



**MINUTES NO. 2024-08-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA APRIL 22, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 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 John Dees from CrossPointe 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	Absent
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, Administrative Assistant Myranda Staples, Municipal Records Coordinator Lori Spaulding, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Facilities and Grounds Director Gerald Smith, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred.

Public Attendance registered: Bernadette Mayer, Michael Sheehy, Susan Pierce, Susan Gaston Jones, Tammy E. Steinberg, Sarah Sims, Rachel Homolak, Anna Whisenant, Susan Stewart, Ashley Singleton, Mary Powers, Jean Ann Benefield, Jeanetta Benefield, Audrey Fiala, Beck Mitchell, Jennifer Coe, Brett Standifer, Robert Brakefield, John Merrill, Angela Koons, Bebe Outjen

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore had the following update and/or change listed below:

Resolution No. 2024-100-R: City Attorney Brian Kilgore stated that the amount listed in the resolution is being changed from \$1,745,500 to \$495,500. City Attorney Brian Kilgore clarified that a revised resolution would also reflect that revised amount. Director of

Development Services Mary Beth Broeren explained the reason for the change. She shared that the nature of the change was due to the \$1,745,500 including various phases of plan development. The amount also included the architect helping the city through the bidding, construction and closing process. The amount increased due to the need of Council wanting the plans for the single story building included.

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-100-RG. 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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-07-RG DATED APRIL 07, 2024

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-07-RG. Council Member Seifert seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

LIBRARY OPERATIONS UPDATE BY MADISON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Katie Moore, Manager of the Madison Public Library, gave an update on the upcoming activities and events. She also highlighted some of the statistics from the most recent fiscal year. Jeff Davis, President of the Friends of the Library, presented the Madison Public Library with a \$16,000 check as well as a thank you.

Council Member Wroblewski gave a shout-out to the bookstore that made the donation possible.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DESIGNATING APRIL 2024 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA. PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER.

Mayor Finley presented a proclamation to the National Children’s Advocacy Center, in which he designated April 2024 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 5 - 11, 2024 AS THE 55TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA.

Mayor Finley presented City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas with a proclamation designating the week of May 5-11 as the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week” in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DESIGNATING MAY 2, 2024, AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA. PROCLAMATION TO BE PRESENTED TO TAMMY STEINBERG, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER TASK FORCE.

Mayor Finley presented a proclamation to Tammy Steinberg with the National Day of Prayer Task Force in which he designated May 2, 2024, as “National Day of Prayer” in the City of Madison, Alabama.

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.*

ROBERT ANDERSON (DISTRICT FOUR)

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

- Restore Pedestrian Access Walkway Bradford Creek Greenway

LIBRARY (MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY)

Several Citizens appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his/her concerns on the following item:

Several Citizens voiced their concerns before the Council addressing inappropriate library books for children:

- Rachel Homolak
- Susan Gaston Jones
- Susan Stewart
- Greg McCormick

- Sarah Sims
- Ashley Singleton

Several Citizens appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his/her concerns on the following item:

Several Citizens voiced their concerns before the Council addressing the Toyota Field Project:

- Jonathan Pierce
- Bebe Outjen
- Susan Pierce
- Bernadette Mayer
- Michael Sheehy
- Joey Cece

BRADFORD GREENWAY

Several citizens appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his/her concern on the following item:

Access from County Line Road to Bradford Greenway concerns:

- Gregory Williams
- Beck Mitchell
- Robert Brakefield

JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT FIVE)

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

- 2024-100-R
- 2024-093-R

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,476,254.12
Special General Operating Accounts	\$379.91
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$2946.60

Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$39,231.04
CIP Bond Accounts	\$408,821,.55
Library Building Fund	\$90,610.59

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-111-R: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Board of Education for transportation services for Police Department Kids Camp 2024

Resolution No. 2024-113-R: Declaring duty weapon and badge issued to Detective Stacy Thomas as surplus and authorizing it be given to her upon retirement

Approval to accept MSC Donation from L. Tucker for \$30.00

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

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

- Clarified Major League Baseball mandates
- Addressed Toyota Field’s Visitor Clubhouse Project
- Justified the Half Cent purpose
- Madison Visionary Partners
- Lodging tax

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Shout out to Michelle Epling and staff for Business Awards event
- Shout out to Madison Street Festival for winning the Gold Award

- Asbury car show

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Best in Business Awards
- Clarified the City of Madison and MVP are two separate organizations
- **Resolution No. 2024-090-R:** Adopting an amended and revised annual operating budget for the City of Madison for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-090-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Addressed Library concerns and the Council Members role in the Library
- Ballcorp

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

Resolution No. 2024-114-R: Authorizing the archiving of the April 17, 2024, City Council Work Session

Council President Bartlett moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-114-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 Absent
- Council Member Ranae Bartlett Aye
- Council Member Karen Denzine Aye
- Council Member John Seifert Aye

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Thanked the Terry Odum from the Beautification Board for putting together a wonderful Spring cleanup
- Madison Street Festival won both the Best Nonprofit and Gold at the Chamber event

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

- Thanked Traci Gillespie for The Civic Awareness Academy presentation
- Addressed Library concerns
- Toyota Field
- Would like to see a more realistic case analysis from Rush Rice

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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-108-R: AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUING LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF MADISON AT EXISTING RATES

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-108-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-105-R: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC FOR PROJECT NO. 22-036 | BURGREN AND HUNTSVILLE BROWNS FERRY ROUNDABOUT, FOR BID PHASE SERVICES (\$1,200 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-105-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-107-R: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOMERS CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC FOR PROJECT NO. 24-008 | TIMING ON COUNTY LINE ROAD, TO INCLUDE "SUPPLEMENTAL EARLY MORNING COUNTS" (\$300 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-107-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-109-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NIVENS & ASSOCIATES APPRAISALS, INC. TO PERFORM THE APPRAISAL OF A PROPERTY FOR PROJECT 23-021 | KYSER BLVD GREENWAY (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800, TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-109-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-116-R: AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM SWR HOLDINGS, LLC FOR RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENTS TO CITY FOR THE BROWNS FERRY ROAD AND BURGREN ROAD ROUNDABOUT (\$157,212.00 TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-116-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2024-120-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GTEC, LLC TO EVALUATE THE VERTICAL BEARING AND LATERAL COHESION OF THE FOUNDATION SOILS ON PROJECT 23-018 |

SUNSHINE OAKS (AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500, TO BE PAID FROM FUND 38)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-120-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-110-R: AWARD OF BID NO. 2024-005-ITB, PUBLIC SAFETY ANNEX - DEMOLITION, TO HRS SERVICES, LLC (\$197,000 TO BE PAID FROM FUND 38)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-110-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried

LEGAL

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 (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

PLANNING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-100-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GILBERT, MCLAUGHLIN, CASELLA ARCHITECTS FOR TOYOTA FIELD FOUR-STORY CLUBHOUSE (\$1,745,500 TO BE PAID FROM THE MULTI-USE MAINTENANCE FUND CHECKING)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-100-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-093-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GILBERT, MCLAUGHLIN, CASELLA ARCHITECTS FOR TOYOTA FIELD (\$608,500 TO BE PAID FROM THE MULTI-USE MAINTENANCE FUND CHECKING)

Council Member Wroblewski motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-093-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion failed

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-112-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARAGON HERITAGE, LLC, FOR THE PREPARATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS SUPPORTING THE REHABILITATION OF THE FARLEY-WANN HOUSE (\$800 TO BE PAID FROM WANN HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-112-R. Council Member Powell seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-122-R: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE TO BID PROJECT NO. 2023-009 | BALL FIELD FENCING TO REMOVE A WEED BARRIER FROM THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT WITH HOWELL FENCING

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-122-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. Mayor Finley asked for clarification on the details of the service. Parks and Recreation Director Kory Alfred stated that it will save The City around \$2,000 by us doing the work and the materials to do it with. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-08-RG, dated April 22nd, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 13th day of May 2024.

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

Kerri Sulyma
Recording Secretary

Myranda Staples
Recording Secretary