



**MINUTES NO. 2026-16-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
August 24, 2026**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday August 24, 2026, 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 Maura Wroblewski.

Police Chaplain Shelton Torbert provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Maura Wroblewski.

ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ranae Bartlett	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 David Bier	Absent
Council District No. 3 Billie Goodson	Present
Council District No. 4 Michael McKay	Present
Council District No. 5 Alice Lessmann	Present
Council District No. 6 Erica White	Present
Council District No. 7 Kenneth Jackson	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Municipal Records Coordinator Amy Rumley, City Attorney Megan Zigarelli, Assistant City Attorney Shelby Morris, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Michelle Parker, Fire Chief Brandy Williams Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Police Chief John Gandy, and Director of Operations and Communications Amanda Jarrett.

Public Attendance registered: Amy Balch, Opie Balch, Brenle Matthew, Rod Matthew, Maggie Minsk, Carlene Wojciechowski, Shelton Turbert, Josh Britt, Charity Stratton, and Tyler Gautney

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Megan Zigarelli announced an amendment to the agenda, removing item 11a which is the appointment to the Madison Utilities Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2026-15-RG DATED AUGUST 10, 2026

Council Member Erica White moved to approve Minutes No. 2026-15-RG. Council Member Alice Lessmann seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

None

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.*

ROD MATTHEWS (DISTRICT 3)

Mr. Matthews, Economic Vitality Chairperson appeared before Council and Mayor Barlett to announce the following items:

- Inviting the public to a vision session for the business and consumer survey conducted back in June.
- Main Street Alabama in conjunction with downtown professional network will announce the results, Wednesday August 26, 2026, from 5 to 6:30 pm in the council chambers here in City Hall.

MAGGIE MINSK

Ms. Minsk appeared before Council and Mayor Barlett to voice her concern on the following items:

- Flock cameras LPR's, and government surveillance, transparency and accountability
- Believing the public deserves evidence surveillance is producing public safety
- Before renewing contracts wanted to establish some guard rails and access for the public

TYLER GAUTNEY (DISTRICT 5 HUNTSVILLE)

Mr. Gautney appeared before Council and Mayor Barlett to voice his concern on the following items:

- Spoke of his concern for Flock and LPR
- Data science, approximation

No more public comments, public comments closed

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member McKay stated there are four resolutions and four acceptance items.

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

General Operating account	\$1,158,805.58
Special General Operating Accounts	\$34.48
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$94,683.65
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$22,717.31
TVA Tax	\$2,997.72
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$1,354.20
Library Building Fund	\$94,757.20
Venue Maintenance	\$249,806.83
Fire CPR	\$1,117.61

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2026-299-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 066288 caused by a collision involving a police vehicle which occurred on July 4, 2026 (\$4,827.51 [less \$1,000 deductible] to be deposited into General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-304-R: Authorizing the termination of a Professional Services Agreement with Valerie Harp and Joshua Harp Dream Vacations, d/b/a Vacations by Val Travel Group for professional travel agent services for participants in Madison Senior Center programs and activities

Resolution No. 2026-309-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 066179 arising from a collision involving a police vehicle which occurred on June 25, 2026, in the amount of \$6,320.72 (to be deposited into General Operating account)

Resolution No. 2026-310-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for Claim No. 065992 caused by a collision involving a police vehicle which occurred on May 21, 2026, in the amount of \$8,954.56 (to be deposited into General Operating account)

Acceptance of supplemental insurance payment from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation in the amount of \$1,582.84 on Claim No. 066027 for damage to a Police

Department vehicle (original insurance settlement approved via Resolution No. 2026-259-R)

Acceptance of supplemental insurance payment from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation in the amount of \$1,740.58 on Claim No. 065848 for damage to a Building Department vehicle (original insurance settlement approved via Resolution No. 2026-230-R)

Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Sandra and Jeffrey Mehlhorn (to be deposited into Fire Donation account)

Acceptance of a donation from Commissioner Steve Haraway in the amount of \$50,000 to be used for repaving Gillespie Road (to be deposited in the General Operating account)

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

Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council President Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR RANAE BARTLETT:

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

- In Hoover this morning, along with Chief Williams, Chief Gandy, and Sergeant Dixon met with Mayor Derzis public safety staff to prepare for SEC softball tournament.
- Congratulations, Council Member White and Chief Williams, who were accepted into Leadership Greater Huntsville flagship program, historic class 40.
- Wednesday, at Toyota Field, the first meeting of the mayor's youth council, comprised of thirty-three young high schoolers, focused on workforce, service and civic engagement.
- Praised Madison Police for the handling of a mental health emergency that occurred last Tuesday evening. Thanked Chief Gandy and the entire police force.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Madison Library is accepting book donations. The next library book sale will be on October 24th.

- Attended the SEC trivia game in support of the Madison Police Foundation. Raised thousands in support of Madison Police Foundation.
- Started a system with Madison Utilities Engineering Supervisor Reece Lee, every Friday to share current and future projects.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 BILLIE GOODSON

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

- Last Thursday was the last third Thursday event in downtown Madison. Thanked all the businesses and vendors.
- Madison Utilities is continuing the water line replacement downtown. Madison Utilities has committed to current projects completed and cleaned up prior to the street festival. However, the re-pavement will not be until next year, so that the city can repave all the streets for a better result.
- Street Festival is scheduled for October 3rd.
- Thursday night August 27, between 6 and 8:30pm Madison Utilities announced a water shut off for 100-114 Church Street, Front and Maple
- Thanked the citizens for all the communication and information
- Complimented the Mayor on communication and inclusion of the council.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 MICHAEL MCKAY

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

- Working to get office hours in September, location and hours will be announced at the next council meeting.
- Thank you to all the departments who worked to restore Madison after the storm last week.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 ALICE LESSMANN

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

- Business Council Meeting held at Homewood Suites in Town Madison, discussed the Taste of Madison benefiting the Miracle League on September 24th. Tickets are available on the website.
- Attended Alabama League of Municipalities district 5 congressional luncheon at the Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens. Thanked Congressman Dale Strong for his update, spoke of the footprint of space and defense here in North Alabama, along with the 13.5-million-dollar grant that was secured for the second state veteran cemetery that will be located in North Alabama.
- Congratulated Madison Alabama Latter-Day Saints on the groundbreaking.
- Congratulations to First National Bank on their five-year anniversary in Town Madison
- Congratulations also to Council Member White and Chief Williams on Leadership Greater Huntsville.
- Congratulated Mayor Bartlett on being named a Yellowhammer 2026 woman of impact for the state of Alabama.

- Back to school breakfast, Tuesday August 25 at 7:30am, hosted by Madison Chamber at Crosspoint church

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 ERICA WHITE

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

- Office hours September 8th, here at city hall from 12-2pm. Thanked the residents who attended previous office hours, and a request was made before council and funded.
- Openings on zoning board of adjustments and appeals and the industrial development board. Information and application are available on the city website.
- The planning commission approved a 23-acre park adjoining Madison farms. The park will include three athletic fields, a playground, dog park, pavilion and restrooms. The park does not have an official name. Individuals or organizations interested in naming rights reach out to the mayor's office via email.
- Thank you to Director of Public Works Kent Smith and his department for quickly responding to trees down during the storms. Also thank you to all the department who were involved.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 KENNETH JACKSON

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

- Thank you to the residents and exhibitors to attended "Ask your City"
- September 4th from 7am to 4pm Woody Anderson Ford will donate \$30.00 per test drive taken to Madison City Schools. Test drives will be at the Madison City Schools central office parking lot. No cost to participants but must be 18 years or older. The registration link is on the school systems Facebook page.
- Madison Police department is partnering with the FBI to provide internet safety awareness presentation, Tuesday September 8th at 5:30pm at James Clemens in the Harvard room, intended for parents and educators only.
- Madison Art Alliance, new art exhibit by Raven Mobley at Madison public library for the next five weeks.
- Battle of the Bands on Saturday September 12th at 6pm at Home Place Park. In addition to live music, there will be food vendors and activities for kids.
- Adopt a spot program is looking for individuals or organizations to improve the community's appearance. All clean up prevention supplies are provided, please email cleaupmadison@gmail.com if interested.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Michael McKay recommended the appointment of Sarah Long to Place 7 of the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board. Ms. Sarah Long has a Master of Special Education and a community volunteer. The Council accepts the appointment of Ms. Sarah Long to Place 7 of the Madison City Disability Advocacy Board.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-236: ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY WILLMAN LEE BURKET JR., CONSISTING OF 0.62 ACRES, LOCATED AT 11356 CARDINAL DRIVE, EAST SIDE OF CARDINAL DRIVE, NORTH OF POWELL ROAD, R-1A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) UPON ANNEXATION (FIRST READING 07/13/2026)

Council Member White moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-236. Council Member Goodson seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-249: ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY RICHARD AND KENYA MORSE, CONSISTING OF 2.42 ACRES, LOCATED AT 10569 BURGREN ROAD, WEST SIDE OF BURGREN ROAD, NORTH OF CEDAR ACRES DRIVE, R-1A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) UPON ANNEXATION (FIRST READING 07/13/2026)

Council Member Goodson moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-249. Council Member White seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

City Engineer Michael Johnson presented an annual update on Rebuild Alabama Act (2019) Gas Tax Funded Projects for FY2027.

- Collector road paving (total cost estimate \$600,000)
 - County Line Road
 - Church Street
 - College Street
 - Arnett Street
 - Front Street

- Madison Boulevard Bridge Repairs
 - Structural concrete repairs
 - Estimated cost \$200,000
- Other small road and paving projects (\$81,000)
- 2019 Gas Tax Total FY2027 Budget \$881,000

Council Member Jackson asked how the projects are selected. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that a handful of collector roads are identified. The roads downtown were selected due to needing repair along with the Madison Utilities project currently underway.

Council Member Jackson asked for an update on the Balch and Gooch round about. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that overhead power has been completed and waiting on AT&T. AT&T has completed their design, some properties over in the area need to be updated to fiber. Council Member Wroblewski asked about issuing a deadline to AT &T or a start date for construction or moving to another roundabout. City Engineer Michael Johnson states AT&T is being responsive, and right away acquisition is still being worked on the other round about. Council Member Jackson asked for calcification if Council Member Wroblewski was proposing postponing the Balch and Gooch round about. Council Member Wroblewski stated no, if the project is delayed on its own can another project be started. Council Member Jackson replied with work is already being done to facilitate construction on Balch and Gooch. Mayor Bartlett stated Madison Hospital is anxious for Balch and Gooch to be completed and some of the delays are beyond Madison City's control.

Council Member White asked if the paving project would fix the street and sidewalk mix match at Mill and Church Street. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded this project will not, it is just milling and resurfacing. However, Engineering is working in house with Public Works to make a safer transition.

Council Member McKay asked if there an update on the east west street project. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded with the project is under construction right now and will be a detached section of Royal Drive.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-158-R: AWARDING BID NO. 2026-009-ITB FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES TO BAZA SERVICES, LLC FOR THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF \$8,442.00 (TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET)

Council Member Lessmann moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-158-R. Council Member Goodson seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-305-R: AUTHORIZING A CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH STRUTHERS RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THREE (3) SHADE EQUIPMENT FOR BENCHES AT SUNSHINE OAKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,416.21 (TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES & GROUNDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACCOUNT)

Council Member White moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-305-R. Council Member Lessmann seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-295: DECLARE VACANT TRACT OF LAND .93 ACRES IN SIZE AND LOCATED ON KYSER BOULEVARD AS SURPLUS (FIRST READING 08/10/2026)

Council Member White moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-295. Council Member Lessmann seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-306-R: AUTHORIZE BROKERAGE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CRUNKLETON & ASSOCIATES, LLC, FOR SALE OF VACANT TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON KYSER BOULEVARD

Council Member McKay moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-306-R. Council Member White seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

FIRE AND RESCUE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-307-R: AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF CONSENT TO THE CITY OF GADSDEN REGARDING USE OF RADIO FREQUENCY 856.4875 MHZ FOR FCC PURPOSES

Council Member Jackson asked what this frequency has been used for in the past. Fire Chief Williams stated the City of Gadsden is seeking to renew their FCC license that lapsed and anyone within 88 kilometers of Gadsden must be notified and there is no impact to Madison City.

Council Member Goodson moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-307-R. Council Member Lessmann seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-308-R: AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (\$67,450 PER MONTH TO BE PAID FROM CUSTOMER FEES; NO INCREASE TO CUSTOMER FEES)

Council Member Lessmann moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-308-R. Council Member White seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Alice Lessman	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-237: ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11356 CARDINAL DRIVE, EAST SIDE OF CARDINAL DRIVE.

NORTH OF POWELL ROAD, INTO THE CITY OF MADISON (FIRST READING 07/13/2026)

Council Member White moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-237. Council Member Goodson seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessman	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-250: ASSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10569 BURGREN ROAD, WEST SIDE OF BURGREN ROAD, NORTH OF CEDAR ACRES DRIVE, INTO THE CITY OF MADISON (FIRST READING 07/13/2026)

Council Member White moved to approve Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-250. Council Member McKay seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Alice Lessmann	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-298: VACATION OF A PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN 107 CABOT CIRCLE, LOT 7 OF BILTMORE BEND OF HERITAGE PLANTATION SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-300: VACATION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN 117 KENSINGTON DRIVE, LOT 50, BLOCK 3 OF WOODFIELD SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Goodson announced a reminder that tonight is the last time to purchase a discounted early bird ticket to the Taste of Madison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Megan Zigarelli makes the following declaration, as the City Attorney, I request that the City Council enter an executive session pursuant to Alabama Code §36-25A-7(a)(3) in order to discuss with the City's attorneys the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, as well as controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the governmental body pursues a proposed course of action. It is my opinion that this Open Meetings Act exception is applicable to a discussion of these matters with legal counsel, and this discussion does not constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege.

Council Member Lessman moves that the council enter into executive session for the purpose of such discussion

Council Member White: Second

Council President Wroblewski requested a roll call

Council Member Alice Lessman	Aye
Council Member Erica White	Aye
Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member David Bier	Absent
Council Member Billie Goodson	Aye
Council Member Michael McKay	Aye
Council Member Kenneth Jackson	Aye

Council President Wroblewski stated with majority consent, the Council will now enter into executive session. Council is not expected to reconvene or take any votes following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss Council President Wroblewski moved to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes No. 2026-16-RG, dated August 24, 2026, read, approved and adopted this 14th day of September 2026.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One

Council Member David Bier
District Two

Council Member Billie Goodson
District Three

Council Member Michael McKay
District Four

Council Member Alice Lessmann
District Five

Council Member Erica White
District Six

Council Member Kenneth Jackson
District Seven

Concur:

Ranae Bartlett, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Amy Rumley
Recording Secretary