



MINUTES NO. 2022-13-RG
OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

July 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, July 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 Pro Tempore John Seifert.

Pastor Mark Branon with Refuge Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Seifert.

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	Absent
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 6 Karen Denzine	Absent
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Mari Bretz, Acting City Attorney Becky Grimes, Information Technology Director Jason Colee, Information Technology Senior Systems Analyst Chris White,

Information Technology Coordinator Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Lieutenant Jon Stout, Fire Chief David Bailey, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, City Engineer Michael Johnson, and Human Resources Director Terri Towry

Public Attendance registered: Bebe Oetjen, Jocelyn Broer, Joe Bell, Jennifer Coe, Aaron Clingerman, and Dee Voelkel

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Acting City Attorney Becky Grimes requested that Resolution No. 2022-198-R; authorizing the Mayor to terminate a contract agreement with Turner Construction for services related to Three Springs be added to Legal's line of business. Council voiced no objections

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2022-12-RG DATED JUNE 27, 2022

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-12-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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

None

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.*

MR. JOE BELL; CEMETERY TRANSFER FEE AS REQUIRED IN §12-22 SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2015-51

Mr. Bell. appeared before Council and Mayor Finley requesting that the \$30 cemetery deed transfer fee be waived. Mayor Finley and Council Member Powell addressed Mr. Bell that it is an administrative fee.

MADISON RESIDENT BEBE OETJEN

Ms. Oetjen, a resident of Madison, appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns and offered suggestions on the following items:

1. Her water pressure is down, and she thinks it is because of all the people moving to Madison. Council Member Seifert suggested that the regulator between the meter and her house is looked at.
2. Concerns about high traffic on Wall Triana Hwy making it difficult to turn north on Radisson Lane
3. Blocking of the intersection at Hwy 72 and Hughes Rd due to traffic after traffic light changes. She recommends that a sign placed on Hwy 72 saying "Do Not Block Intersection"
4. Increase of population and the effect it is having on traffic
5. Raised a question about changing the name on her cemetery spaces, Mayor Finley responded he would get back to her with the information

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,264,264.41
Special General Operating account	\$382.82
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1087.50
1/2 Cent Infrastructure	\$401,139.49
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$9,478.82
Town Madison Incentive Fund	\$238,539.21
CIP Bond Accounts	\$30,083.67
Library Building Fund	\$85,628.99

Approval of payment to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$20,564.41 for middle school roadway extension (Invoice No. 5, CIP No. 20-028, Payment No. 5 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 middle school roadway project (Invoice No. 19188, CIP No. 20-028, Payment No. 4 on PO No. 2021-1146) to be paid from 2020-A Bond account

Authorization of payment to Hogan's Mechanical Services in the amount of \$73,920 for Palmer Park electrical service (Invoice No. 6 - Palmer Park Rejuvenation, Phase I) (to be

paid from 2015-A Bond account)

Resolution No. 2022-189-R: Authorizing an agreement with Launch 2035 for the provision of funds to be used to assist with the Singing River Trail Master Plan Project implementation in the amount of \$20,000 (to be paid from Planning Department budget)

Resolution No. 2022-193-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the Public Works Department, via online auction through GovDeals pursuant to §16-108 of the City's Code of Ordinances

Resolution No. 2022-194-R: Ratifying transportation agreement with the Madison City Board of Education for Dublin Park Summer Camp

Resolution No. 2022-195-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value pursuant to §16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances (formerly used by the Finance Department)

Resolution No. 2022-196-R: providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (1 cash drawer), formerly used by City Clerk Department, via online 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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

Mayor Paul Finley requested that Council accept a \$5,000.00 donation from Madison County Commissioner Dale Strong to support with what the City of Madison helped with during Armed Forces Week and Wounded Warrior/Gold Star Families.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve the acceptance of the \$5,000.00 donation from Madison County Commissioner Dale Strong. Council Member Spears 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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

Council Member Seifert asked Mayor Finley to pass along his thanks for the donation to Dale Strong.

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

- Reminded the community that the World Games are going on in Birmingham, Alabama and that there are 8 days left to see this world-class event

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Attended the Armed Forces Luncheon with Mayor Finley to honor veterans
- Reminded the community that the governance meeting was postponed and was hoping for a new date. Mayor Finley responded that at this time there is no rescheduled date because their primary person who was attending got sick.
- Honored Jackie Reed, a longtime Huntsville resident and active member of the Huntsville and Madison communities who passed away July 10th, 2022.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Commended Parks & Recreation for the job they did on the Independence Day celebration
- Also, honored Jackie Reed, a longtime Huntsville resident and active member of the Huntsville and Madison communities who passed away July 10th, 2022.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Addressed concerns about the train often blocking intersections while going through downtown. Mayor Finley offered his help to try and see what can be done.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-197-R; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY

Council Member Bartlett reported that they interviewed and screened candidates for the position of city attorney and thanked Human Resources Director Terri Towry for her thoroughness in vetting the candidates. Council Member Bartlett was very pleased with the quality of applicants and informed that they settled on a final candidate, Brian Kilgore. He has been the principal attorney for the City of Birmingham for almost 10 years. He has significant municipal experience along with his bachelor's in finance from University of Alabama and Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law.

Council Member Bartlett explained that the resolution authorizes Mayor Finley to negotiate a salary and then upon negotiating, they will come back to council to approve the terms of his employment.

Council Member Bartlett moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-197-R. Council Member Wroblewski 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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Finley agreed with what Council Member Bartlett said and appreciated all the time that went into the process.

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

- Apologized for postponing the governance meeting and said they are trying to get it rescheduled for later this month
- Commended Parks & Recreation and the Police Department for the job they did on the Independence Day celebration. She added that they reported 3500 attendees from inside and outside Madison
- Congratulated Police Chief Johnny Gandy for sharing that the Police department is fully staffed
- Taught chess at Dublin Park to summer campers

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Commended Parks & Recreation for the great job they did on the Independence Day celebration
- Reported that the Trash Pandas 4th of July event at Toyota Field was a full event and was glad to see folks out and about enjoying the holiday. Mayor Paul Finley said it was the largest crowd they have ever had including opening night

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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-188-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOODWYN MILLS AND CAWOOD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ENCLOSING OF A DRAINAGE DITCH BEHIND OLD BLACK BEAR BREWING COMPANY NOT TO EXCEED \$19,500 (TO BE PAID FROM ACCOUNT #10-150-000-1930-00)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-188-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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent

Council Member John Seifert

Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-190-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOODWYN MILLS AND CAWOOD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR ROADWAY PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT HUNTSVILLE-BROWNSFERRY AND BURGREN ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,645 (TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-190-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Spears and Wroblewski commented on the need for the roundabout due to the traffic backed up all the way to County Line Road. Council Member Seifert asked about the timeframe and City Engineer Michael Johnson said it would take 3-4 months to get the design done and then he would come back with the construction estimate. Mayor Paul Finley said that the construction piece would be in the next budget.

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

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-192-R AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF EMS SQUAD VEHICLE FOR THE MADISON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT FROM HENDRICK CHEVROLET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,078.50 (TO BE FUNDED BY GENERAL FUND AND PAID THROUGH GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT LINE-ITEM: CONTINGENCY)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-192-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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-165: AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VII, §198 AND §201 OF THE MADISON CITY CODE ENTITLED "ABANDONED, WRECKED, OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES" (FIRST READING JUNE 27, 2022)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-165. 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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-191-R: AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ALABAMA GULF COAST HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME EXPENSES TO CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,609.96)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-191-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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-174: VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN EASTVIEW SUBDIVISION AT 101 FERGUSON DRIVE (FIRST READING JUNE 27, 2022)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-174. 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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-182-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-183 TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4-6A-1 AND ARTICLE XII, SECTION 12-2 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO INDOOR MINI STORAGE USES IN THE B-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) DISTRICT (FIRST PUBLICATION 7/20/2022, SYNOPSIS 7/27/2022, PUBLIC HEARING (08/22/2022)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-182-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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-198-R: AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MADISON AND TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-198-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Mayor Paul Finley commented that when Turner Construction supported the city in the library and the baseball multi-use facility, they were phenomenal. When they put this agreement in place that same team was in place to do the work, but that team is no longer in place to do the work and the work they are doing is no longer of the quality that the other team had done. This allows the city to find someone who can help accomplish what is wanted in an expedient time frame when it comes to turning the building formerly known as Three Springs into a community center.

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

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	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Absent
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes No. 2022-13-RG, dated July 11th, 2022, read, approved and adopted this 25th day of July 2022.



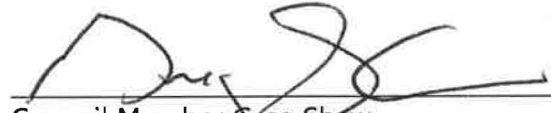
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District One



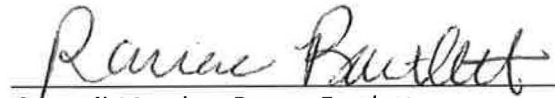
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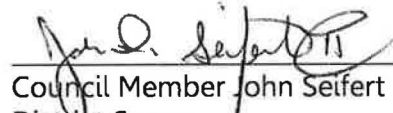
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Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

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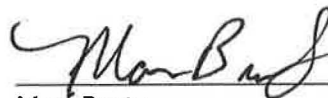


Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer



Mari Bretz
Recording Secretary