

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-188

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDER OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHED BY CITY
CODE SECTION 2-42(4) FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, after a temporary period whereby the City Council reordered its meetings to hear public comments on matters not listed on the City Council's Agenda until the end of its meeting, the City Council has determined that such reordering of public comments has increased the efficiency of its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that such reordering of public comments has increased the amount of time for the public to comment during its meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant Section 2-42(4) of the City Code stating "[t]he council president may adjust the format from time to time, as deemed necessary, to provide for the orderly conduct of business" the Council does so deem it necessary to move all public comments regarding items not listed on an Agenda to the end of the City Council's meeting on a permanent basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA, that Section 2-42(4) subsections a. through k. are repealed and replaced with the following subsections a. through k.:

- "a. Call to Order.
- b. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. Roll call of elected governing officials.
- d. Approval of minutes.
- e. Presentation of awards.
- f. Public comments regarding Agenda Items.
- g. Consent agenda and finance committee report (regular and periodic bills to be paid).
- h. Presentation of reports of mayor, councilmembers, committees, etc.
- i. Departmental reports.
- j. Other business and announcements.

- k. Public Comments not regarding Agenda Items.
- l. Adjournment.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Council reaffirms its commitment to enforcement of these rules of order, as amended, and authorizes and directs the Council President to enforce the same; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this Ordinance shall be invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision hereof; and

READ and ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2023.

Ranae Bartlett, Council President
City of Madison, Alabama

ATTEST:

Lisa D. Thomas, City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Madison, Alabama

APPROVED this ____ day of June 2023.

Paul Finley, Mayor
City of Madison, Alabama