



**MINUTES NO. 2023-02-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
January 23, 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 23, 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, John Dees of CrossPointe Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Discovery Middle School (DMS) Panther Racing Team.

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 Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Information Technology Coordinator Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy Fire Chief Brandy Williams, and Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren.

Public Attendance registered: Bernadette Mayer, Kristina Stundtner, Teri Patterson, Laura Hossler, Juliana Gentil, Margi Daly, Anita Zomkowski, Melissa Marowski, Lyla Zomkowski, Nikita Prabhakar, Grace Tsai, Ghaida Abdellaoui, Melissa Hyde, Holly Waite, John Dees, Cesar

Castillo, Jamie Koshofer, Jean Ann Benefield, Jocelyn Broer, Dee Voelkel, Steve Perry, Larry Vannoy, Jean Downs, Andy Hag, and Terri Johnson

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Council President Bartlett shared that there would be a walk-on presentation from the Madison Street Festival given by Crystal McBrayer under Presentations and Awards.

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

- **Resolution No. 2023-054-R**; authorizing funding of a Certificate of Deposit for those funds designated for the Phase II I-565 Interchange
- **Resolution No. 2023-055-R**; establishing a special revenue fund for those funds designated for the Phase II I-565 interchange

Both resolutions will be added under Council Member Shaw's presentation of reports due to Finance Committee meeting right before the council meeting this evening.

Council President Bartlett confirmed with City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas of the correction to Consent Agenda Item L, **Resolution No. 2023-053-R**. The department that is disposing of property is Finance, not City Clerk.

City Engineer Michael Johnson corrected the funding under Engineering, Item C, **Resolution No. 2023-045** from Engineering Departmental Budget to Fund 11 the Stormwater User Fee Fund.

With no other amendments Council President Bartlett asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Member Spears moved to approve the amended agenda. 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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-01-RG DATED JANUARY 9, 2023

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-01-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.

MINUTES NO. 2023-01-WS DATED JANUARY 11, 2023

Council Member Denzine requested to amend the minutes to include her statement as follows:

“During discussion Councilperson Denzine spoke in favor of the impact fees. She quoted from the study: “An impact fee represents future developments’ proportional share of the capital facility needs.” She explained that the individuals within the new units will increase demand in the facilities - creating the need to increase the supply of park acreage, recreational facilities, library space, and books. She went on to express that the fees are a positive because the new residents and old residents will know their quality of life will not diminish as the population increases. The money will be there as demand increases and expansion is required. ”

Council Member Spears moved to approve amended Minutes No. 2023-01-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	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

PRESENTATION OF GRANT AWARDS TO 16 RECIPIENTS BY CRYSTAL MCBRAYER, PRESIDENT OF THE MADISON STREET FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Crystal McBrayer, President of the Madison Street Festival Committee and Keegan Mumaw, Grant Committee Chair for Madison Street Festival presented awards to the following 2022 Madison Street Festival Grant recipients:

- American Legion Post 229 Foundation-Larry Vannoy
- Bob Jones High School Teaching Academy "Reading Buddies"-Meagan Fleenor Grant
- Columbia Elementary School "3D ART"-Thuan Murine
- Columbia Elementary School "Shopping for Success"-Melissa Hyde
- Columbia Elementary School- "Astros"-Jessica Pinegar
- Discovery Middle School "Panther Racing"-Melissa Marowski
- Heritage Elementary School "Finch Robots"-Teri Patterson

- Heritage Elementary School "Hands-on Literacy Learning w/VersaTiles"-Savannah Higgins
- James Clemens High School "Photography"-Hannah Stockman
- James Clemens High School Special Education Program "Brain Gym"-Holly Waite
- Madison City School "Robotics team"-Jonathan Bailey
- Madison Elementary School "STEM Club"-Crissy Stegherr
- "Music Program Rhythm & Rhymes"-Kristina Stundtner
- Midtown Elementary School "Archery team"-Laura Hossler
- Rainbow Elementary School Resource Classroom "Sensory items"-Kesha Lovejoy
- The Danny Kendall Johnson Foundation--Danny Johnson

A round of applause was given to all recipients. Council Member Denzine congratulated all the winners and thanked everyone who was involved in the Madison Street Festival.

PRESENTATION OF SUCCESSFUL LIVE SAVE AWARDS BY FIRE CHIEF BAILEY

Fire Chief Bailey appeared before Council to present awards to several people from the Fire Department and HEMSI.

Fire Chief Bailey explained that the Star of Life Award is awarded to someone who is successful in saving a life while medical intervention is being performed, these are only awarded once the patient survives and is discharged from the hospital. The Unit Citation Award is awarded to the teams of responders and citizens that provide support to those engaged in saving a life during a fire or medical emergency.

On November 20, 2022, HEMSI Medic 12, Madison Fire Squad-3, and Engine 3 responded to a home where a wife has witnessed her husband have a full arrest. When HEMSI arrived, they found the wife performing in a small space and quickly moved him to allow more access. HEMSI and Madison Fire members worked together to continue CPR, established an advance airway, started an IV, and delivered cardiac medications along with two defibrillations. The patient regained a pulse and blood pressure and was transported to the hospital. He was released from the hospital on November 30th with no deficits.

Star of Life

Firefighter/P Curtis Roesner
 Firefighter/A Jeremiah Johnson
 Paramedic Sylvia Bell
 Paramedic Chris West

Unit Citation

Dispatcher Morgan Alexander
 Captain/P Chris Ramsey
 Driver/P Stephen Long

A round of applause was given.

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.*

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5) HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION

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

- Time limit for public comments
- Erosion of trust and confidence
- Concerns about Mayor Finley’s prioritizing time and effort towards the Capital Improvement Plan
- Use of funds to Ball Corps and city bonds
- Madison City form of government
- Work session not on the city media directory

MS. JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5) ASHLEY ESTATES

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

- Wayfinding Project
- Singing River Trail
- Finance Committee Meeting not disclosed on the community calendar
- Toyota Field improvements-Ball Corps
- Council-Manager Government
- Madison Forward petitions

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- City Manager government
- Madison Forward petition signatures collection
- Council-Manager petition
- Court diversion program
- Road improvements, street lighting, water, and sewer improvements

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Shaw shared that the Finance Committee met today and he apologized for the meeting not being posted, but he let everyone know that they meet the second council meeting of every month at 4:00pm. Council Member Shaw also shared that Finance Committee has reviewed everything and found it to be in order. Council Member Powell expressed his thanks for the several donations to the Senior Center, the \$1500.00 donation from Westminster Christian Academy to Dublin Park for the tennis courts, and the other donations.

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

General Operating account	\$2,024,957.90
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Special General Operating Accounts	\$382.33
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$9,766.06
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$3,402.20
Library Building Fund	\$80,492.40
Water Distribution and Storage	\$5,122,871.70
Multi-Use Venue Collection Fund	\$1,569,358.55
Fire CPR	\$3,181.44

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Approval of payment to Wiregrass Construction Company in the amount of \$225,411.18 for Invoice No. 11 (CIP No. 20-028, Middle School Roadway Extension, work performed November 1, 2022 through November 20, 2022. Bid No. 2021-008-ITB) To be paid from 2020-A Bond Account

Approval of payment to NextSite, LLC in the amount of \$10,000 for annual renewal- Invoice No. 625 (to be paid from Planning Department budget)

Approval of payment to Croy Engineering in the amount of \$480.00 for Invoice No. 26577 (CIP No. 18-023, Sullivan St. widening CE&I performed) to be paid from 2018-C Bond account

Resolution No. 2023-013-R; Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency for FY23 in the amount of \$70,074.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-014-R; Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Huntsville-Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau for FY23 in the amount of \$40,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-015-R; Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Madison County Health Department for FY23 in the amount of \$30,000.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-016-R; Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Liberty Learning Foundation for FY23 in the Amount of \$7,500.00 (to be paid from General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-017-R; Approving an annual appropriation agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley for FY23 in the amount of \$5,000.00 (to be paid from Geeral Operating account)

Resolution No. 2023-043-R; Authorization of General Capital Improvement Fund Account

Resolution No. 2023-048-R: Authorizing a property use agreement with Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC d/b/a Dunlop Tire for police emergency driver training (no cost to the City)

Resolution No. 2023-053-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property (Office Desk(2), Credenza, 4-Drawer and 2-Drawer File Cabinet) of negligible value pursuant to Section 16-108 of Code of Ordinances of the City of Madison.

Bid No. 2023-001-ITB: Public Works bid for crushed stone and aggregate (to be issued January 23, 2023)

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from Margie Blackwell in the amount of \$50.00.

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from Mary C. Flurer in the amount of \$50.00

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from St. John The Baptist Catholic Parish, Madison, in the amount of \$2,000.00

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from Geneva Winkles in the amount of \$45.00

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from R.H. Loshuertos in the amount of \$10.00

Acceptance of donation for Senior Center ceramics from Debbie Devall in the amount of \$40.00

Acceptance of donation for the Senior Center from M.C. Flurer in the amount of \$25.00

Acceptance of donation for the Dublin Park Tennis Court maintenance from Westminster Christian Academy in the amount of \$1,500.00

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	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: Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, Huntsville-Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Madison County Health Department, Liberty Learning Foundation, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley
- Shared his progress with CIP and how he is working with department heads to have it ready for the Work Session on February 11th
- Met with Melanie Thornton with Madison Visionary Partners who provided a plan to raise funds for the community center
- Congratulated Chris White as the new Information Technology Director, who has 19 years of service with the city

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Madison ReadyFest, an emergency preparedness event, will be held on Saturday, February 25th from 9am-1pm at Discovery Middle School and will focus on the following 6 areas of concentration:
 - Safety and Security
 - Food, Water, and Shelter
 - Health and Medical
 - Energy
 - Communications
 - Transportation
- Recognized Madison Fire Battalion Chief Steve Perry for his hard work with ReadyFest
- Thanked Huntsville-Madison County Public Library for the invitation to their leadership round table
- Attended the Alabama Legislative Update with Council President Bartlett, Council Member Spears and Mayor Finley
- Congratulated Chris White, the new Information Technology Director

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Corrected the date for the Work Session to February 15th, as it was announce earlier to be on February 11th
- Announce that per the Alabama Legislative Update, the economy in Alabama is thriving and revenues are up statewide along. Also, there is a positive outlook for the coming year for our state and for our role in the nations and how we can position ourselves for the future in areas of space command and other things that could come to our area
- Congratulated Chris White, the new Information Technology Director
- Mentioned the thorough CIP list the Mayor has on his whiteboard and is looking forward to the discussion on the next Work Session meeting

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Council Member Shaw explained that when they receive the fund to build the ramps, they would like to invest the money before it is used, so they reached out to several banks in the area to find the best rate. CB&S Bank provided the best rates for CD's and the Money Market account.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-054-R; AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR THOSE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE PHASE II I-565 INTERCHANGE

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-054-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Spears shared that the new accounts would earn more interest than the current account that the money is in which is why this is being done. Council President Bartlett added that currently we have a Request For Proposal (RFP) out right now for banking services for the city's because the rates that we currently have are low in terms of what we are earning on our main account. Council Member Spears added that the RFP's are due Friday. Council President Bartlett thanked the Finance Committee for their work on looking for ways that our money could work better for us. With no other questions or discussion, 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. 2023-055-R; ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THOSE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE PHASE II I-565 INTERCHANGE

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-055-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.

Council Member Shaw added that depending on the account that the money goes in and the duration, it should bring in \$600,000.00 to \$800,000.00 worth of interest gain.

Council President Bartlett shared that there was a question on the consent agenda item as to why a General Capital Improvement Fund account is being added. Mayor Finley responded that Finance Director Roger Bellomy asked for the account to be ready for when and if council decides on the CIP that he already has the account ready to move the first part of the funds from the General Fund over to the General Capital Improvement Fund. This allows them to be proactive and be ahead for when the CIP is approved. Council Member Spears also added that they are not moving any money yet, it just sets up the accounting fund that will be used when the CIP gets approved.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- At the Library Board meeting a new strategic plan is in the process after reviewing data and again the Madison Branch has the highest circulation of all branches of library even exceeding the main branch and the new south Huntsville.
- Attended the Alabama Legislative Update where State Representative Anthony Daniels, State Senator Arthur Orr, and other legislature members talked about the priority on education.

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 tomorrow. 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 (MCDAB). Please put in your applications as they like to have more citizens involved.
- MCDAB will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt for special needs kids on April 8th, which is the same day as the Easter Egg Hunt for the city and is in need for volunteers.
- Attended the Beautification and Tree Board (BTB) meeting which completed their Arbor Day post contest and they will be giving out their award at the next city council meeting on February 13th. BTB is also has vacancies if anyone is interested.
- Madison Street Festival will hold their first meeting tomorrow as it takes all year to prepare for this years festival. Asking for volunteers for the Madison Street Festival Committee if anyone is interested.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

REAPPOINTMENT OF AMY PATTERSON TO PLACE 9 ON THE MADISON CITY DISABILITY ADVOCACY BOARD JANUARY 1, 2023-DECEMBER 31, 2024

Council Member Denzine nominated Amy Paterson for reappointment to Place 9. There being no further nominations, Ms. Patterson was appointed by acclamation.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BRIAN GOODWIN TO PLACE 2 ON THE BEAUTIFICATION AND TREE BOARD NOVEMBER 28, 2022-NOVEMBER 27, 2024

Council Member Denzine nominated Brian Goodwin for reappointment to Place 2. There being no further nominations, Mr. Goodwin 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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007: CHANGING THE NAME AND DESIGNATION OF A PUBLIC STREET FROM HALSEY ROAD TO MADISON BRANCH BOULEVARD (FIRST READING JANUARY 9, 2023)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-007-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if there was any issues with the length on the name of the road for first responders. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that it is within the required length. 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. 2023-044-R: AUTHORIZATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NIVENS & ASSOCIATES APPRAISALS, INC. FOR LAND APPRAISAL ON THE PROPOSED MADISON BRANCH ROUNDABOUT LAND ACQUISITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-044-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. 2023-045-R: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A QUOTATION FROM COMPUTATIONAL HYDRAULICS INTERNATIONAL FOR SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,400 (TO BE PAID FROM FUND 11 THE STORMWATER USER FEE)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-045-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.

FIRE & RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-041-R: AUTHORIZATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VICKERS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES (\$1,200 TO BE PAID FROM FIRE & RESCUE BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-041-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. 2023-046-R APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALABAMA TECHNOLOGY NETWORK TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE MADISON FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,400 (TO BE PAID FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-046-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	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-038-R: AUTHORIZATION OF LANDSCAPING AND BUFFER AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HUGHES ROAD AND PORTAL LANE

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-038-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if there is expected construction date. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that she does have that information but could ask and get back to council with that. 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. 2023-047-R: APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCCOMM GROUP FOR WAYFINDING PROJECT, PHASE III IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000 (TO BE PAID FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-047-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. Council President Bartlett asked if there are any grants available for wayfinding signs. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that they may be but that she has not looked into it, but after they know what it will cost she can certainly research it. 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. 2023-052-R AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO TOYOTA FIELD IN RESPONSE TO NEW MLB STANDARDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 (TO BE PAID FROM VENUE MAINTENANCE FUND)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-052-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Mayor Finley asked if this is where we maintain the money and it is managed internally and if anything does have to be bid out, they would go through the normal process that is done within the city. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren confirm that is correct.

Council Member Denzine asked if Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren could put up the slide that she provided at the last work session that showed what the \$300,000.00 would be used for. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that she did not bring the slide but that there is an attachment to the resolution in the agenda packet. Council Member Denzine asked if she could explain to the public the required improvements in Phase 1. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren explained that many of the improvements were intended to provide temporary accommodations necessary to satisfy MLB requirements until Phase 2 building could be completed and went through the following list:

	Improvements expected to include the following:
Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockers – add two to Home Clubhouse, add two to Visiting Clubhouse, and add two to Visiting staff locker room; two of these six added lockers were being repurposed from another room so only four are needed. • Home Clubhouse Commissary – add freezer and dishwasher • Create Temporary Visitor Clubhouse Commissary by repurposing an existing room – to include refrigerator/freezer, ADA compliant dishwasher, sink, microwave, counter space along a wall with eating space for eight people, an ADA compliant table with a chair, and storage cabinets • Visitor Training Room – add desk and second whirlpool • Batting Cage Netting – repairs to the netting, raise the height of netting - multi step process • Dugouts – add anti-skid material to steps • Female facilities – rent a temporary construction trailer for two years to provide temporary accommodations that include a shower, a changing area, and two toilets

While listing the expected improvements, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren also described how some of the improvements and materials would be provided from using existing resources from within the stadium and from Ballcorps administrative offices. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren also stated that repairs to the batting cage net had already been performed by Ballcorps.

Council Member Denzine asked if there is a deadline for all the improvements. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that they must have all Phase 1 improvements completed by the start of the season in April. Due to the short deadline this is the reason that Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren is asking for direct council approval of the \$300,000.00 so that she can start purchasing items directly and avoid the delays associated with obtaining quotes and estimated and then waiting for a council meeting to approve any specific purchases.

Council Member Denzine asked if these were unfunded mandates. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that these were Major League Baseball (MLB) standards that they adopted and that we must comply and don't have any recourse.

Council Member Denzine said that many people have been asking where the funds for the improvements are coming from as many people are not familiar with the Ballcorps contract from 2018. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded that these improvements will be funded by the Venue Maintenance Fund which was set up when the city decided to go forward with a ballpark. The city decided that it would set aside at least \$300,000.00 each year into a Venue Maintenance Fund to go towards capital improvements, whether upgrading netting or putting in a new HVAC system.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren added that she did not envision that MLB would adopt new standards that would require the city to use the money in the fund for these kinds of things, but said they have enough money in the account to cover Phase 1 and expect to have enough money in the account for Phase 2 and added we are being very careful to make sure that account is funded.

Council Member Denzine asked if the Capital Maintenance Fund that is listed in the Ballcorp agreement is the same as the Venue Maintenance Fund. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded, "yes it is".

Council Member Denzine then asked if all the money that has been coming in, is coming in from proceeds from the ballpark to pay for all of these things? Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Seifert added that there was a study done a while ago on the Star's at Joe Davis Stadium as to why things started going south. Part of the reason had to do with the increase in requirements by MLB and their inability to meet those requirements. At some point MLB says if you can't meet those requirements then you can't have a team. Council Member Seifert explained that it was a lesson learned for others and why they have put in the Venue Maintenance Fund for these types of improvements that happen. When there are no improvements then the money is saved and he is glad it is available when needed.

Council Member Powell also added the Venue Maintenance Fund was set up for these types of things, but that he is a little upset because in his mind the improvements are not maintenance, and they are having to redo things due to new standards. Council Member Powell voiced his concern over how many times do we get new standards. He is confident that Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren will get things done in the tight deadline and will come in under the \$300,000.00. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren shared that she expects it to be a bit less. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Nay

Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Nay
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren added to Council Member Powell's comment about maintenance versus capital, that the intent behind the money set aside each year was for capital improvements and that Ball Corps is responsible for all day-to-day maintenance repairs and cost. The Venue Maintenance Fund is to be used for larger capital items such as changing out the HVAC or changing the scoreboard in the future which effectively is what MLB is dictating.

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 7:08 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-02-RG, dated January 23rd, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 13th day of February 2023.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
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District Seven

Concur:

Paul Finley, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Mari Bretz
Recording Secretary