



**MINUTES NO. 2024-06-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
March 25, 2024**

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, March 25, 2024, 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 Ranae Bartlett.

Pastor Cody Edger from Cornerstone Word of Life Church provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by 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	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 D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Information Technology Director Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Garrett Gillott, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Detective Stacy Thomas

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, James Vanderwier, Alice Lessmann, Essence Nesbit, Patience Nesbit, Vicki Morris, Amber James, Ashley Engles Ross, Brian Goodwin, Jennifer Coe

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-05-RG DATED MARCH 11, 2024

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-05-RG. Council Member Powell seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Abstain
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 Proclamation to Ashley Engles-Ross by Mayor Finley designating March 30, 2024 as Women Owned Business Day in the City of Madison, Alabama

Mayor Finley presented the proclamation. He stated that Alabama ranks 15th in women owned business in the nation, with a growth rate of 42%. The City of Madison has 1,399 women owned firms. Chair Vicki Morris spoke and expressed her thanks for having the honor of their group receiving the proclamation.

Ballcorps, LLC; Annual Trash Pandas Revenue Update

Garrett Fahrman from Ballcorps LLC presented a slideshow reviewing what the ballpark offered this past year.

- There were over 150 days of non-baseball events this year, including the fair, Christmas light show, local baseball games etc.
- In just their second year, the Trash Pandas Foundation has been able to donate over \$50,000 to North Alabama Non-Profits.
- Led Southern League in Attendance
- Hughes Rd. retail location
- Ballcorps payment to the City \$1,473,414
- A payment in the amount of \$596,944.23 will be sent this week to The City

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.*

JOYA HOLMAN

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

- Supports the EAP regarding mental health

JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5) ASHLEY ESTATES

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

- Resolution No. 2024-091-R
- Resolution No. 2024-094-R

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Res. No. 2024-091-R
- Public Records Requests
- Insurance claim
- Meter on Intergraph
- Non-profits

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

General Operating account	\$1,298,361.48
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$67,524.04
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$11,337.05
Library Building Fund	\$4,039.83

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-059-R:

Authorizing an agreement with Intergraph Improvement Properties, LLC for division of utilities bill for the Public Safety Annex

Resolution No. 2024-089-R: Providing for the disposition of personal property of negligible value (56 Cisco IP Phones) via online auction through GovDeals website pursuant to Section 16-108 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

Resolution No. 2024-097-R: Acceptance of insurance settlement from Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation on Claim No. 061299 for wind damage due to severe thunderstorm to four backstops at the WestCo softball complex at Palmer Park which occurred on December 9, 2023 (\$124,345.50, minus \$1,000 deductible)

Acceptance of donation of chairs and a rack for use at the Wellness Center Gym located at 190 Graphics Drive (estimated value of \$4,900. Donor would like to remain anonymous)

Acceptance of donation from L. Tucker (\$30 to be deposited into Senior Center Donation 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
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- April 22nd there will be a vote on the mid-year budget

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

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

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- The City Council will be conducting Board of Education interviews on Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30pm. That will be the first official Work Session for the month of March.
- There will be another Work Session/Special Call Meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 5pm and it will be streamed

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Madison Police and Citizen Advisory Committee will be meeting on March 26, 2024 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church
- Madison Visionary Partners will be having their 2nd Annual Community Volunteer Awards Breakfast on March 28th at 8am at Toyota Field
- Beautification Board is doing their Spring Clean Up for the first time on Saturday, April 13th on Landers Drive from 9-11am. Check social media for more information
- Thanked the Police Department for their presence at the Dublin Park gate
- Thanked the Fire Department for a full day of demonstrations and training information

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

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

No new business

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.

No Public Hearings

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-006-R: AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND MADISON COUNTY FOR JOINT FUNDING IN SLAUGHTER ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CITY WOULD REIMBURSE COUNTY 1/3 OF INCURRED DESIGN COSTS AND PERIODICALLY REIMBURSE THE COUNTY 1/3 OF THE \$4,564,242.19 ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE PROJECT. TO BE PAID FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Director of Engineering Michael Johnson detailed that there will be two sites, one at Eastview and Slaughter Road and they will be extending the Northbound left turn lane and will be adding a Southbound right turn lane. Site two is near Roy Drive and Castle Drive. They will be adding a Southbound right turn lane onto Roy Drive and adding center turn lanes including a left lane Southbound onto Castle Drive. Council President thanked Commissioner Haraway and Council Member Meredith in Huntsville for working with us on this project

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-006-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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-079-R: AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. ON PROJECT 22-038 | BURGREN AND HARDIMAN INTERSECTION SIGNAL TO PREPARE TWO (2) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS AND DEEDS FOR THE REQUIRED RIGHT-OF-WAY (IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500. TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-079-R. Council Member Spears seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
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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. 2024-098-R: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE TRACT NO. 8 FOR THE SEGERS ROAD & MAECILLE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (EDWARD LEE MOORE) (\$4,020.51 TO BE PAID FROM THE ENGINEERING BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-098-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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-091-R: AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS (ESTIMATED \$10,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE-YEAR TERM)

Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli explained the purpose of the EAP Program is to provide a broader range of support all City Employees and some specialized support for Police Officers and Firefighters given the stress that they face every day. Council Member Powell asked that later down the road they revisit the topic to include retired First Responders to be able to receive this benefit as well.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-091-R Council Member Denzine 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. 2024-092-R: AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STACY THOMAS FOR FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS SUPPORT (\$38,000 FOR ONE-YEAR TERM)

Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli explained the services Detective Stacy Thomas can provide for The City regarding first responder support given her experience as a Critical Incident Team Member at the Memphis Police Department. She also ran the Community Mental Health Officer Program here at The City of Madison.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-092-R Council Member Denzine 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. 2024-094-R: AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTSVILLE UTILITIES FOR STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE

City Attorney Brian Kilgore explained this amendment is primarily to reflect the increase in Huntsville Utilities' staff wages due to their annual COLA.

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-094-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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Finley spoke and explained there was a billing situation with The City of Athens that occurred. He called their Mayor to speak with him about it and within four days we received a check from them. Mayor Finley pointed out that he really appreciated their help with taking care of it so timely.

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 6:46 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-06-RG, dated March 25th, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 8th day of April 2024.

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

Myranda Staples
Recording Secretary