



MINUTES NO. 2022-07-RG

OF A

REGULAR MEETING

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

APRIL 11, 2022

To protect the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, and according to State and Federal Guidelines, the Madison City Council observed social distancing procedures at the Council meeting. Anyone who was sick, or was living with a quarantined family member was recommended against attending the meeting. The meeting was broadcast live on Wow! Channel 42 and online streaming at www.madisonal.gov/viewmeetings. Anyone who did not want to attend the meeting in person due to the COVID pandemic, but wanted to participate in Public Comments or Hearings were encouraged to contact the City Clerk or Mayor's Office via telephone or email to submit comments or questions, or text the word "Comment" to 938-200-8560

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama. Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Greg Shaw.

Madison Police Chaplain Barron Hill provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Shaw.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 Connie Spears	Present
Council District No. 3 Teddy Powell	Present
Council District No. 4 Greg Shaw	Present
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 6 Karen Denzine	Present
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Ivon Williams, Fire Battalion Chief Steve Perry, Parks & Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Building Director Dustin Riddle, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren,

Deputy City Engineering Director Michelle Dunson, Revenue Officer Cameron Grounds, Fire Chief David Bailey, and Public Works Director Kent Smith

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, David Butler, Bebe Oetjen, Jean Ann Benefield, Philip Benefield, Sarah Sledge, Jocelyn Broer, Cynthia Parker, Amanda Jarrett, Gayle Milam, and J.C. Coe

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Council President Shaw announced that under the "Departmental Reports – Building" the fund to be used for payment of grounds keeping services should state "...from General Operating Fund" instead of "departmental budget". Council voiced no objection to the amendment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2022-06-RG DATED MARCH 28, 2022

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-06-RG. Council Member Spears seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2022-02-WS DATED MARCH 28, 2022

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-02-WS. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley presented Ms. Cynthia Parker, Development Director of the National Children's Advocacy Center, with a proclamation designating the month of April, 2022 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS "DONATE LIFE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley presented a proclamation to Ms. Patience Jones, whose son was an organ donor, designating the month of April, 2022 as "Donate Life Month" in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 – 9, 2022 AS "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley presented a proclamation to Ms. Sarah Sledge, Branch Manager of the Madison Public Library, in which he designated the week of April 3 – 9, 2022 as "National Library Week" in the City of Madison, Alabama.

Ms. Sledge thanked Mayor Finley and the City Council, as well as the local community, for their continued support and introduced a gentleman with the "Friends of the Library" organization who presented a check in the amount of \$16,000 to Ms. Sledge for the Madison Public Library.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL, 2022 AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

Mayor Finley presented a proclamation to Mr. Sean Magers, Director of Association Outreach with the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors, in which he designated April, 2022 as "Fair Housing Month" in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Public Comments were limited to three minutes per speaker. Anyone who wanted to sign up prior to the Council meeting were able to contact the City Clerk at cityclerk@madisonal.gov or text the word "**Comment**" to 938-200-8560. Anyone who wanted to submit a presentation to the City Council were able to email it to the City Clerk by noon last Friday. Those who could not attend the meeting in person and wanted to email their written comments were advised to do so no later than noon this date via email to citycouncil@madisonal.gov.*

MRS. BEBE OETJEN:

Mrs. Oetjen appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to report on the following topics of importance to her:

- Bids on the agenda for grass cutting services
- Campaign signs in rights-of-way

MRS. MARGI DALY

Mrs. Daly appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to report on the following topics of importance to her:

- City bonds and bank loans
- Kickbacks
- Resolution No. 2022-107-R; pertaining to parking space requirements
- Dublin Park/AYSO and Palmer Park

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Bartlett moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Finance Committee report as follows:

General Operating account	\$1,726,161.26
Special General Operating account	\$860.61
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$8,000.00
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$24,748.05
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$991.59
½ Cent Infrastructure	\$1,614.00
Town Madison Incentive Fund	\$242,176.96
Library Building Fund	\$84,331.22
TVA Tax	\$3,243.78
• Approval of payment to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$76,034.97 for CIP No. 20-028: middle school roadway extension project (Payment No. 3 on PO No. 2021-1309, Bid No. 2021-008-ITB) (to be paid from 2020-A bond account)	
• Approval of payment to Morell Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$100.00 for CIP No. 20-028: middle school roadway extension project (Payment No. 2 on PO No. 2021-1146) (to be paid from 2020-A bond account)	

- Resolution No. 2022-115-R: providing disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the City Clerk Department, via online auction through Govdeals website pursuant to §16-108 of the Code of Ordinances
- Resolution No. 2022-117-R: providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the Police Department, via online auction through Govdeals website pursuant to §16-108 of the Code of Ordinances

Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

Mayor Finley reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- The City is actively removing campaign, business, and miscellaneous signs that are placed in city rights-of-way every week
- Presented four checks from BallCorps; three of the checks are from last year so they are now fully paid and the remaining check is for the first installment of the rental fee.
- Trash Panda season opener will be tomorrow night
- Reported that gas and oil usage from February was \$32,500 and in March it was \$50,013. The amended budget that Council approved at their last regular meeting included an increase to the gas and oil line item so that should take care of the fuel increases that the nation is currently experiencing.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to accept all four checks from BallCorps, totaling \$694,901. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-116-R: APPROVING A REVISED CITY OF MADISON
EMPLOYEE SAFETY MANUAL**

Council Member Wroblewski gave a brief history of the safety manual and thanked the HR Safety Committee for their hard work on this project.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-116-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

Council Member Wroblewski reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Countdown to Kindergarten program will be held April 23rd beginning at 10am at the Madison Public Library
- Attended the "One Generation Away" event which is a non-profit organization that eliminates food insecurity by bringing healthy food to people in need
- Comcast is installing new cable lines throughout the City and on occasion is accidentally cutting utility lines in the process. Should this occur, please contact Comcast immediately with your address and they will take care of the necessary repairs as soon as possible
- Shop Local Spotlight: Rocket City Tax Accounting

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

Council Member Spears reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Attended the Madison Police Department's drone demo last week
- Attended the Water & Wastewater Board meeting
- Attended the Industrial Development Board meeting
- Attended two ribbon cutting ceremonies; Premier Dental Spa, and Alabama Credit Union
 - Commended the Fire Department for their quick EMS response to someone who fell and hit her head at the Alabama Credit Union ribbon cutting ceremony

- There will be a ribbon cutting this Friday at 10am for the Downtown Rescue Mission Thrift Store
- Excited for the season opener of the Trash Pandas tomorrow night

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Council President Shaw reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Stated that he will not stand for people alluding that City Officials are taking kickbacks and added that if you feel you need to contact the Ethics Commission, then please do so.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

Council Member Bartlett reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- The deadline for Board of Education applications was last week. She thanked the members of the community who submitted applications of interest.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

Council Member Denzine reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Also thanked the Board of Education applicants. It took her a couple of hours to review all of the applications submitted.
- Madison Street Festival will hold a Town Hall meeting on April 14th at 6pm at the Fellowship of Faith Church on Maple Street
- The City's Easter Eggstravaganza will be held this Saturday, April 16th at Dublin Memorial Park
- Thanked everyone who has volunteered at the Senior Center and noted that they are still in need of volunteers. A Senior Prom will be held April 23rd.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Speakers and public hearing applicants who wanted to address agenda items listed under this section of the agenda were instructed to reserve their comments for the public hearing. Before or during the Council Meeting they were asked to sign up for the public hearing at which they wanted to address Council by texting the word "COMMENT" to the City's automated SMS system at 938-200-8560 or by filling out a card available in the vestibule or from the City Clerk. The project initiator, applicant, owner or agent of the business or property that is the subject of the hearing was allowed to speak for 15 minutes. Residents within the noticed area of the subject property, as well as all other members of the public, were allowed to speak for 5 minutes.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-068; AMENDING §5-2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS (FIRST READING FEBRUARY 28, 2022)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren stated this proposed Ordinance would amend Section 5-2 of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the approval process for multi-family projects or projects that have multi-family units in them or are a mixed-use project. The amendment would move the approval process for site plans back to the Planning Commission from the City Council. The Planning Commission and staff are in support of this request and there were no comments from the public at the Commission meeting where this was discussed.

Council President Shaw then opened the floor for any comments from the public. There being none, he closed the floor and entertained a motion from Council. Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-068. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-110-R; AWARDED BID FOR GROUNDS KEEPING SERVICES TO TIDEWATER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF \$98,172.00 (TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-110-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-085-R; AUTHORIZING AN ENGINEERING, INSPECTION, AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ALDOT FOR MADISON BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS (\$5,000,000 FEDERAL FUNDS AND \$1,250,000 CITY CONTRIBUTION TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-085-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-112-R; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR RECEIPT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDS AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS, UP TO \$24,079.60 (TO BE PAID FROM ALABAMA HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-112-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-107-R; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-108; AMENDING §5-15-1 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS (FIRST PUBLICATION 04/20/2022, SYNOPSIS 04/27/2022, PUBLIC HEARING 05/23/2022)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-107-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-101-R; ACCEPTING SIDEWALK EASEMENT FOR CIRCLE K CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HUGHES ROAD AND MADISON BOULEVARD

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-101-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-109-R; AWARDING RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING BID TO TIDEWATER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,251.76 PER MONTH (TO BE PAID FROM GAS TAX FUND)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-109-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye

Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-111-R; AWARDING BID FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS TO RIDDELL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,633.55 (TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-111-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-113-R; AUTHORIZING SPECIAL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSE (30 DAYS OR LESS) FOR BALLCORPS FOOD & BEVERAGE, LLC, DBA TRASH PANDA CATERING FOR MAY 12 – 22, 2022 FOR BIG OL' BALLPARK FAIR EVENT

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-113-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss Council Member Wroblewski moved to adjourn.
The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes No. 2022-07-RG, dated April 11th, 2022, read, approved and adopted this 25th day of April 2022.


Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One


Council Member Connie Spears
District Two


Council Member Teddy Powell
District Three


Council Member Greg Shaw
District Four


Council Member Ranae Bartlett
District Five


Council Member Karen Denzine
District Six

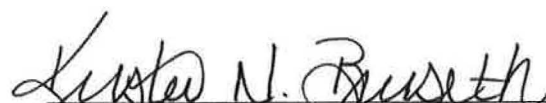

Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:


Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:


Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer


Kristen N. Bruseth
Recording Secretary