



**MINUTES NO. 2023-09-RG  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OF MADISON, ALABAMA  
May 08, 2023**

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The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 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 6:02 p.m. by Council President Ranae Bartlett.

Assistant Pastor Brian Brown, with Madison Baptist Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President 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	Arrived at 6:04 P.M.
Council District No. 5 Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 6 Karen Denzine	Arrived at 6:04 P.M.
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Late

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, Director of Revenue Cameron Grounds, Information Technology Support Technician Rhianna O'Reilly, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Police Records Supervisor Sheila Peoples, and Director of Recreation Kory Alfred.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Gladys Williams, Bernadette Mayer, Dee Voelkel, Sheila Peoples, Jean Ann Benfield, Terri Johnson, Tim Stuehr, Tom Colbey, Lou Kronenberger, Lynda Kronenberger

## **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

City Attorney Brian Kilgore requested to remove **Resolution No. 2023-175-R** due to questions on legal description.

With no more amendments to the agenda Council President Bartlett approved the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **MINUTES NO. 2023-08-RG DATED APRIL 24, 2023**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-08-RG. 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	Absent at time of vote
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Absent at time of vote

Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA RELATED**

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### **GLADYS WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 4)**

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

- The unfair raising of pay grades on Resolution No. 2023-149-R
- Workload increase with no compensation increase
- Compensating Spanish bilingual employees

## **MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)**

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

- Integration of the City Clerk Dept and Revenue Dept-Resolution No. 2023-149-R
- Spanish Bilingual employee compensation
- Drainage Agreement Resolution No. 2023-156-R
- Subdivision flooding

## **CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Council member Shaw shared the Finance Committee reviewed all the periodic bills to be paid and found them all in order.

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

General Operating Account	\$1,982,711.51
Special General Operating Accounts	\$4,574.67
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$654.56
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$124,566.20
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$44,122.01
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$509.22
CIP Bond Accounts	\$50,346.91
Library Building Fund	\$7,269.26
Venue Maintenance	\$43,080.13

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Approval Authorization of payment to Rogers Group, Inc. in the amount of \$9,877.85 for Invoice No. 46421 (CIP No. 18-023, Sullivan Street widening construction performed through March 31, 2023. Bid No. 2019- 011-ITB) (to be paid from 2018-C Bond account)

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

Motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

### **MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:**

Mayor Finley reported on the following activities, events, and newsworthy items:

- Mid-year budget timeline update
- Addressing areas of concern in employment and staffing
- Employee step increase and their value
- Met with Madison Arts to follow up regarding murals and that they will be announcing the schedule for summer concerts at Home Place Park

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI**

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

- Confirmed with Mayor Finley about the step increases and the cost-of-living increase employees received this year
- Welcomed new member Ryan Brown to the Industrial Development Board
- Attended the Welcome Back Reception Madison County Commissioner Mac McCutcheon
- Attended the National Day of Prayer with Council Member Denzine

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS**

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

- Attended the Welcome Back Reception for Madison County Commissioner Mac McCutcheon
- Attended the Madison CEO trade show along with Mayor Finley, where students from Madison City Schools make goods, products, or offer services that they use to develop a business plan for scholarships

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL**

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

No business to report.

### **COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW**

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

No business to report.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-170-R: AUTHORIZING VIDEO RECORDING, ARCHIVING, AND LIVESTREAM OF MAY 8TH CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-170-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.

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

- Thanked Mayor Finley for meeting with herself and Bradford Farms HOA members
- Congratulated Madison Police Chief Johnny Gandy who graduated from Leadership Class 36 after completing a 9-month program
- Reminded everyone that Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> city council will hold a meeting in council chambers where they will be canvassing the ballots in the special election
- The regular monthly work session will be held on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm because a local preschool will be holding their graduation in council chambers at 5:30pm

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE**

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

- Attended the National Day of Prayer breakfast which was attended by 644 individuals and appreciated being in attendance
- Encouraged everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>
- Reminded everyone that May 15<sup>th</sup> is graduation day for Madison City School high school students

**COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT**

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

No business to report.

**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.*

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-168-R: REQUEST FOR A LOUNGE RETAIL LIQUOR - CLASS II (PACKAGE) LICENSE FROM JAY JOGNI INC., D/B/A BALCH ROAD SPIRITS, FOR THEIR LOCATION AT 513 BALCH ROAD, SUITE A (NEW APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO CORRECT AN ERROR MADE BY OWNER ON PREVIOUS APPLICATION - ADDRESS CORRECTED FROM SUITE B TO SUITE A)**

Revenue Officer Cameron Grounds informed Council that the business submitted a new application after the ABC board found that the business had submitted their first application with an incorrect suite. Revenue Officer Cameron Grounds also informed Council that as the previous application, all departments have signed off on the paperwork.

Council President Bartlett opened the floor for any public comments regarding this request. There being none, she closed the floor and asked for a motion.

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-168-R. Council Member Wroblewski 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 Denzine thanked retiring Revenue Officer Cameron Grounds for all his years of service to the city. A round of applause from City Council and Mayor Finley was given.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **ENGINEERING**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-156-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH S&ME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO**

**DEVELOP AN ADEM-REQUIRED MONITORING PROGRAM AND A REVISED STORM WATER MOTORING PROGRAM PLAN (SWMPP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,350 (TO BE PAID FROM THE STORMWATER USER FEE FUND)**

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-156-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	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**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-153: AMENDING THE CITY'S FIRE CODE, AS ADOPTED IN CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY OF MADISON CODE OF ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)**

This is a first reading only

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-149-R: AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

Human Resources Director Megan Zingarelli provided a brief description of the positions that the changes will affect.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-149-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Mayor Finley provided additional clarification for the added changes in the grade from the deputy positions. Council Member Powell asked if they were voting on all position changes. Council Member Wroblewski responded, yes all together. 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. 2023-163-R: ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF TRACT OF PROPERTY ALONG KYSER BOULEVARD FROM SMART LIVING, LLC FOR CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-163-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Powell asked where exactly it is located. Council Member Seifert asked if there was a picture. City Attorney Brian Kilgore apologized that he did not bring a picture to display but explained it is a small trapezoid piece of land, less than an acre next to Bradford Station. Council Member Seifert asked if this is along the railroad tracks or is it along the road. City Attorney Brian Kilgore responded it is along the road. Council Member Powell asked if it had to do with the development that went in a couple of years ago. Mayor Finley asked Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren if this would affect the greenway that would be going down there or if the land is just being given to the city. Mayor Finley then asked if they could table it to discuss further. Council Member Shaw asked if it benefits us any besides us mowing it. City Attorney Brian Kilgore apologized that he did not have enough information. Council President Bartlett explained they would need to have a motion to table it as there was already a motion and a second to approve. Council Member Seifert motioned to table Resolution No. 2023-163-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows to table **Resolution No. 2023-163-R:**

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. 2023-160-R: AUTHORIZING A PERMISSIVE USE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES FOR USE OF THE CITY TO UTILIZE HU PROPERTY NEAR MOSE CHAPEL ROAD**

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-160-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Mayor Finley added that Huntsville Utilities originally had this property for the possibility for a substation, but it is not needed right now. The city asked if they could use it until they need it and Huntsville Utilities said yes. 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. 2023-169-R: APPROVAL TO MOVE ELECTION OFFICERS TO A DIFFERENT POLLING LOCATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2023**

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-160-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council President Bartlett asked City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas if there have been any other changes. City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas responded that she had received notice that one of the workers was sick and they were unsure if she would be able to work. Council Member Wroblewski asked if the location would have enough people. City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas responded that they will be able to manage. 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**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-137: CONVERSION OF A PORTION OF AN OPEN EASEMENT TO AN UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN LOTS 1-26 OF ACADIA AT ARLINGTON PARK SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING 4/24/2023)**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-137. 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.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-157: VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN BELLAWOODS SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING)**

This is a first reading only

**RECREATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-166-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH RENEGADE FENCING FOR INSTALLATION OF PERIMETER FENCING AT THE KIDS KINGDOM PLAYGROUND IN DUBLIN PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000 (TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION BUDGET)**

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-166-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Council Member Wroblewski asked if we would be planting additional trees, since several were removed. Director of Recreation Kory Alfred responded that the arborist said several of the previous trees were struck by lightning and that they would be installing double the trees. 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. 2023-167-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PYRO SHOWS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION FIREWORKS SHOW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,999 (TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION BUDGET)**

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-167-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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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### **BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5) HEATHERWOOD SUBDIVISION**

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

- Budget and planning
- Work on more current needs
- Population growth and needs
- City's infrastructure
- City debt

### **MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)**

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

- Problems reading agenda packets
- Online maps not readable
- Bids given to Parks and Recreation
- Type of trees planted at Dublin Park
- Dog feces being left behind at Homeplace Park
- Upcoming fireworks startling individuals with PTSD and dogs

### **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 6:47 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-09-RG, dated May 8, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023.

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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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Mari Bretz  
Recording Secretary