



**MINUTES NO. 2024-10-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
May 28, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 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 Troy Garner from The Fellowship of Faith Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ranae Bartlett.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Absent
Council District No. 2 Connie Spears	Absent
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 Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Troy Garner, Emily Jones, Jacob Bowers

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore had the following updates and/or changes listed below:

Resolution No. 2024-140-R: under public hearing, the mentioned vacant lot has met compliance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-09-RG DATED MAY 13, 2024

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-09-RG. Council Member Denzine seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS BY FIRE CHIEF DAVID BAILEY TO FIRE CAPTAIN EDDIE RICHARDSON, HEMSI PARAMEDIC JOHN BLANKENSHIP, AND HEMSI EMT-B TYLER EBERLE

The Star of Life is awarded to someone who is successful in saving a life while medical interventions are being performed. To qualify for this award, a patient must survive and be discharged from the hospital.

The Unit Citation is awarded to someone who acts as part of the crew or team that provides support other than those actively engaged in saving a life during a fire, rescue, or medical emergency.

Fire Chief Bailey thanked all members for their dedication to service and their families that supported them in all their effort. Fire Chief Bailey presented the awards as followed:

Star of Life Award	Captain Eddie Richardson
Star of Life Award	Paramedic John Blankenship-HEMSI
Unit Citation Award	EMT Tyler Eberle-HEMSI

A round of applause was given.

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS BY MRS. DEBBIE OVERCASH WITH THE MADISON ROTARY CLUB

Debbie Overcash of the Rotary Club along with Mayor Finley, Council President Ranae Bartlett, Fire Chief David Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief Brandy Williams, Police Chief John Gandy, Rotary Club President Eric Simonson presented the awards as follows:

Firefighter of the Year	Driver/Paramedic Luke Hall
Police Officer of the Year	Joshua Overman
Employee of the Year	Candace Watson

A round of applause and standing ovation was given to each employee.

INTERMISSION: EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR RECEPTION

President Pro Tem Seifert called for a brief intermission to honor the "Employees of the Year" reception.

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 was 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.*

OSCAR DRAPER SR.

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

- Franklin subdivision concerns
- Congratulated Police Dept for their dedication
- Thanked Mayor Finley and Council for their service

KATHY YOUNG

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

- Inappropriate library books

EMILY JONES

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

- Inappropriate library books
- APLS policy changes

CARISSA CALLAN

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

- Inappropriate library books

RACHEL HOMOLAK (DISTRICT FOUR)

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

- Inappropriate library books

ANGELA GARY (DISTRICT FIVE)

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

- Resolution No. 2024-147-R, objection to the Swatek agreement

JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT FIVE)

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

- Resolution No. 2024-147-R,
- Proposed Ordinance No.2024-137

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT FIVE)

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

- Future tax dollar concerns
- Civic awareness class objections
- Resolution No. 2024-156-R, contradiction with ownership of Palmer Park
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-137, disapproval, suggested lack of consideration for community
- Resolution 2024-147-R, objection to the Swatek agreement
- Resolution No. 2024-125-R feels that it is redundant.

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,463,235.95
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ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,081.94
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$17,983.10
Library Building Fund	\$699.62
Water Distribution and Storage	\$2,332.00
Venue Maintenance	\$6,751.15

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-143-R: Authorizing a Subscription Agreement with TheraNest (\$39 per month to be paid from HR Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-145-R: Declaring duty weapon and badge issued to Lieutenant Christie Gover as surplus and authorizing it be given to her upon retirement

Resolution No. 2024-151-R: Authorizing the renewal of Civil 3D software license subscriptions from Autodesk, Inc. for four (4) single-user workstations (\$10,560 to be paid from Engineering Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-152-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (66 Cisco IP Phones) via online auction through GovDeals website pursuant to Section 16-108 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Madison

Resolution No. 2024-153-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (2012 Dodge Charger RWD with broken rear subframe), formerly used by the Police Department, via online auction through Govdeals website pursuant to Section 16-108 of the City of Madison Code of Ordinances

Resolution No. 2024-155-R: Authorizing the disposal or destruction of certain Police Department records as reviewed and approved by the Alabama Department of Archives and History

Authorization of payment of Invoice No. 26355-1 to Morell Engineering for work on resurfacing and striping of Madison Blvd. from Wall Triana to Flagstone on Project No 22-002 (\$29,512.82 to be paid from Fund 38)

Authorization of payment (Draw #7) to Enfinger Development, Inc. for work performed on Project No. 22-034 | Madison Branch Boulevard roundabout (\$264,354.80 to be paid from Fund 38)

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit quotes to rewire the traffic signal at Hughes Road and Highway 72

Acceptance of donation from L. Tucker (\$30 to be deposited to Senior Center donation account)

Acceptance of donation from Huntsville Gymnastics Center (\$200 to be deposited into Recreation Donation Account)

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

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

Presented a check from Arthur Orr in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the City to help support the Madison library. Council approved the check, and a vote was taken:

Council Member Powell moved to approve the check in the amount of \$20,000.00. The vote to approve the \$ 20,000.00 was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried

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

- Addressed concerns with the Swatek agreement

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

No business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

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

No business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-148-R: AUTHORIZING THE ARCHIVING OF THE MAY 22, 2024, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Member Denzine moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-148-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-165-R: AUTHORIZING PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS TO GILLESPIE AND HUGHES (NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 TO BE PAID FROM COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-165-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee (MPCAC) will not meet on Tuesday May 29, as scheduled, the meeting is rescheduled for July 23rd at the Madison Library.
- Thanked American Legion Post 229 for the Veterans Memorial Day ceremony

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Thanked the American Legion for honoring the Veterans

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-150-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHOALS ELECTRIC TO REWIRE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND INSTALL NEW DETECTION LOOPS INCLUDING CONDUIT WITH JUNCTION BOXES AS REQUIRED AT THE I-565 AND WALL TRIANA HWY INTERSECTION ON PROJECT 24-015 (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,300, TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-150-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-156-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HALLIBURTON SURVEYING & MAPPING, INC. FOR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE PALMER PARK PARKING LOT ADDITION ON PROJECT 23-022 (IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500, TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-156-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Shaw asked if there was a previous master plan survey on file with the architect. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-160-R: AUTHORIZING A PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENT WITH SWR HOLDINGS, LLC FOR GRADING/CLEARING OF PROPERTY NEAR BROWNSFERRY/BURGREN ROAD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-160-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-161-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CONTECH FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT PALMER PARK (\$22,000 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-161-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Seifert asked if there was a specific place chosen for the pedestrian bridge. City Engineer Michael Johnson clarified that the location will be in the same location as before. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

FIRE & RESCUE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-137: AMENDING SECTION 18-3 OF THE MADISON CITY CODE TO ALLOW NOVELTY AND SPARKLING DEVICES (FIRST READING 05/13/2024)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-137. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Denzine asked if any of the items were going to be noisy and if they were going to disturb dogs. Fire Chief Bailey clarified that the items consisted of sparklers, smoke devices, ground sparkling devices that twirl as well as ground base sparklers. Fire Chief Bailey added that this ordinance doesn't include anything that flies and makes a ton of noise. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Absent

Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

LEGAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO.2024-119: REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-009; SCHEDULE FOR TRASH AND GARBAGE RATES (FIRST READING 05/13/2024)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-119. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Seifert asked about the rationale behind the increase. City Attorney Brian Kilgore explained the logic that was forecasted in 2019. Council Member Denzine asked for clarification and City Attorney Brian Kilgore shared that the figure that had been forecasted in 2019 isn't the rate that the city currently has with Athens and Huntsville Utilities. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-147-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SWATEK, VAUGHN, & BRYAN, LLC FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND LOBBYING SERVICES FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD (\$5,000/MONTH TO BE PAID FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-147-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council President Bartlett asked Mayor Finley if he would clarify the future priorities the firm would be focused on. Mayor Finley clarified that the Council would readdress the topic and decide on the things that lead to funding, once department heads give input on future needs. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-123: ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY CANETA HALL HUNNICUTT AND DAVID A. HUNNICUTT LOCATED AT 100 ROEMA DRIVE (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-125-R: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-124; ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY CANETA HALL HUNNICUTT AND DAVID A. HUNNICUTT LOCATED AT 100 ROEMA DRIVE TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) UPON ANNEXATION (FIRST PUBLICATION 6/5/2024, SYNOPSIS 6/12/2024, PUBLIC HEARING 7/8/2024)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-125-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Shaw asked Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren what the reason for the requested resolution was. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren explained that there's an existing house already on the property and the individuals are using Madison Roads as well as other services within the city, which allows the city to collect property tax from the home. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-141: VACATION OF LANDSCAPE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN LOT 2B OF HERITAGE PLANTATION 9TH ADDITION SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-142-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS OF ALABAMA, INC. FOR FIREWORKS SHOW FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD JULY 3, 2024 (\$14,999.00 TO BE PAID FROM PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-142-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Absent
Council Member Connie Spears	Absent
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 7:17 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-10-RG, dated May 28th, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 10th day of June 2024.

ABSTAIN-MW

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One

Connie Spears

Council Member Connie Spears
District Two

Teddy Powell

Council Member Teddy Powell
District Three

Council Member Greg Shaw
District Four

Ranae Bartlett

Council Member Ranae Bartlett
District Five

Karen Denzine

Council Member Karen Denzine
District Six

John Seifert

Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:

Paul Finley

Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Kerri Sulyma

Kerri Sulyma
Recording Secretary