



**MINUTES NO. 2023-21-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
November 13, 2023**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 13, 2023, 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 Ranae Bartlett.

Pastor Huey Hudson, Restoration Church provided the invocation followed by members of Boys Scouts of America, Troop 404 to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Technology Director Chris White, ERP Support Specialist Michelle Parker, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, Facilities Director Gerald Smith, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Cheryl Russell, Margaret Daly, Bernadette Mayer, Robert Barlow Blake, Eugene Folks Jr., Cisar Castillo, Charity Stratton, Huey L. Hudson, John H. Merrill, Roslyn Pellerito, Bob Burns, Jan Ann Benefield, and Jacqueline Critton

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested to remove **Resolution No. 2023-342-R** from the Consent Agenda Item E to a further date.

With no more amendments to the agenda Council President Bartlett approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-20-RG DATED OCTOBER 23, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-23-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	Abstain
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2023-11-WS DATED OCTOBER 18, 2023

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-11-WS. 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	Abstain
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION INTERFAITH DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Finley presented members of the Interfaith Council, with a proclamation endorsing the third Saturday of November as "Interfaith Day of Prayer", and hereby proclaim the day November 18, 2023, as "Interfaith Day of Pray in the City of Madison".

Council Member Wroblewski announced this Saturday, November 18 at 10:00 am at the City Hall Flagpole. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray for the City of Madison.

Mayor Finley announced an unfortunate incident that occurred last Friday night and asked Police Chief Johnny Gandy to provide a little more information that would help moving into tonight's meeting. Police Chief Johnny Gandy advised several people were involved in this incident; one was a young man suffering from mental health issues arguing with family members earlier in the day. Later the family tried to have him go for a walk and cool down, he broke away from them and ran out onto Burgreen Road with the intention of being struck by vehicles going by. Two vehicles were able to avoid him, one of the vehicles having kids inside

turned around to warn other oncoming vehicles and found that he was struck by a 25-year-old female driver that was devastated hitting him resulting in a fatality that was an intentional act on his part. Police Chief Johnny Gandy continued that it is a disturbing trend because of (3) pedestrian fatalities within the past two years. Two out of the three were intentional acts that the individual was mentally ill and intentionally stepped out into traffic, one on County Line Road involving a female suffering from alcoholism and mental illness. She waited for the vehicle to jump in front of where trees had darkened the roadway. The third was an individual that was just not paying attention to traffic.

Police Chief Johnny Gandy stated 2 out of 3 is concerning and how they chose to end their lives in that manner, doing so has affected the lives of the drivers that struck them.

Mayor Finley commented that a couple of things in the agenda will highlight that council has appropriated to support organizations for mental health.

Council President Bartlett thanked the Mayor and Police Chief Johnny Gandy for the update.

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.*

CHARITY STRATTON (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Stratton appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Found no Interfaith church groups in the City of Madison and started to start one.
- Invited over 75 churches in Madison to participate.
- Monthly meetings are held with 9 out of the 75 faith communities represented.
- Thanked Council for the Proclamation of Interfaith Day of Prayer

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5) HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION

Ms. Mayer appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the following items:

- Restore 5 minutes for Public Comments
- Traffic lights placement and pedestrian crossing on Slaughter Road & Heather intersection for safety purposes
- Fire and gym equipment related to purchase of Hexagon Fitness Center
- Estimate for Wayfinding Signage project
- City needs for roads, sidewalks and traffic lights opposed to Hexagon purchase
- Noise permit filing time

- Extending sidewalk along Eastview Drive going south to intersection of Scenic Drive and Chadwick for sidewalk connections

MR. BOB BURNS (DISTRICT 4)

Mr. Burns appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the following item:

- Observed school buses driven empty
- Traffic volume on County Line Rd.
- Voting districts location too small at Lamb of God Church

MS. JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 4)

Ms. Coe appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the following item:

- Clarity of where Appropriations are going to
- Madison Arts Council tax filing
- Purchase of Hexagon Center

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Daly appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the following items:

- LED lighting
- Mental health related to vehicle and pedestrian fatalities
- Public records requests
- Appropriations money
- Redistricting maps

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Spears shared the Finance Committee reviewed all the periodic bills to be paid and found them all in order including listing all donations received.

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

General Operating Account	\$3,510,206.55
Special General Operating Accounts	\$3,097.70
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$19,471.83
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$342,930.88
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$77,063.85
TVA Tax	3,596.71

Street Repair and Maintenance	\$746.58
CIP Bond Accounts	\$1,371,536.40
Library Building Fund	\$98,187.34
Water Distribution and Storage	\$2,573,026.60
Fire CPR	832.24

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2023-339-R: Approving an annual appropriation agreement with The Enrichment Center for FY 2024 in the amount of \$20,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-340-R: Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Partnership For A Drug-Free Community for FY 2024 in the amount of \$20,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-341-R: Approving an annual appropriation agreement with National Children's Advocacy Center for FY 2024 in the amount of \$30,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-343-R: Approving an annual appropriation agreement with the Huntsville Hospital Foundation for FY 2024 in the amount of \$7,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-380-R: Authorizing an agreement with Cook's Pest Control for termite control services at 228 Mose Chapel Road in the amount of \$516 annually (to be paid from Facilities & Grounds Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-382-R: Acceptance of final settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 060411AK for loss which occurred on August 12, 2023, to 2017 Fire Truck (\$13,899.28 to be deposited into General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-383-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the Fire Department, via online auction through Govdeals website, pursuant to Section 16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinance

Resolution No. 2023-387-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value, formerly used by the Finance Department (Whirlpool Refrigerator), via online auction through Govdeals website, pursuant to Section 16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances

Authorization to increase Purchase Order from \$15,000 to \$19,341.26 for Slaughter & Associates for redistricting of council districts due to additional work to create a third redistricting plan (to be paid from Planning Department budget)

Authorization of Final Payment to Carcel & G Construction in the amount of \$261,388.72 for work completed on CIP Project #18-022 Hughes Rd Widening through 10/30/2023 per Bid # 2019-010-ITB (to be paid from 2018-C G.O. Bond)

Authorization for the Planning Department to solicit bids for the first phase of the Wayfinding Signage project

Acceptance of a check from Madison Street Festival in the amount of \$780.67 for the usage of MARS buses (to be deposited into the Recreation Department Salary Account).

Acceptance of Community Service Grant from Senator Tom Butler in the amount of \$10,000 (to be deposited into Fire Donation account)

Acceptance of Senior Center Donation from M. Flurer for \$25.00

Acceptance of State of Alabama Community - ADECA Grant from State of Alabama in the amount of \$500,000 (to be deposited into the Community ADECA Account)

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 first announced the appropriations just approved in the Consent Agenda are the organizations that Council supports:

- Enrichment Center
- Partnership for drug-free community
- National Children's Advocacy Center
- Huntsville Hospital Foundation that does support Apple

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-347-R: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF HEXAGON ITNESSCENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,419,000 TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE PAYABLE OVER 5 YEARS OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS (TO BE PAID FROM FUND 71)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-347-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Mayor Finley asked for City Attorney Brian Kilgore to explain the zero free interest. City Attorney Brian Kilgore summarized that Hexagon asked we designate the 2.5 interest rate even though no additional interest rate is charged to the city due to the IRS wouldn't impute one to it that would be higher than 2.5 that is entirely an accounting request and does not increase the purchase price. Council Member Wroblewski added at mid-year budget we'll be able to staff the facility to open to the public.

Council Member Denzine is concerned about the financing of the purchase. Mayor Finley explained the initial down payment is coming from Recreation's budget, next 5 years from bond 71. Council Member Denzine questioned what Recreation Department will be losing to pay for this. Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred advised when doing his budget, he found cost savings of lighting at Palmer Park that can be deferred to this purchase. Council Member Denzine also asked what the costs will be for the staffing of facility. Mayor Finley replied to maintenance costs about \$160,000 annually, staffing costs to be discussed with recreation for all facilities and determined moving forward with staff placement at mid-year budget. Council Member Denzine stated we have uncertainty of costs for the community center, and you want to now add the cost of this facility without direct numbers. Mayor Finley replied "correct".

Council Member Denzine concerned adding more, although it would be great for the community but during the tour of the facility it was decided that citizens won't be utilizing it only city employees, so when did that change. Mayor Finley replied didn't think it changed, when council discussed not having a plan for the public to use it at this time, we will get there. Mayor Finley continued stating we have a choice to purchase facility at this price or have it built for \$16 million. The complex will accommodate for future growth. Council Member Denzine asked where this fits in the comprehensive plan. Mayor Finley explained the acreage along with city services there helps for the city growth. Council Member Denzine expressed concern for priority of needs for the city such as sidewalks, getting roads better.

Council President Bartlett asked City Attorney Brian Kilgore regarding the payment and the agreement that lists the 2.5% interest that you described is how Hexagon is going to book the payments and not increase cost to the city with no interest payment on top of the agreed purchase price. City Attorney Brian Kilgore replied that was correct it is strictly accounting purposes. 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	Nay
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

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

- Thanked all that participated in the activities throughout Veterans week and on Veterans Day.
 - Prayer breakfast at the Hogan YMCA

- Went to Heritage Elementary School to watch them honoring their Veterans there, most other schools did the same.
- Thanked the Council Members, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, and Fire Chief David Bailey for participating in the Huntsville Veterans Day Parade. Never seen such a large crowd out to support our Veterans.
- Thank you everyone that is a Veteran for their service to our Nation.
- Ribbon cutting for our new pickleball courts behind the Hexagon Facility, continue to hear positive comments
- BJ's opened on Friday in Town Madison and congratulations to Director of Developmental Services Mary Beth Broeren that was the largest economic project in Madison and is extremely important to our city and town Madison area.
- Discussions are occurring regarding Slaughter Road of the engineering funding, major intersections, adding sidewalks and connectivity for safety
- Kids Kingdom ribbon cutting for opening at Dublin Park will be Monday November 20th at 10am
- Suggestions to have a civic engagement academy. Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie and Director of Developmental Services Mary Beth Broeren will lead the project. Strongly believe the program is a benefit for the community to sign up and learn as much as possible about our city and thanks to those who have asked for it and we will help to make it happen
 - Begin the curriculum until the end of this year
 - Open it up for applicants possibly in February
 - Start sometime in the spring

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Thanked the Chamber of Commerce for inviting me to their fourth quarter luncheon presented by Meta, very informative to learn about the diagnostics behind social media
- Thrilled that BJ's is in our community and the first in Alabama

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Mayor Finley and I attended the elected officials breakfast with Dutton area of the Association of Realtors about the importance of finding out where a house is specifically located in the city limits or in the county or unincorporated portion of the county.
- Had the first Tarcog Board Meeting where I presided as President
- Thrilled of BJ's in the City of Madison
- Enjoyed Veteran's Day Parade

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Although I did not attend but grateful for the Veterans Day Parade and for all our Veterans
- Thankful for living in a great community and to the police officers maintaining order in our city
- Grateful that we have this Interfaith group that we can all worship differently and still come together
- Grateful to reside in the City of Madison and call it my home

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Thanks to all our Veterans and it was wonderful parade, enjoyed waving and seeing so many people along the parade route
- Met with the Madison Visionary Partners and I am the Liaison with them to learn more and bring back a better understanding of what they do for the city, so I will be on the board and attend the meetings. I have a greater understanding of what their role is and how funds are obtained and what expectations are.
- Madison City Disability Advocacy Board is having their meeting tomorrow November 14th and are needing volunteers to work with special needs children.
- Many Christmas events are coming up, December 2nd is the tree lighting with new ornaments. Look at the calendar for all the wonderful Christmas events coming up in the city.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF BRENDA MATTHEWS TO PLACE 3 OF THE MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF OCTOBER 27, 2027

Mayor Finley nominated Brenda Matthews to Place 3. There being no further nominations, Ms. Matthews was appointed by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF CINDY SENSENBERGER PLACE 6 OF THE MADISON STATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF OCTOBER 27, 2027

Mayor Finley nominated Cindy Sensenberger to Place 6. There being no further nominations, Ms. Matthews was appointed by acclamation.

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. 2023-319: REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY PHILIMOND S. SMITH, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE LOCATED AT 312 PALMER ROAD, FROM M-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO M-1 (RESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT (FIRST READING 10/09/2023)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren advised the applicant has a karate studio wanting to be in this building that is not allowed in the M2 zone for this purpose. The Planning Commission and staff are also recommending approval of this.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments, and with there being none, public comments were closed.

Council Member Wroblewski asked if this was like the Soccer Academy. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren replied yes that property on Westchester is zoned M1 already so that's what this property would be doing.

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-319 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 Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-321: REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY FUSION REALITY, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 5.5 ACRES LOCATED AT 13 PENSION ROW (NORTH OF PALMER ROAD AND WEST OF PENSION ROW), FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO R-1B (FIRST READING 10/09/2023)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren explained several scenarios of how the property with residential lots shall be developed according to the zoning guidelines. The Planning Commission and staff would expect 5-10 houses on the property to approve.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments

Margy Daly is concerned that the real estate company will flip property and want to build more homes on property.

Bernadette Mayer concerned on amount of green space and drainage.

Council President Bartlett asked if there were any more public comments and with there being no more, public comments was closed.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren clarified questions asked. Council Member Wroblewski is concerned about property values and taxes for the residents along Pension Road that are on limited incomes. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren is not aware of County Tax Assessor reassess property adjacent to new development and annually assess property by overall market values. Council Member Powell asked for examples that can go on the agricultural zone. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren listed a few:

- Plant nurseries
- Schools
- Residential home based on amount of acreage.
- Crops

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-321 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-323: AMENDING SECTIONS 4-16-2 AND 4-16-4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF MEDICAL OFFICE AND CHILDCARE CENTERS IN THE UC (URBAN CENTER) DISTRICT (FIRST READING 10/09/2023)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren explained ordinance to allow medical offices without the retail component and allowing childcare facility that is currently a shortage in the metro area. The Planning Commission and staff support allowing medical use without restriction or a requirement for the retail component on the ground floor but not supporting urgent care, surgery centers or hospitals are also recommending approval of this.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments.

Margi Daly is concerned children from daycare centers will be close to alcohol and possibly cannabis in the urban center district.

Council President Bartlett asked if there were any more public comments and with there being no more, public comments were closed.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren clarified questions asked about zoning locations and their criteria for childcare centers and medical offices which are met.

Council Member Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-323. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-373-R: REQUEST FOR A RESTAURANT RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE FROM BBB SMOKEYS LLC, DOING BUSINESS AS BIG BAD BREAKFAST, FOR THEIR LOCATION AT 8071 HIGHWAY 72 W MADISON, AL 35758

Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams Deputy Revenue Officer Ivon Williams informed Council that this is a new request for this location and added that everything is in order for Council action.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for public comments.

Margi Daly requesting map where liquor licenses are approved along with high percent sales tax city charges to purchase alcohol.

Council President Bartlett asked if there were any more public comments and with there being no more, public comments were closed.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-373-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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-351-R: ACCEPTANCE OF THE EVERSTEAD (180 HUGHES ROAD) INTO THE CITY OF MADISON MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-351-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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-370-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TNB CONSTRUCTION & CONCRETE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADA COMPLIANCE SIDEWALK RAMPS IN HOME PLACE SUBDIVISION | PROJECT NO. 22-029, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,450.00 (TO BE PAID FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-370-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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-381-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SHOALS ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,900 FOR REPLACEMENT OF UPRIGHT TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLE FOR HARDIMAN ROAD AT COUNTY LINE ROAD INTERSECTION (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-381-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Mayor Finley asked for confirmation at that intersection that improvements were made and continuing to analyze the flow of traffic for optimal results. City Engineer stated the improvements made for detection purposes is to keep traffic moving better. 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.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-374-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NOLA | VAN PEURSEM ARCHITECTS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX (ESTIMATED \$416,000 TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND #38)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-374-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Denzine asked where exactly this will be located. Facilities Director Gerald Smith answered the Hexagon 23A building the city purchased. Council President clarified to Council Member Denzine that the Public Safety Annex was just now named from this agenda. 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. 2023-385-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH LEE COMPANY FOR HVAC MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE SUNSHINE OAKS AND PALMER PARK (ADDITIONAL \$4,692 TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-385-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. Council Member Powell asked if this was a normal type of contract. Facilities Director Gerald Smith replied it is quarterly maintenance and covers the equipment so if one fails it is to be repaired or replaced. 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-377: AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE CITY OF MADISON, SECTION 11: ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE (FIRST READING, REQUEST TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-377. Council Member Shaw seconded on unanimous consent. 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.

Upon suspension of the rules, Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-377. Council Member Powell seconded.

Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli gave an overview of leave changes and added Juneteenth to the city official list of holidays. Council and Mayor Finley thanked her for her work on this. 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.

LEGAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-375: AMENDING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT A NOISE PERMIT MAY BE FILED FROM 15 DAYS TO 72 HOURS PRIOR TO EVENT (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-384: AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WATER & WASTEWATER BOARD OF THE CITY OF MADISON (FIRST READING - REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE RULES)

Council Member Spears moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-384. Council Member Shaw seconded on unanimous consent. 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.

Upon suspension of the rules, Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-384. Council Member Shaw seconded.

City Attorney Brian Kilgore briefly explained a water source north of Hwy 72 that Madison Utilities wants but the property there they thought had first right of refusal, but legal descriptions were wrong. 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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-378: VACATION OF UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 110 TOM THRASHER LANE WITHIN LOT 2A OF A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 OF CLEGHORN PARK SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING - REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE RULES)

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren displayed a map of the property for the Vacation of Easement for a restaurant to be located on the property to remove any impediments, so this can be moved as quickly as possible.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-378. Council Member Shaw seconded on unanimous consent. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
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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.

Upon suspension of the rules, Council Member Shaw moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-378, 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.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-308-R: AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 BRUNO AND THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FROM THE CITY OF MADISON TO OFFICER ADAM LAWSON

Police Chief Johnny Gandy advised the past couple of months K9 Bruno was removed from aggression work and only utilizing his nose for tracking due to him aging and with some physical issues and is ready for retirement. Police Chief Johnny Gandy invited K9 Bruno and Officer Lawson to come up before Council expressing how very well K9 Bruno is trained by an outstanding handler.

Officer Adam Lawson made a heartfelt statement regarding K9 Bruno stating "It's been said that it is not just those with two legs who are born with a soul that has the courage to wear a badge. For the last nearly 7 years of my 11 years of service, K9 Bruno has been my partner, my protector and best friend. When I discovered this past spring Bruno had developed a spinal disease due to the years of intensive training necessary to do our job, it goes without saying I was devastated, upon reflection I believe that he would say it was the keepsake of a life span defending something. He is my faithful companion through many long shifts and for several years we owned the night. With K9 Brunos ever ready nose ready to serve, we have protected the citizenry from the criminal elements". Officer Lawson listed K9 Bruno achievements:

- Completed hundreds of narcotic seizures
- Countless evidence recoveries
- Successfully executed 29 criminal apprehensions of dangerous offenders
- Located murder weapons leading to the successful prosecution of two homicide suspects
- Found lost children and the elderly

- Entertained hundreds of children and adults of canine demonstrations

Officer Lawson began thanking K9 Bruno for bringing him home after every single shift and being his eyes and ears through many dark places steadfast and unwavering at my side and of all the souls I've encountered in my years of service yours is the most human.

K9 Bruno and Officer Adam Lawson were given a standing applause.

Police Chief Johnny Gandy presented a large bone to K9 Bruno which he was pleased to accept.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-308-R. Council Member Denzine 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.

Police Chief Johnny Gandy stated to K9 Bruno that he served your fellow Officer's well as well as the citizens of the City of Madison.

Second applause given.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-372-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH ALABAMA HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT FUNDS

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-372-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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-379: AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE REPEALING PROVISIONS REQUIRING POLICE OFFICERS TO PLACE, MONITOR AND REMOVE HUMANE ANIMAL TRAPS (FIRST READING)

Police Chief Johnny Gandy advised Animal Control Officer's are extremely busy with domesticated animals and have no training on how to handle wild animals and prefer to handle only domestic animals they pick up every day. Council Member Wroblewski asked if rules can be suspended for an immediate vote which all agreed.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-379. Council Member Powell seconded on unanimous consent. 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.

Upon suspension of the rules, Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-379. 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.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-376-R: AUTHORIZING A FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5162 FOR MEETING ROOM SPACE

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-376-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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Barlett advised we will not have a Work Session in November and have sent a proposed date for our next Work Session to council and wait for replies before it is posted.

ADJOURNMENT

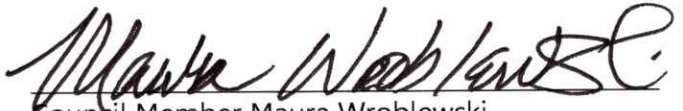
Having no further business to discuss Council Member Wroblewski moved to adjourn.
The roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

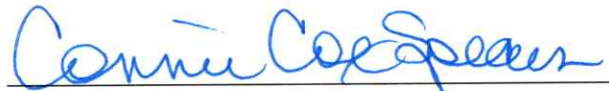
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-21-RG, dated November 13th, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 27th day of November 2023.


Council Member Maura Wroblewski

District One



Council Member Connie Spears

District Two



Council Member Teddy Powell

District Three



Council Member Greg Shaw

District Four

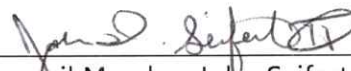


Council Member Ranae Bartlett

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



Lisa Ritz

Recording Secretary