran Avenue with well digs used)

Councilor Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-160.

President Pro Tempore 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. 15.08.17 – Request to consider funding employee bonuses from projected FY 16-17 General Fund surpluses to be paid in November, 2017 – Mayor McBrayer,

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval up to \$350,000.00 with same tiers as last year from carryover fund balance September 30, 2017.

President Pro Tempore 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. 17-161

(A Resolution approving funding employee bonuses from projected FY 16-17 General Fund surpluses to be paid in November, 2017)

Councilor Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-161.

President Pro Tempore 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. 16.08.17 – Request to consider transfer to Capital Projects fund from General Fund projected FY 16-17 surplus – Mayor McBrayer and Melody Salter, Finance Director.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of up to \$500,000.00 from carryover fund balance September 30, 2017.

President Pro Tempore 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. 17-162

(A Resolution to transfer to Capital Projects fund from General Fund projected FY 16-17 surplus)

Councilor Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-162.

President Pro Tempore 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. 01.09.17 – Request for consideration to increase business license administration fee (issuance fee) from \$10.00 to \$12.00 – City Clerk.

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

President Pro Tempore 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 at 7:11 p.m.:

Ordinance No.

(An Ordinance to increase business license issuance fee from \$10.00 to \$12.00)

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

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, and Wright.

The motion for unanimous consent carried.

At this time, Mr. Kendrick presented the following Ordinance for the Council's consideration and said subparagraph "C" is the only change:

Ordinance No. 2671

(An Ordinance to increase business license issuance fee from \$10.00 to \$12.00)

Councilor Smith moved for the enrollment and adoption and publication according to law of Ordinance No. 2671. Councilor Gwaltney seconded the motion.

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

On a roll call vote, the votes were: Yeas: Councilors Gwaltney, Thames, Higginbotham, Wolverton, McClusky, Jones, Smith, Wyatt, Andress, and Wright.

The motion carried without dissent.

The next item on the Agenda under Old Business was Item No. 03.09.17 – Request for consideration to apply for a \$2,500.00 Grant for Bicentennial Programming – Deborah Fout/Library Director.

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

President Pro Tempore 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. 17-163

(A Resolution to approve applying for a \$2,500.00 Grant for Bicentennial Programming)

Councilor Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-163.

President Pro Tempore 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. 11.09.17 – Request for consideration to become an “Official Fan Guide Sponsor” for the December 23, 2017 Annual Birmingham Bowl – Miles Huffstutler/Barry Smith.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of funding of \$1,000.00 from the General Fund Advertising line item (01-11-570500).

President Pro Tempore 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. 17-164

(A Resolution to approve becoming an “Official Fan Guide Sponsor” for the December 23, 2017 Annual Birmingham Bowl)

Councilor Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-164.

President Pro Tempore 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. 12.09.17 – Request for consideration for lighting on Lancaster – Amanda Dabs/Jennifer Address.

Councilor McClusky stated that the Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 4-0 to recommend approval.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee met earlier tonight, prior to the Council Meeting, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval of up to \$450.00 for funding from the 7 Cent Gas Tax Fund for three lights.

President Pro Tempore Wright asked if the Council had any questions or comments regarding the Public Safety and Finance Committees' recommendations. There was no response from the Council.

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

Resolution No. 17-165

(A Resolution to approve lighting on Lancaster)

Councilor Jones then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-165.

President Pro Tempore 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. 13.09.17 – Request for consideration for Phase 2 Greenway Project – Jennifer Andress.

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

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that this item would be referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL AGENDA

- 19.09.17** Request for consideration of an ABC – 050 – Retail Beer (Off Premises Only) and an ABC – 070 – Retail Table Wine (Off Premises Only) for M and A International Market LLC d/b/a M and A International Market located at 250 Green Springs Highway – Melody Salter, City Clerk – **Public Safety Committee**
- 20.09.17** Request for consideration of an ABC – 040 – Retail Beer (On or Off Premises) and an ABC – 060 – Retail Table Wine (On or Off Premises) for Hero Acquisition Co LLC d/b/a Hero Doughnuts located at 3027 and 3029 Central Avenue – Melody Salter, City Clerk – **Public Safety Committee**
- 21.09.17** Request to consider change in lodging tax rate for the City of Homewood – Peter Wright – **Finance Public Committee**

- 22.09.17** Request to consider presentation from Homewood Board of Education on bond construction project and funding bills incurred for infrastructure improvements as part of this project – Walter Jones and Melody Salter, Finance Director– **Finance Committee**
- 23.09.17** Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 1760 Oxmoor Road – Vanessa McGrath – **Special Issues Committee**
- 25.09.17** Request for consideration for ADA Transition Plan – Vanessa McGrath/Building, Engineering and Zoning Department – **Planning and Development Committee**

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

President Pro Tempore 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. 23.09.17 – Request to set a Public Hearing and referral to the Special Issues Committee for consideration of a variance to the sign ordinance at 1760 Oxmoor Road – Vanessa McGrath.

President Pro Tempore Wright stated that the Public Hearing would be set for October 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The next item on the Agenda under Other New Business was Item No. 24.09.17 – Request for consideration of approval of vouchers for period of September 18, 2017 through September 24, 2017 – City Treasurer/Finance Committee

Councilor Smith stated that she had reviewed the vouchers and recommended approving vouchers.

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

Resolution No. 17-166

(A Resolution approving vouchers for period of September 18, 2017 through September 24, 2017)

Councilor Smith then moved for the adoption and enrollment of Resolution No. 17-166. Councilor Jones seconded the motion.

President Pro Tempore 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.

Mayor McBrayer addressed the Council at 7:18 p.m. and stated that he wanted to thank Finance Chairman Jones and the Finance Committee for the work on the budget and though the Finance Committee was making the recommendations out to the full Council everyone on the Council participated whether they were on the Finance Committee or not and that said a lot. Mayor McBrayer further stated that he appreciated the way they treated him as well as Mr. Bischoff, Ms. Salter, and Mr. Burgett because they worked hard to present a good budget and were extremely pleased that they passed it tonight with relatively few changes. Mayor McBrayer added that he hoped the general public would also understand the reason why they had so few changes was because they talked throughout the year. Mayor McBrayer further added that he appreciated the work and the time away from their families to give them a good budget and something to work on the next coming year and they would work hard to stay within that budget to operate the city so he appreciated their service and he expected them to have a very productive and prosperous year and with their help he knew they would do it.

Councilor Gwaltney stated that he wanted to echo the Mayor and he had a good experience for his first time going through the process and he thanked everyone for the hard work on the process.

Councilor Thames stated that he wanted to thank Ms. Salter, Mr. Burgett and staff for their hard work and wanted to thank the Mayor for approving \$350,000.00 for Spring Park as well as support for abatements. Councilor Thames further stated that he was thankful that they were able to pass the COLA unanimously for the employees. Councilor Thames added that the Planning and Development would meet on October 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilor Higginbotham stated that he wanted to thank all involved with the budget process and was a worthwhile process to go through to see all the level of detail involved and to see the work that was put in before they ever touched the documents and he appreciated that the discussions in the meetings were cordial but spirited.

Councilor Wolverton stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Jamie Hope and Mr. Berkley Squires for dealing with an issues that they passed a couple months ago regarding the end of the street on Edgeknoll and everything was taken care of and looked great now. Councilor Wolverton further stated that he wanted to congratulate the Football Team for winning their Homecoming Game. Councilor Wolverton added that he wanted to thank Chief Ross and the Police Department for addressing some issues on Raleigh

Avenue and Kent Avenue. He also thanks President Pro Tempore Wright for chairing the last two Council meetings.

Councilor McClusky thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and stated that the Public Safety Committee would meet on October 2, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.

Councilor Jones stated that the Finance Committee would meet on October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and thanked the Finance Department for all the hard work on the budget.

Councilor Smith stated that she also wanted to thank everyone involved in the budget process who made everything easy for the rest of them and for a smooth budget process. Councilor Smith further stated that the Special Issues Committee would meet on October 2, 2017 at 5:45 p.m.

Councilor Wyatt stated that he wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce for offering to pay some money to help with the Daniel Communities Project. Councilor Wyatt further stated that he wanted to echo everyone's statements about the budget process and thanked everyone for all the work that was done beforehand and making it easier.

Councilor Andress stated that the budget process was very pleasant and a smooth transaction. Councilor Andress further stated that she wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the Regional Planning Commission was launching the Heart of Homewood Master Downtown Plan meetings.

Councilor Wright stated that he wanted to echo the thank you for the budget process and he could recall some of the long arduous days of doing this budget work which took months and was a difficult task and he did not take it for granted that everyone said thank you and congratulations because it showed that they did not take this smooth process for granted. Councilor Wright further stated that the process started with the Mayor who cared about the budget, made it a priority, and he did not take it for granted. Councilor Wright added that Ms. Salter, Mr. Burgett and staff did great work and cared about the work right down to the penny and the city should be proud of them and should be proud of Chairman Jones who made this a priority. Councilor Wright further added that the Public Works Committee would meet on October 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was, on a motion duly made, adjourned at 7:36 p.m.