



**MINUTES NO. 2022-06-WS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA
November 30, 2022**

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 5:30 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 5:31 p.m. by Council President Ranae Bartlett.

The following elected governing officials were 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	Late @ 6:04pm

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Clerk Administrative Assistant Mari Bretz, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Coordinator Toby Jenkins, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Fire Chief David Bailey, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, and City Administrator Steve Smith

Mayor Finley updated Council on restoration of roads, projects that need to be looked at, and road traffic.

City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, and City Administrator Steve Smith brought to Council and Mayor Finley the following items to be discussed during the Public Work Session:

- Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Residential Impact Fees Study with Tischler Bise through Zoom
- Council Meeting Scheduled for December 26th
- Virtual Participation of Council Members at Meetings
- Community Center Bid (Resolution No. 2022-321-R)

Council held a brief discussion on amending an ordinance to allow Council Members to attend meetings virtually.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren presented Council and Mayor Finley with information regarding limitations set forth by the state for the medical marijuana dispensaries.

City Attorney followed with what the statute for medical marijuana allows and does not allow.

Council Member Wroblewski asked City Attorney Brian Kilgore about how prescriptions would be given, and if they would be allowed to advertise. Mayor Finley provided information about folks who have come to him and have mentioned that you are not allowed into the store without a prescription.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren introduced Ben Griffin, an Analyst with Tischler Bise. Analyst Ben Griffin of Tischler Bise presented an update on the Impact Fee Study that was originally conducted in 2019-2020 to Council and Mayor Finley. Throughout the presentation Council and Mayor Finley asked questions regarding the impact fee study. Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren along with Mr. Griffin of Tischler Bise and City Attorney Brian Kilgore provided answers and clarification to their questions.

Council President Bartlett asked if Police Chief Johnny Gandy would provide his opinion on the topic of medical marijuana dispensaries. Police Chief Gandy addressed Council and Mayor Finley on his opinion of medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Madison and the impact that it would have on the Police and the city.

Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren and City Attorney Brian Kilgore answered questions and concerns from Council and Mayor Finley regarding business license, location of dispensaries within Madison and safety concerns.

City Administrator Steve Smith, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, and Recreation Director Kory Alfred discussed with Council and Mayor Finley the community center bid. Council asked several questions, and, in the end requested additional information regarding the bid from City Administrator Steve Smith and the Mayor's office.

Council President Bartlett advised Council that they have Resolution No. 2022-321-R to approve which the Mayor suggested Council do it contingent. Council President Bartlett asked if anyone wanted to motion and a second to discuss it if they felt it was the right path as they were in a work session currently. Council Member Powell expressed that he was not comfortable voting. Council President Bartlett advised that they could postpone. Discussion was completed among Council Members and determined that a special session would be held on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm.

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
Council Member Ranae Bartlett
Council Member Karen Denzine
Council Member John Seifert

Absent
Aye
Aye
Aye

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes No. 2022-06-WS, dated November 30th, 2022, read, approved and adopted this 12th day of December 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