



**MINUTES NO. 2023-09-RG  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MADISON, ALABAMA  
May 13, 2024**

*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](http://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, May 13, 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 Huey Hudson of Restoration 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	Absent
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, Municipal Records Coordinator Lori Spaulding, Information Technology Coordinator Toby Jenkins, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Public Works Kent Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Human Resources Coordinator Dasia Perkins, Economic and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Communication and External Affairs Officer Samantha Magnuson.

Public Attendance registered: Jennifer Coe, Margi Daly, Christopher King, Ellsworth K. Johnson III, Huey L. Hudson, Emily Whitten, Riley Medders, Amy Medders, Nathan Medders, Buster Brasfield, Rachel Homolak, Nathan Koesner.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MINUTES NO. 2023-08-RG DATED April 22, 2024**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-08-RG. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**MINUTES NO. 2024-05-WS DATED April 17, 2024**

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-05-WS. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**GRADUATION OF CIVIC AWARENESS ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS**

Economic and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie presented the first graduating inaugural class with their certificates of completion

**PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 19 - 25, 2024 AS "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, AL**

Public Works Director Kent Smith accepted the proclamation presented to his department

**PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "WATER SAFETY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA. PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO DINA YOUNG, CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AT SAFESPLASH SWIM SCHOOL**

Chief Development Officer Dina Young accepted the Proclamation on behalf of North Alabama Swim Schools

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO THE WINNING STUDENT OF DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL, JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR THE MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Discovery Middle School: Nikita Prabhakar  
Journey Middle School: Riley Medders  
Liberty Middle School: Jeffrey Duan  
St. John's Catholic School: Gianna King

**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](mailto: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](mailto:citycouncil@madisonal.gov).*

**RACHEL HOMOLAK (DISTRICT 4)**

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

- Library books

**JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)**

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

- Ordinance No. 2024-137
- Resolution No. 2024-121-R
- Speed tables on Highland

**MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)**

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

- Debt in Madison
- Water, sewage, and trash fees
- Civic Awareness Academy
- MVP tax dollars

- Ordinance No. 2024-137

**CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

General Operating account	\$2,451,849.67
Special General Operating Accounts	\$1,725.80
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$6,085.50
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$15,644.00
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$109,629.67
TVA Tax	\$2,796.68
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$2,574.83
CIP Bond Accounts	\$572,397.32
Library Building Fund	\$104,735.43
Multi-Use Venue Collection Fund	\$202,481.96

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

**Resolution No. 2024-115-R:** Declaring non-serviceable weapons, weapon parts, and GPS units formerly used by the Police Department as surplus and of negligible value and authorizing the disposal of said property.

**Resolution No. 2024-117-R:** Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Crisis Services of North Alabama for community collaborations

**Resolution No. 2024-127-R:** Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061689 for damage which occurred to a city vehicle (VIN No. 4201) (\$7,479.25 minus \$500 deductible)

**Resolution No. 2024-128-R:** Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061567 for damage which occurred to a city vehicle (VIN No. 2327) (\$24,758.03 minus \$500 deductible)

**Resolution No. 2024-133-R:** Acceptance of recovered deductible from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061054, for incident which occurred on December 1, 2023 (\$500.00, to be deposited into General Operating account)

**Resolution No. 2024-134-R:** Acceptance of recovered deductible from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061433 for incident which occurred on February 10, 2024 (\$500.00, to be deposited into General Operating account)

**Resolution No. 2024-135-R:** Acceptance of settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061698 in the amount of \$2,163.23 minus \$500.00 deductible, for damage which occurred to Police Vehicle. (\$1,663.23 to be credited to the General Operating Account)

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit bids for the Burgreen and Huntsville-Brownsferry Road roundabout project

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit bids for Browns Ferry Road culvert replacement

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit bids for Mill Road ditch stabilization

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit bids for two pedestrian bridges for Palmer Park

Authorizing the Engineering Department to solicit quotes for Project No. 24-016 | Pedestrian Function Improvements at Gillespie Road and Hughes Road intersection

Authorizing the Facilities & Grounds Department to solicit bids for the renovation of the Public Safety Annex

Council Member Shaw 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	Absent
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:

- Responded to the public comment's question about MVP receiving money, stating no, they did not receive anything from the County Commission or the State
- Responded to public comment regarding Civic Awareness Academy and said The City has tried to give correct information to her but were blocked
- Unveiled two murals downtown
- During Governor Ivey's presentation to the Chamber, she verified that the 565 funding is moving forward to get bid and the State is going to cover the costs
- Thanked Economic and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie for the great job she did on the Civic Awareness Academy and the City Council Members as well

- Thanked Ms. Gillespie for managing our relationship with our lobbyists down in Montgomery

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI**

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

**Resolution No. 2024-146-R:** Approving the expenditure of Council Special Projects funds for the purchase of a Vehicle Advanced Warning Flasher for Project No. 24-017 on Balch Road at Chapel Hill for the Engineering Department (amount not to exceed \$10,000)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-146-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

- Presented a PowerPoint from the National Child Advocacy Center with regard to communication opportunities that parents can have with their children regarding sensitive topics. Council Member Wroblewski stated she did not believe it was City Council’s purview to mandate what books are in the HMCPL Library System or where they should be placed. Her belief is that parents should parent their own children and that it was not the City Council’s responsibility to do so for all children.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS**

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

- No new business

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL**

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

- Absent

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW**

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

- Bob Jones and James Clemens will be playing in the State Baseball Playoffs on Tuesday and Wednesday

#### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT**

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

- Congratulated Madison City Schools 2024 Graduates
- Congratulated the Graduates of the Civic Awareness Academy

#### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE**

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

- Thanked Public Works, Police and Fire for watching over us during the storms last week
- Congratulated the students at Bob Jones who put together MADFEST saying it was a huge success

#### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT**

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

- No new business

#### **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. 2024-126-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MORELL ENGINEERING FOR CE&I WORK ON PROJECT 22-002**

**| MADISON BOULEVARD RESURFACING AND SIGNALIZATION (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$294,229.25, TO BE PAID FROM FUND 38)**

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-126-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-131-R: ACCEPTANCE OF MADISON BRANCH, PHASE 1, INTO THE CITY OF MADISON MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-131-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-132-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NIVENS & ASSOCIATES APPRAISALS FOR PROPERTY APPRAISALS ON PROJECT 22-038 | BURGREN ROAD AND HARDIMAN ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200, TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-132-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-136-R: AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH URETEK USA, INC. FOR VOID-FILL AND STABILIZATION ON PROJECT 24-**



**003 | SPENCER GREEN SETTLEMENT DESIGN SOLUTION (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$88,500, TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-136-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-138-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRIBBLE SPRINGS, LLC FOR RIGHT OF WAY/EASEMENTS ACQUISITION FOR THE BROWNSFERRY/BURGREN ROAD ROUNDABOUT (\$108,647 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-138-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-139-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH P-R BURGREN, LLC FOR RIGHT OF WAY/ EASEMENTS ACQUISITION FOR THE BROWNSFERRY/BURGREN ROAD ROUNDABOUT (\$77,720.00 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-139-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-149-R: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH FAIR LAND, LLC FOR RIGHT OF WAY/EASEMENT ACQUISITION FOR THE BROWNSFERRY/BURGREN ROAD ROUNDABOUT (\$104,181 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-149-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

This is a first reading only

Council Member Spears asked if they create a lot of noise, and Chief Bailey responded saying he does not believe that they are big noise generators.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-144-R: AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN OF THE CITY (PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT STAFFING UPDATE)**

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-144-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	Absent
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.2024-119: REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-009: SCHEDULE FOR TRASH AND GARBAGE RATES (FIRST READING)**

This is a first reading only

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-118-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILLING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ATHENS UTILITIES**

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-118-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	Absent
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. 2024-061: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF LUDIE RICHARD DRIVE, CURRENTLY A PRIVATE ROAD, TO BE DEDICATED AS A PUBLIC ROAD TO THE CITY**

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-061-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	Absent
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. 2024-121-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OPERATION UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FOR ESD K9 ACQUISITION (\$21,500 DONATED FROM MADISON FAMILY WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS - CITY TO PAY \$920 FOR ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION, VET SERVICES, FOOD, AND TRAINING/LODGING. TO BE PAID FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)**

Police Chief Johnny Gandy had Detective Ted Thiele explain the purpose of having the K9 and what great benefits they are to their investigations and to the community.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-121-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	Absent
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**

- Work Session Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm

### **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	Absent
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 7:05 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-09-RG, dated May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Council Member Maura Wroblewski  
District One

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Council Member Connie Spears  
District Two

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Council Member Teddy Powell  
District Three

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Council Member Greg Shaw  
District Four

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Council Member Ranae Bartlett  
District Five

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Council Member Karen Denzine  
District Six

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Council Member John Seifert  
District Seven

Concur:

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Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa D. Thomas  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Myranda Staples  
Recording Secretary