



MINUTES NO. 2022-18-RG
OF A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA
September 26, 2022

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, September 26, 2022, 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 Greg Shaw.

Associate Pastor DA Slinkard with Madison Baptist Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Greg Shaw.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Paul Finley	Absent
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 Thomas, Deputy City Clerk Ivon Williams, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Mari Bretz, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Jason Colee, Information Technology System Analyst Chris

White, Chief Johnny Gandy, City Planner Matt Davidson, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson, Finance Director Roger Bellomy and Human Resources Director Terri Towry

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Rick Chandler, Teresa Chandler, Charlotte Campbell, Anne Clift, Jonathan Campbell, Charity Stratton, Jenessa Crossway, and Jennifer Coe

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested the following:

- Resolution No. 2022-263-R; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Alabama Drive Enforcement Task Force be added to the Police Department line of business.
- Resolution No. 2022-261-R; authorizing an agreement with the Board of Education to provide School Crossing Guards for the 2022-2023 school year.

City Clerk-Treasure Lisa Thomas requested the following:

- The addition of the Resolution No. 2022-262-R to Consent Agenda item F; Declaring a Dell printer/three drum kits as Surplus to the City – Court. These items have no value and will be placed on GovDeals.
- The addition of the Resolution No. 2022-248-R to Presentation of Reports-Council Member Wroblewski item 1; Resolution to Specify Dates Holidays Observed by City of Madison for FY 2024

Council Member Spears requested to add her nominations for Place 1 and 4 of the Waste and Water Board under her Presentation of Reports.

Council voiced no objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2022-17-RG DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-17-RG. Council Member Spears 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. 2022-04-WS DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2022-04-WS. Council Member Spears 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 MADISON CITY DISABILITY ADVOCACY BOARD - CHECK TO KID'S KINGDOM PROJECT

Jenessa Crossway, Chairperson for Madison City Disability Advocacy Board appeared before Council to present a \$20,000 check to Madison Visionary Partners for the restroom needs of the Kid's Kingdom Project. Jenessa thanked the City for their support of the Kid's Kingdom Project.

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.*

Margi Daly appeared before Council to express her concerns about the lack of brightness from the streetlights that were installed in her neighborhood. Ms. Daly says the radius of the lighting is not enough for walkers throughout the neighborhood.

Council Member Wroblewski asked Ms. Daly to contact the Mayor's office to have it looked into.

Council Member Denzine mentioned that there have been similar complaints and that they are evaluating it.

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,468,526.95
Special General Operating account	\$220.96
1/2 Cent Infrastructure	\$98,054.30
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$50,532.10
TVA Tax	\$3,243.78
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$1,310.06
CIP Bond Accounts	\$34,666.81
Library Building Fund	\$465.64

Approval of payment to Croy Engineering, LLC. in the amount of \$2,961.09 for CE&I on CIP Project 18-023, Sullivan Street widening (Invoice No. 25881, Payment No. 30, PO No. 2020-0643) (To be paid from 2018-C Bond Account)

Approval of payment to Rogers Group, Inc. in the amount of \$136,489.52 for work completed through 6/30/2022 on CIP Project 18-007, Short St. widening, Kyser Blvd. improvements (Bid No. 2019-018-ITB, Invoice No. 46349, Payment No. 12, PO No. 2020-1021) (To be paid from 2015-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment to Barge Design Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$10,748.104 for professional services completed on CIP Project 19-047, Wall Triana and I-565 Intersection Improvements, ATRP2-45-2020-327 (Invoice No. 203306, Payment No. 3, PO No. 2022-1151) (To be paid from 2015-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment to Rogers Group, Inc. in the amount of \$845,849.93 for work completed through 8/31/2022 on CIP Project 18-023, Sullivan St. widening (Invoice No. 46370, Payment No. 14, PO No. 2020-0080) (To be paid from 2018-C Bond Account)

Acceptance of Appropriations from Madison County Commission to the City of Madison Fire Department in the amount of \$11,000.00

Resolution No. 2022-262-R: Declaring a Dell printer/three drum kits as Surplus to the City - Court These items have not value and will be placed on Govdeals

Council Member Powell seconded and pointed out the check for \$11,000 from the Madison County Commission for the Fire Department. 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:

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-248-R SPECIFY DATES HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY CITY OF MADISON FOR FY 2024

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-248-R. Council Member Powell seconded. 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

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

- Attended the Madison Public Library Board meeting
- Attended her last Madison City Disability Advocacy Board meeting and thanked Council Member Denzine for taking over for her due to difficulties attending both meeting at the same time.
- Reminded everyone that the library will be holding an author event on October 11th where author Jessica Pineau will present her book "Haunted North Alabama".

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Reminded everyone that the Madison Street Festival is Saturday, October 1st in Downtown Madison. They will have a parade, all kinds of activities and food trucks to

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

- Thanked Fire Chief Baily and Police Chief Gandy for making the Madison Street Festival Parade happen through Downtown Madison.
- Thanked Public Works for staying on top of things such as trash getting picked up.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

No new business to report

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-211-R: ADOPTION OF ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Council Member Bartlett provided highlights about the budget beginning with it being introduced and presented by Mayor Finley on the September 12th council meeting. The Finance Committee then met on September 20th where they discussed all the recommendations with department heads and Council Member Wroblewski and Council Member Denzine who were in attendance. Upon discussion of the recommendations there was one change that came out of the Finance Committee meeting with regards to an appropriation for The Enrichment Center.

Last year The Enrichment Center had received \$10,000, this year they had requested \$25,000, with Mayor Finley recommending \$15,000 at his presentation, the Finance Committee agreed to \$20,000. This is the only change after the budget presentation that was given on September 12th.

All other recommendations by Mayor Finley were accepted after some questions and some back and forth.

Highlights of the budget are:

- Recommending a step increase for all employees (sixth straight year)
- 3% COLA increase
- No increase to employee insurance payments
- 14 additional employees
 - 4 Police
 - 6 Recreation
 - 1 Facility Manager
 - 1 CIP Project Manager
 - 1 Bid Purchase Manager
 - 1 Communications

The only question Council Member Bartlett received from the public had to do with the designation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Council Member Bartlett advised that we received the second round of the funding and she anticipates a discussion in an upcoming Finance Committee meeting on how they will spend the funds.

Council Member Bartlett moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-211-R. Council Member Spears seconded.

Council Member Denzine expressed appreciation for city employees during many vacancies and commended them for providing services for the residents of Madison.

Council Member Wroblewski thanked the Chair of the Finance Committee Council Member Bartlett, Finance Committee members Council Member Spears and Council Member Powell for their work with the budget and the meeting that allowed council members and department heads to ask questions. 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

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Attended the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board meeting
- Attended the Wellstone Crisis Center Ribbon Cutting.
- Reminded the public that the Madison Police Citizens Advisory Committee will be having a meeting with guests from The ARC of Madison County.
- Thanked the community for their love and support for her family through her husband's cancer battle.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business to report

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT TO PLACE 1 & PLACE 4 OF THE WASTE AND WATER BOARD

Council Member Spears nominated Kerry Straub to Place 1 and Larry Miles to Place 4 on the Waste and Water Board. With no other nominations, Mr. Straub and Mr. Miles were appointed by acclamation. Their terms will run from September 2, 2022, through September 1, 2028.

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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-217: ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEMAX REALTY, LLC LOCATED AT 130 FORREST DRIVE, WEST OF NANCE ROAD, TO R-1A UPON ANNEXATION (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) (FIRST READING AUGUST 8, 2022. CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING)

City Planner Matt Davidson informed Council that it is consistent with R-1A zoning and both staff and planning commission recommend for approval. Council President Shaw opened the floor for public comments regarding this request. Council President Shaw then closed the floor after no comments and entertained a motion from Council. Council Member Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-217. Council Member Powell seconded. 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-215: REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY M. ANNE CLIFT AND CHARLOTTE CAMPBELL LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF LANDERS ROAD, SOUTH OF BROWNS FERRY ROAD FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO B2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) (FIRST READING AUGUST 8, 2022. CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING)

City Planner Matt Davidson informed Council that both staff and planning commission recommend for approval. Council President Shaw recused himself from the vote. Council President Pro Tempore Seifert opened the floor for public comments regarding this request. Council President Pro Tempe Seifert then closed the floor after no comments and entertained a motion from Council. Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-215 Council Member Powell seconded. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-254-R: DETERMINATION OF WEED LIEN ASSESSMENT FOR 101 WOODLAWN CIRCLE

City Attorney Brian Kilgore informed Council that the amount to be assess is \$498.88 and all notices to the owners have been completed. Council President Shaw opened the floor for public comments regarding this request. Council President Shaw then closed the floor after no comments and entertained a motion from Council. Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-254-R. Council Member Spears seconded. 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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-213; ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY HOMEMAX REALTY, L.L.C., LOCATED AT 130 FORREST DRIVE (FIRST READING AUGUST 8, 2022. CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 MEETING)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Ordinance No. 2022-213. 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.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-249-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON STREET FESTIVAL FOR MARS BUS USE

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-249-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. 2022-250-R: AUTHORIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CROY ENGINEERING FOR STAKING OF KIDS KINGDOM PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-250-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if demolition on the Kids Kingdom Playground have begun, Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson replied that they are in the process of removing trees. Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson also advised Council Member Wroblewski that there are signs up for safety. 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. 2022-259-R: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA FOR MARS DISPATCH AND FUNDING

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-259-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 Seifert asked Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson to explain how the MARS buses are going to be used for the Madison Street Festival. Recreation Assistant Director Kelly Johnson replied that there will be two MARS buses that will be available for transporting the handicap from Crosspointe Church and the Madison Stadium to the Madison Street Festival.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-263-R; AUTHORINZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ALABAMA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-263-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. 2022-261-R; AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-261-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Bartlett asked City Attorney Brian Kilgore about the Board of Education not having their copy executed, and how is it going to be completed by September 30th. City Attorney Brian Kilgore replied that he is having it rushed through and put on their agenda. City Attorney Brian Kilgore explained that it was an oversight, when the SRO agreement was completed the Crossing Guards were not addressed, but he is working to get it completed before next week. Council Member Spears asked if the Board of Education is having a meeting on Thursday, City Attorney Brian Kilgore responded that he was not sure it would make it for that meeting if they were having one, but that he working to get it on their next meeting. 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

OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Member Wroblewski asked if there would be a Council Work Session in October. Council President Shaw stated that there is none planned.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss Council President Shaw 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 6:36 p.m.

Minutes No. 2022-18-RG, dated September 26, 2022, read, approved and adopted this 10th day of October 2022.

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