



**MINUTES NO. 2023-10-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
May 22, 2023**

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, 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, May 22, 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 6:00 p.m. by Council President Ranae Bartlett.

Pastor Troy L. Gardner, with The Fellowship of Faith 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	Absent
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	Present

City Officials in attendance were: City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa D. Thomas, Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer Kerri Sulyma, City Attorney Brian Kilgore, Police Captain Mike Allen, Police Sargent Lamar Anderson, City Engineer Michael Johnson, Deputy City Engineer Michelle Dunson, Communication Specialist Samantha Magnuson, Police Sargent Michael Dixon, Director of Information Technology Chris White, Information Technology Support Technician Toby Jenkins, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Battalion Chief Dustin Spires, Director of Human Resources Megan Zingarelli, Director of Development Services Mary Beth Broeren, Director of Public Works Kent Smith, and Director of Parks & Recreation Kory Alfred

Public Attendance registered: Jan Irvine, Rebekah Faris, Ashley Singleton, Joseph Prinzing, Jared Hill, Jessica Hissam, Chris Hissam, Andrea Hill, Steve Hill, Jeanne Simpson, Peter Simpson, Margi Daly, Alex Vaughn, Dee Voelkel, Ethan Carter, John Cole, Richard Andrews, Candi Andrews, Bruce Puffer, Troy Garner, Mark Kather, Bernadette Mayer, Paul R Pfahler, Deidre Hopkin, Esther Ramirez, Jennifer Coe, Tyler Strutheit, Alex Luttrell, Deanne Johnson, Kris Gundersen, Dane Walther, Rhonda Pendleton, Tiffany Knox, Grant Carodine,

William Riggle, Stacy Riggle, Matthew Riggle, Donnie Spencer, Brian A. Robinson, and Angela Gary

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

City Attorney Brian Kilgore had the following updates and/or changes listed below:

Resolution No. 2023-165-R; under consent agenda, the attachment was updated from \$100 deductible to \$1000 deductible on the proof of loss. The amount the city is getting paid from the insurance does not change.

Resolution No. 2023-186-R; under IT department reports, the attachment had an incorrect billing address which has since been corrected since the agenda was published.

Ordinance No. 2023-134; under Legal department reports, asked to remove and will be submitted on June 12th.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2023-04-WS DATED May 8, 2023

Council Member Spears moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-04-WS. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2023-09-RG DATED May 8, 2023

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-09-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2023-01-SP DATED May 16, 2023

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Minutes No. 2023-01-SP. 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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING "NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" FROM MAY 22 - MAY 26, 2023 IN THE CITY OF MADISON

Mayor Finley presented Director of Public Works Kent Smith with a proclamation designating the week of May 22 – 26, 2023 as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Madison, Alabama.

PRESENTATION BY MRS. DEBBIE OVERCASH OF THE MADISON ROTARY CLUB FOR FIREFIGHTER, POLICE OFFICER, AND TWO CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Debbie Overcash of the Rotary Club along with Mayor Paul Finley, Council President Ranae Bartlett, Madison Rotary President Melissa Gibson, Director of Human Resources Megan, Fire Battalion Chief Dustin Spires, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Police Captain Mike Allen, and Director of Human Resources Zingarelli presented the awards as follows:

Cole Edwards	Firefighter of the Year
Michael Dixon	Police Officer of the Year
Michelle Dunson	Employee of the Year

A round of applause and standing ovation was given to each employee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA RELATED

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JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Objection to Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-188; Amending City Code Section 2-42(4) Order of Agenda Items

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Resolution No. 2023-125-R, disapproval as employees should have a choice of where they can go
- HR should do better for employees
- Engineering department proposed ordinance misspellings
- Resolution No. 2023-185-R, incomplete wants to know who is signing documents
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2203-134, request that agreement should be 5 years and not 10
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-188, concern about the time

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Resolution No. 2023-125-R, disapproval as employees should have a choice of where they can go and believed that this was already included in the original Hexagon proposal
- Resolution No. 2023-158-R, would like to know expected public input meeting dates
- Resolution No. 2023-178-R, length of contract, bid process
- Resolution No. 2023-179-R, property acquirement
- Resolution No. 2023-185-R, request for actual printed names on all contracts and franchise agreements, planning never signed off
- Resolution No. 2023-173-R, feels that it is an incomplete resolution
- Appointments to boards should only be during term of council
- Resolution No. 2023-187-R, contradiction with ordinance 94-132 regarding park closing at dusk, would need to rescind
- Time limit on public comments

TIFFANY KNOX (DISTRICT 1)

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

- Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-188, would like to keep comments at the beginning of the meeting only and provided scenarios to support her point

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council member Spears shared the Finance Committee reviewed all the periodic bills to be paid and found them all in order. Council Member Spears thanked those for the donations made to the Senior Center, Fire Department and the Dublin Park meeting rooms.

Council Member Spears 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 of payment to S&ME, Inc. in the amount of \$3,282.06 for Invoice No. 1180340 for Project No. 18-022 (Hughes Road Widening Project) (to be paid from 2020-A Bond account)

Approval to Authorize the Parks & Recreation Department to solicit bids for Hexagon Athletic Field lighting installation

Resolution No. 2023-165-R: Acceptance of AMIC Settlement Claim No: 059515 in the amount of \$4,369.00 for wind loss to the K-9 and Animal Control Building (Final Payment. Claim is now closed)

Resolution No. 2023-172-R: Authorizing the purchase of bullet-resistant vests from the Buy Board National Purchasing Cooperative (to be paid from the Police Department budget)

Resolution No. 2023-177-R: Declaring the Police badge and duty weapon used by Officer Troy Vickers as surplus and authorizing that they be given to him upon his retirement on June 1, 2023

Acceptance of donations from J. and S. Crenshaw in the amount of \$50 in memory of GERAL "Deanie" Bucy, and M.C. Flurer in the amount of \$25.00 (to be deposited into Senior Center Donation account)

Acceptance of donation from Senator Tom Butler in the amount of \$5,000 for Fire Department expenses and equipment (to be deposited into Fire Donation account)

Acceptance of donation of two (2) Samsung 75" televisions from Madison Baseball Association for Dublin Park meeting rooms valued at \$1,482.38.

Acceptance of checks from Chambers Bottling Company, LLC in the amounts of \$39.00, and \$27.92 (to be deposited into Fire Department Donation account)

Council Member Wroblewski seconded. Council Member Wroblewski congratulated Police Officer Troy Vickers on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the community. 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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

MAYOR PAUL FINLEY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-125-R: APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES TO USE THE HEXAGON WELLNESS CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000 ANNUALLY (TO BE PAID FROM GENERAL SERVICES)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-125-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. Mayor Finley explained that the current gym that the Police and the Fire department were using is unusable and that from an employee retention standpoint this is an added benefit to employees. It will start on June 1st. Council Member Seifert asked Mayor Finley what will be done with the old gym property and building. Mayor Finley responded that they do not need it and that it would need to be torn down and then the city would most likely bring it to council for their decision. Council Member Denzine added that she appreciated the addition of the gym for the Fire department as she had seen the previous gym's condition. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

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

- Congratulated graduating seniors at James Clemens and Bob Jones High School
- Congratulated Huntsville for being the number two city in the nation by US News & World
- Congratulated Christy Finley on her retirement as Huntsville City Schools Superintendent
- Mid-year budget update

Council Member Wroblewski asked Mayor Finley if the mid-year budget will be emailed to council members. Council Member Spears stated that the finance committee meeting had been canceled due to people being out of town and that may be why it has not been sent to council members.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Expressed concerns of the Armory location and suggested a more industrial location
- Suggested council limiting operational hours of the Armory during school hours

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Congratulated all graduates from Madison City Schools
- Scholarships offered to Madison students were over \$100,000.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

Absent

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-171-R: AUTHORIZING VIDEO RECORDING AND ARCHIVING OF THE MAY 17, 2023, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-171-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- Thanked everyone that participated in the election
- Congratulated all graduates from Madison City Schools
- Attended Wellstone celebration and pointed out the highlights of the Mental Health Crisis Center
- Reminded everyone of the Police Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 P.M. at the Madison Public Library on the following topics:
 - Animal Control
 - The Alert Process
- Thanked the community for all their support for her family
- Shared concerns on the location of the Armory

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF TOMMY OVERCASH TO THE NORTH ALABAMA GAS BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF JULY 1, 2029

Council Member Spears nominated Tommy Overcash for reappointment. There being no further nominations, Mr. Overcash was appointed by acclamation.

APPOINTMENT TO PLACE NO. 5 OF THE WATER AND WASTEWATER BOARD OF THE CITY OF MADISON WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Council Member Spears nominated Julian Al Sullivan for appointment to Place No. 5. There being no other nominations Julian Al Sullivan was appointed to Place No. 5 to complete the term of the previous board member by acclamation.

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.

None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-155: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF A RIGHT OF WAY FROM UAH FOUNDATION TO EXTEND JETPLEX LANE (FIRST READING-SUSPENSION OF RULES REQUESTED)

Council Member Wroblewski motioned to suspend the rules. Council Member Spears seconded. City Attorney Brian Kilgore stated to Council Members and Mayor Finley that he was not 100% sure that all the prerequisites that they needed were to move forward. City Attorney Brian Kilgore asked City Engineer Michael Johnson to inform Council Members and Mayor Finley as to whether they were ready to suspend the rules in to adopt the ordinance at this time. City Engineer Michael Johnson advised that they are still waiting for final acceptance from Madison Utilities and that it will be brought up at their next meeting on June 5th. Council President Bartlett asked City Engineer Michael Johnson if he then only wanted a first reading on the ordinance instead of a suspension of rules. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded yes to only a first reading. Council Member Wroblewski withdrew her motion.

This is only a first reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-173-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARMSTRONG & SASSO APPRAISAL COMPANY, LLC FOR LAND APPRAISAL ON PROJECT 20-008 (BROWNS FERRY ROAD BOX CULVERT REPLACEMENT) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-173-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. Council Member Spears asked City Engineer Michael Johnson to explain where the box culvert is located. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated that this is the very narrow bridge crossing just north and west of Mose Chapel Road and can be a danger to people towing trailers and such. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-179-R: AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MADISON BRANCH BOULEVARD ROUNDABOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,842.00 (TO BE PAID FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-179-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Mayor Finley asked City Engineer how the process to obtain the property was done since the public had asked questions. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that an appraisal company completed an appraisal, then offers were sent for negotiation. Council Member Seifert asked City Engineer Michael Johnson if the presented amount was accounted for in the budget. City Engineer Michael Johnson responded that yes it was and that this is not the full amount, but a little more than half of the total amount. City Engineer Michael Johnson added that overall, it is within the original budget that was approved. City Attorney Brian Kilgore added that there's another tract of land that they are in the process of negotiating a purchase for. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-185-R: ACCEPTING INTO PUBLIC USE AND MAINTENANCE THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE HEIGHTS AT TOWN MADISON, PHASE 5

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-185-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Council Member Seifert asked City Engineer Michael Johnson if all is in order. City Engineer Michael Johnson replied yes. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
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 5/8/2023)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-153. 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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-178-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST ENTERPRISE FOR FIBER TO EIGHT MUNICIPAL LOCATIONS (TO BE PAID FROM IT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-178-R. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-186-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH NINJAONE FOR IT SUPPORT SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,800 ANNUALLY (TO BE PAID FROM IT DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-186-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
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 Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-163-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-175-R: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR A PORTION OF WISE STREET.

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-175-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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-188: AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 2-42(4) ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS (FIRST READING)

This is a first reading only

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2023-157: VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN BELLAWOODS SUBDIVISION (FIRST READING 5/8/2023)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-157. Council Member Seifert seconded. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye

Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-158-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SLAUGHTER & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF ELECTION DISTRICTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 (TO BE PAID FROM DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET 10-070-000-1917-00)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-158-R. Council Member Spears seconded. Mayor Finley shared that based on the outcome of the Special Election, City of Madison will redistrict again with seven districts. Mayor Finley also added that the last time redistricting was completed Slaughter and Associates used 2010 census data and the redistricting was completed in 2011. Mayor Finley explained that if approved tonight Slaughter and Associates would begin preparing a plan during the rest of May and all of June and could have their first tentative date for the first public meeting on July 17, depending on the progress of completing the tasks that need to be completed including getting the public's feedback. Mayor Finley said a public hearing is scheduled for August 14th and on August 30th to prepare the legal descriptions with hopes of bringing it to Council for adoption on September 11th. Mayor Finley expressed his appreciation for Slaughter and Associates' ability to detect growth like 2011. Council President Bartlett added that there was a discussion along with a presentation regarding redistricting in the May 16th work session that is now archived if anyone wants to view it. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-187-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOGAN'S MECHANICAL SERVICES (HMS) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LIGHTING SYSTEM AT DUBLIN PARK, FIELD 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,500 (TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Council Member Seifert moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-187-R. Council Member Wroblewski seconded. Council Member Seifert asked Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred if he could address some of the public comments about the ordinances and lighting. Director of Parks and Recreation Kory Alfred explained the dawn to

dusk lighting and hours of operation at Dublin Park and Palmer Park. Council member Seifert asked if it would be the same directional lights the city currently operating at Dublin Park. Director of Recreation Kory Alfred responded that there is no overflow lighting and that they are energy efficient as their power bill has gone down significantly. The vote was taken and recorded as follows:

Council Member Maura Wroblewski	Aye
Council Member Connie Spears	Aye
Council Member Teddy Powell	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
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	Absent
Council Member Greg Shaw	Absent
Council Member Ranae Bartlett	Aye
Council Member Karen Denzine	Aye
Council Member John Seifert	Aye

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mayor Finley opened the public comments by providing information regarding Rocket City Armory's classification as a retail service business and that it is allowed in the city's commercial zones B1, B2, and B3. Mayor Finley shared that Rocket City Armory is not open yet, but their site plan was approved in September 2021 and that the area it sits on is zoned for B2 since 1989. Mayor Finley provided the public some additional context with regards to zoning such as Last Resorts Guns opening in 2013 and located on County Line Road about a mile from James Clemens High School which opened in 2012; Walmart sells ammunition and is located close to the soon to open Journey Middle School; Rainbow Elementary is across the street from Academy Sports. Mayor Finley explained that with any

zoning if it meets the criteria the city is required to accept it unless it is determined a nuisance such as Three Springs. Mayor Finley described the incident that happened in Three Springs in 2017 and explained if the city would have taken their business license at that time, the city would have been sued. Mayor Finley added that in September of 2017 they updated the nuisance laws and that was how they were able to take their business license after the second incident happened at Three Springs. Mayor Finley briefly went over the criteria and explained that Rocket City Armory has met them. Mayor Finley stated that he knows that there won't be an agreement on gun control, but that there can be discussions and share opinions, as the city won't legislate evil after the shooting incident that happened at a Madison school in 2010. Mayor Finley added that since that incident they have worked diligently with the school board on safety from the call to protect line and having more funding for School Resource Officers and equipment to keep schools safe. Mayor Finley closed by saying that if the business meets the criteria for zoning, then as the city they don't have a lot of leeway with what we do.

Council Member Wroblewski asked if the city can limit their operating hours. Mayor Finley responded that he did not know the answer to that, but that typically you can't limit legislating hours for any business because how do you know which one to stop at and that council is welcome to discuss it, but typically you can't tell a business when they can and cannot open.

Council President Bartlett added that they can discuss it further and bring it up with Planning, but that at this time she wanted to open public comments.

JARED HILL (DISTRICT 6)

Mr. Hill appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the following items:

- Background to his business Rocket City Armory
- Addition of tax revenue to the city
- Safety and security of his business
- Policies and procedures for his business

ALEX VAUGHN (DISTRICT 7)

Mr. Vaughn appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the proximity of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary

JOSEPH PRINZINGER (COUNTY RESIDENT)

Mr. Prinsinger appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his support for the location of Rocket City Armory and that it should not be moved.

REBEKAH FARIS (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Faris appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the proximity of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary.

ASHLEY SINGLETON (DISTRICT 7)

Ms. Singleton appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the proximity of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary.

TYLER STUTHEIT (DISTRICT 1)

Mr. Stutheit appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the proximity of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary.

ASHLEY DENNIS (DISTRICT 7)

Ms. Dennis appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her support on the location of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary.

KRIS GUNDERSEN (DISTRICT 6)

Mr. Gundersen appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concerns on the location of the Rocket City Armory to Midtown Elementary.

JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

Ms. Coe appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the location of the Rocket City Armory to schools and zoning.

BERNADETTE MAYER (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Hexagon Wellness Center
- Rocket City Armory location
- Planning Committee appointee

MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Finance Committee meeting transparency
- Zoning changes
- Ordinances and resolution changes
- Easement on Portal and Hughes Road
- Streetlighting concerns

EMMA (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Emma appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concerns on the location of the Rocket City Armory to schools and on zoning laws.

ANGELA GARY (DISTRICT 5)

Ms. Gary appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her support for the Rocket City Armory.

LT. COL. RETIRED JOHN COLE (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Rocket City Armory support for its location
- Concerns if city made a mistake and would reimburse Rocket City Armory if made to move

MADDIE LAMBERTSON (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Lambertson appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her support for the location of the Rocket City Armory to a school.

SARAH PARKER (DISTRICT 2)

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

- Lockdown concern at Midtown due to Kroger, should be discussed with School Board
- Support for the Rocket City Armory
- City-Manager election

EILEEN PHILLIPS (DISTRICT 1)

Ms. Phillips appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concern on the location of the Rocket City Armory to a school.

WILLIAM RIGGLE (DISTRICT 6)

Mr. Riggle appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his support on the location of the Rocket City Armory.

STACEY RIGGLE (DISTRICT 6)

Ms. Riggle appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her support on the location of the Rocket City Armory.

RICK RICCHIO (DISTRICT 7)

Mr. Ricchio appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concern on the location of the Rocket City Armory and that council should follow what has been put in place and if the zoning and/or ordinances need to be changed, then they should pursue it.

DANIEL HOPKINS (DISTRICT 1)

Mr. Hopkins appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concern about the location of the Rocket City Armory to the school.

BRIAN ROBINSON (DISTRICT 2)

Mr. Robinson appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his support for the location of the Rocket City Armory and for the owner, Jared Hill.

MARK KATHER (DISTRICT 4)

Mr. Kather appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his support on the location of the Rocket City Armory.

CRYSTAL FRANCOIS (DISTRICT 7)

Ms. Francois appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concern on the location of the Rocket City Armory to the school.

GRANT CARODINE (DISTRICT 4)

Mr. Carodine appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice his concern on the

- Rocket City Armory

Mr. Carodine also spoke in favor of the following:

- Proposed public comment rearrangement

SARA A (DISTRICT 7)

Ms. Sara appeared before Council and Mayor Finley to voice her concern on the location of the Rocket City Armory.

Council President Bartlett closed public comment and thanked the public for staying and thanked the Council and Mayor Finley.

Mayor Finley thanked the public for their comments and respecting the process except for one person. Mayor Finley also thanked Council President Bartlett for how she managed the public comments, as it is only fair to let everyone only have 3 minutes and unfortunately there are times when someone needs to be cut off. Mayor Finley advised the public that he has time set aside every two weeks for the public to come speak and that all that someone needs to do is call the mayor's office and take one of the thirty-minute slots. Mayor Finley closed by saying that any business license that is issued they make sure that they meet what is needed and he assured the public that the Police and Student Resource Officers understand how people feel about the safety of the city.

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 8:21 p.m.

Minutes No. 2023-10-RG, dated May 22, 2023, read, approved and adopted this 12th day of June 2023.

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