



**MINUTES NO. 2026-07-WS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
JUNE 17, 2026**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 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 5:30 p.m. by Council President Maura Wroblewski.

THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE 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, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Megan Zingarelli, Information Technology Director Chris White, Director of Operations and Communications Amanda Jarrett, Economic External Affairs Officer James Manasco, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Director of Finance David Lawing, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred opened by sharing that the sports turf management consultant Andrew Mosley was in town and wanted to address to council some of the issues that were found on some of the athletic fields. Below are the topics discussed:

- Wear and tear on the fields
- Heavy traffic sports
- Fertilizer blends
- Rock in the soil issue
- True sports turf-mutated Bermuda grass
- Safety hazards

Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred shared a brief presentation and shared some of the capital projects and costs needed in the next five years. Some of the top selected projects are:

- 12 covered additional pickle ball courts

- Palmer Parks master plan-Baseball/Softball 4-Plex (Fields 7 & 8)
- Miracle League Field
- Outfield fencing to match backstops
- New aquatic center facility

Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith shared a presentation that pinpointed the outlay and numbers of where the cash goes in the next five years and how the city prepares for needs versus wants. He shared that there is a piece of property on Huntsville Browns Ferry Road that was donated to the city in 2023. Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith shared that the property is currently undeveloped. He stated that there would be a proposed resolution in the coming weeks to sell the house on the property and the 3 acres for somewhere between 600 and 700 hundred thousand in order to start on the development of the property. He shared that the development would include 3, 80 by 120-yard soccer fields, a dog park, a neighborhood playground, pavilions, restrooms and a neighborhood parking lot.

Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith shared that the Mayor has been working to help with the naming rights and funding for the park and Public Works will do the grading work on the fields, in-house engineering will conduct the parking lot build. He shared that a retention pond will also have to be built. He shared that the dog park that currently stands in constant water will be moved to the new area as well as picnic tables set up in the shade that's always dry.

Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith shared some of the projects and costs for the next five fiscal years.

Projects	Fiscal 2027	Year	Fiscal 2028	Year	Fiscal 2029	Year	Fiscal 2030	Year
Wellness Center entrance	\$85,000.00							
FS5	\$8,500,000.00							
Wellness Center Roof					\$800,000.00			
FS1							150,000.00	
Public Library Flooring			\$450,000.00					
City Hall Renovations	\$700,000.00		\$1,000,000.00					
Court/Council Chamber Renovations	\$1,000,000.00							
Celtic Drive MFR MPD	\$1,400,000.00							
Server Room City Hall			\$650,000.00					
Park to be named	\$1,800,000.00							
Facilities storage Sunshine Oaks					\$375,000.00			

Wellness Center renovations				\$1,000,000.00
FS1 Paint	\$90,000.00			
FS4 Ladder Bay	\$750,000.00			
FS3 Paint and Carpet		\$80,000.00		
Archery Range	\$300,000.00			
Palmer Park Roof Replacement			\$225,000.00	
Palmer Park Storage Building				\$400,000.00
Rock Quarry		\$400,000.00		

Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith also shared the major building maintenance projects and costs that need updated maintenance within the next five fiscal years. Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith shared some of the playgrounds that will need equipment replaced in 2027. These include:

- Rainbow Mountain
- Governors
- Westgate
- Stavemill
- Madison Trace

Director of Facilities and Grounds shared the vehicles he recommended that be upgraded over the next five years. He shared that some of the department's vehicles are over 26 years old. Council Member McKay asked how long it had been since an analysis had been done on the local parks and if some could possibly be divested and donated to HOA's. Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith explained that there had not been any analysis although if council requested it that it could be done. He explained that the city owned 128 parcel's and a lot of them aren't utilized at all. He shared that cash could be generated from that evaluation first.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred shared that in Alabama it depends on how the park is deeded. If there is a deed that says it must remain a parking perpetuity in the city. City Attorney Megan Zingareilli shared that it must be a vote and now would be a great time for an analysis to queue it up for the ballot at the next election cycle. The Mayor and Council along with Director of Facilities and Grounds Gerald Smith and Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred continued with a lengthy conversation about the neighborhood parks and costs. Council asked for clarifications on the turf management and costs. Council and Turf Management Consultant Andrew Mosley discussed costs at length.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Minute No. 2026-07-WS, dated June 17th, 2026, read, approved and adopted this 13th day of July 2026.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
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District Seven

Concur:

Ranae Bartlett, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa D. Thomas
City Clerk-Treasurer

Kerri Sulyma
Recording Secretary