



**MINUTES NO. 2023-01-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
January 9, 2023**

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, January 9, 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, Jeff Smith of Madison Baptist 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	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, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Mari Bretz, Municipal Records Coordinator Lisa Ritz, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Senior Systems Analyst Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, and Police Lieutenant Jon Stout

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Shayla Allen(Big Brother Big Sisters TN Valley), Debbie Overcash(MSHPS), Kaye Goldthorpe, Katie Williams(Rocket City Curling Club), Mary Lynne Wright, Amy George, Sarah Savage Jones, Cindy Sensenberger, Joan Ann Benefield, Dee Lynn Voelkel, Stephenie Walker(MVP), Melanie Thornton(MVP), Beth Sippel, Joselyn Broer.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested the following amendments to the agenda:

- Under Engineering, Item D, **Resolution No. 2023-004-R**, the amount paid from Engineering Departmental Budget should be \$3,600 instead of \$2,600.

Council President Bartlett accepted the printed agenda with the corrections from above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2022-24-RG DATED DECEMBER 19, 2022

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-24-RG. Council Member Powell 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 THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH"

Mayor Finley read aloud a proclamation declaring January 2023 as "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Madison and presented it to Ms. Shayla Allen of Tennessee Valley Big Brother Big Sisters.

Ms. Allen thanked Mayor Finley for the city's support towards Tennessee Valley Big Brother Big Sisters.

PRESENTATION BY CAROLYN REAGLE WITH MADISON BEAUTIFICATION BOARD FOR THE ARBOR DAY CONTEST CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES PRESENTATION

Postponed until February 13th at the request of the presenter

DEBBIE OVERCASH, PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PRESENTATION OF WINNERS OF THE POLAR EXPRESS TREES

Debbie Overcash of the Historical Society present the winner of the Polar Express Trees as follows:

Mayor's Choice
Most Creative
Honorable Mention

Rocket City Curling Club
Filthy Gorgeous on Main
Madison Public Works

Ms. Overcash thanked Madison Parks and Recreation, Madison Public Works, Madison Community Orchestra, The Rotary Club, Madison Arts Council, Madison Library, and Lowes for their partnership and support in this event.

Ms. Overcash informed council that Christmas Capers was a huge success and it is growing. They had almost \$3,500 in prizes donated by area businesses.

MELANIE THORNTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH MADISON VISIONARY PARTNERS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR ANNUAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Ms. Thornton reported on the projects of Madison Visionary Partners and their future plans in connection with their annual appropriation request. Ms. Thornton announced that they will be hosting their first Annual Madison Visionary Awards, where they will honor individuals who make Madison a great place to live through volunteerism and philanthropy. They are also finalizing two partnerships through their fiscal sponsorship program. The program allows people, groups, and businesses who have projects that need charitable funding without having to start their own nonprofit. Ms. Thornton shared that they are in the final stages of planning a robust fundraising campaign for the Madison Community Center.

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.*

JAMES ROSS, CO-CHAIR FOR MADISON FIRST AND MADISON FORWARD (DISTRICT 1)

Mr. Ross appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to share that on January 4th, Madison Forward submitted the signatures to the probate judge and that they have 15 days to adjudicate the signatures. Once that is completed the process can move forward for the Madison City Governance Initiative to potentially bring a City Manager in.

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Open Meetings Act
- Freedom of speech
- Council-Manager petition
- Roads, street lighting, and animal shelter

MS. JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Madison Forward petition
- Council-Manager Form of Government

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Shaw shared that the Finance Committee has reviewed everything and found it to be in order. Council Member Shaw expressed his thanks for the donations that were received for the Fire department from Chambers Bottling Company, Dale Strong, and Monrovia Volunteer Fire Department.

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

General Operating account	\$1,420,526.35
Special General Operating Accounts	\$100,152.73
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$1,385.00
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$34,322.72
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$3,632.84
CIP Bond Accounts	\$210,333.50
Library Building Fund	\$5,525.00
Water Distribution and Storage	\$8,500.00
Multi-Use Venue Collection Fund	\$186,065.10

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Approval of Authorization of Engineering Department to solicit proposals for removal of sediment from retainage ponds and assessing which retainage pond(s) need to be de-sedimented, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (to be paid from Fund 11, Storm Water Fees)

Resolution No. 2023-008-R: approving an annual appropriation agreement with the Madison Visionary Partners for FY 23 in the amount of \$50,000 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-009-R approving an annual appropriation agreement with the Madison Chamber of Commerce for FY 23 in the amount of \$75,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-010-R approving an annual appropriation agreement with KTECH (A Workforce Initiative of the Kids to Love Foundation) for FY 23 in the Amount of \$5,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-011-R: approving an annual appropriation agreement with the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board for FY 23 in the amount of \$4,500 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-012-R approving an annual appropriation agreement with the Huntsville Hospital Foundation for FY 23 in the amount of \$5,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Approval to accept donation from Chairman Dale Strong in the amount of \$30,000 to support the purchase of Life Pack 15's for Fire Dept.

Approval to accept the donation of 2013 Chevy Tahoe from Monrovia Volunteer Fire Dept.

Acceptance of donation from Chambers Bottling Company, LLC in the amount of \$36.00, to be deposited into Fire Department donation account.

Council Member Powell seconded. Council President Bartlett asked Council if they can take all the items on the Consent Agenda together. Council Member Spears asked to take **Resolution No. 2023-040-R**; Authorizing signatures on said Synovus accounts, on a separate vote. Council President Bartlett asked to amend the motion to take all the items except **Resolution No. 2023-040-R**; Authorizing signatures on said Synovus accounts. Council Member Shaw moved to amend the Consent Agenda. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote to approve the amended Consent Agenda for all items except **Resolution No. 2023-040-R** 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. 2023-040-R; AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON SAID SYNOVUS ACCOUNTS

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-040-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Nay
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:

- Annual appropriations for: Madison Visionary Partners, Madison Chamber of Commerce, KTech, Madison City Disability Advocacy Board, and Huntsville Hospital Foundation
- Madison Forward delivery of signatures to the Madison and Limestone County Probate Judge’s
- Complimented Madison Police Department and the Fire Department and reminded the public to lock your cars at night.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Thanked everyone who was involved on Hughes Road and asked if someone could let her know about adding reflectors to the road.
- Madison ReadyFest, an emergency preparedness event, will be held on February 25th. Asked for support from any businesses interested.
- Madison Library will be holding a book conference on Sunday January 22nd at 1:30pm.
- Thanked Public Works for taking care of the roads during the snow event at the end of December

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Thanked Public Works for clearing the roads during the snow event
- Thanked First Responders for their hard work with senior citizens when they have fallen.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- Gave thanks and appreciation to all the men and women in blue for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Reminded the public of the Work Session meeting being held on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Reminded the public that the Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Madison Library on January 24th. The topic will be traffic stops.
- Advised the public that there are vacancies on the Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee and the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board. Please put in your applications as they like to have more citizens involved.
- Thanked all who worked during the holidays

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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

ANNUAL UPDATE ON REBUILD ALABAMA ACT GAS TAX FUNDS

City Engineer Michael Johnson presented Council with the following update on the Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds.

Revenue Sources Collected/Spent

2 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 581,590
4 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 283,255
5 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 103,731
7 Cent Gas Tax	\$ 539,688
2019 Gas Tax	\$ 361,675
<u>Total FY 2022 Collected</u>	<u>\$1,869,939</u>

Budgeted Funds By Source

2 Cent, 4 Cent, 5 Cent, & 7 Cent Gas Tax

Right of Way Mowing	\$350,000
Road Repairs	\$315,000
Signs	\$50,000
Signals	\$75,000
Utilities & Street Lights	\$500,000

2019 Gas Tax

Bowers Road Resurfacing	\$350,000
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Budgeted Total FY2022 \$1,640,000

Council Member Powell asked City Engineer Michael Johnson if we get any of the tag fee for electric vehicles as they don't pay gas tax. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded he did not know but would find out.

Council Member Wroblewski asked about the reflectors on Hughes Road. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that he would get with Public Works to see what it would take to add those.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-002-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GARVER, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR REPAIRS ON MADISON BOULEVARD BRIDGES OVER BRADFORD CREEK - JOINT REPLACEMENT (\$96,990.00 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-002-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. 2023-003-R: AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL AGREEMENT (QUOTE NO. 26121432) WITH ESRI, INC. FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE SERVICES (\$9,050.00 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-003-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. 2023-004-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH J.W. KENNEDY FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEY AND PREPARATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS ON PROJECT NO. 22-023 (GOOCH LANE SIDEWALK EXTENSION PROJECT) (\$3,600 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-004-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked where the extension would be. Council Member Seifert responded that it would be west of Wall Triana Blvd on the northside of Gooch Lane. Council Member Seifert thank City Engineer for bringing it forward and getting it done this year. 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. 2023-007: CHANGING THE NAME AND DESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC STREET FROM HALSEY ROAD TO MADISON BRANCH BOULEVARD (FIRST READING)

Council Member Spears asked if the request came from the former owners of the land, the Halsey family.

This is a first reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-036-R: AWARING BID NO. 2022-012-ITB FOR MADISON BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER BRADFORD CREEK TO MILLER & MILLER IN

THE AMOUNT OF \$448,257.00 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-036-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.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-001-R: CORRECTION TO RE-ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE JOB CLASSIFICATION PLANS DUE TO A DUPLICATION OF RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND VOID RESOLUTION NO. 2022-129-R ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2022

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-001-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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-035 REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-287 (CLIFT FARM PUBLIX ANNEXATION) ADOPTED BY THE MADISON CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2022 TO CORRECT AN OVERSIGHT IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION (FIRST READING - REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE RULES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION)

City Attorney Brian Kilgore explained that Ordinance No. 2022-287 did not properly identify common areas in the legal description. City Attorney Brian Kilgore explained that proposed Ordinance No. 2023-035 would repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2022-287 to include all areas in the annexation of the legal description. City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested to suspend the rules for immediate consideration.

Council President Bartlett asked for a motion to suspend the rules.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to suspend the rules. 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

Council President Bartlett asked City Attorney Brian Kilgore if he wanted a motion to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2022-287 with Ordinance 2023-035. City Attorney Brian Kilgore responded, yes.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-035. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked for clarification on the additional areas. Brian Kilgore explained that the legal description did not include the areas in Ordinance No. 2022-287. 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-005-R; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006, ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY BOONE HENRY THREE, LLC AND CLIFT FARMS PLACE, LLC, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.8 ACRES, LOCATED NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 72, EAST OF UNCLE FRANK BOULEVARD TO B3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT (FIRST PUBLICATION 1/18/2023, SYNOPSIS 1/25/2023, PUBLIC HEARING 2/13/2023)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-005-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.

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 6:42 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-01-RG, dated January 9th, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 23rd day of January 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

Mari Bretz
Recording Secretary