



**MINUTES NO. 2024-04-RG
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF MADISON, ALABAMA
February 26, 2024**

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 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 Huey Hudson with Restoration 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 Coordinator Michelle Parker, Police Chief Johnny Gandy, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Engineer Michael Johnson, City Administrator Steve Smith, Economic Development and External Affairs Officer Traci Gillespie, Director of Facilities Gerald Smith, Director of Public Works Kent Smith.

Public Attendance registered: Margi Daly, Jennifer Coe, Judith Miller, Charles Williams Jr., Roxanne Williams, Terry E. Odum, Richard Perry, Bob Burns, Roslyn Pellerito, Huey L. Hudson, Cody Edger

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES NO. 2024-03-RG DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Minutes No. 2024-03-RG. Council Member Spears seconded. The roll call vote taken was 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	Abstain
Council Member John Seifert	Abstain

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

PRESENTATION BY BRIAN GOODWIN, BEAUTIFICATION BOARD PRESIDENT MADISON BEAUTIFICATION BOARD FOR THE ARBOR DAY CONTEST CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES PRESENTATION

Heritage Elementary –

- First Place – Katelyn Duan
- Second Place – Anisiia Stremaska
- Third Place – Presley Wilson

Horizon Elementary –

- First Place – Eleanor Perry
- Second Place – Yozi Navarro-Gonzalez
- Third Place – Matthew Ng

Madison Elementary –

- First Place – Harper Murray
- Second Place – Isaac Waye
- Third Place – Paisley Hester

St. John’s School –

- First Place – Salmah Chiwai
- Second Place – Charlie Smith
- Third Place – Lillian Freelove

Midtown Elementary –

- First Place – Zayna Killedar
- Second Place – Harleigh-Monet Hendersen
- Third Place – Caleb Kamara

Rainbow Elementary –

- First Place – Suveda Jindal
- Second Place – Easley Yav
- Third Place – Nora Terry

Columbia Elementary –

- First Place – Jenny Jung
- Second Place – Kiet Huynh

Mill Creek Elementary –

- First Place – Alex Lovelace
- Second Place – Eileen Su
- Third Place – Diana Cordier

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.*

MR. QUENTIN JASPER (DISTRICT 7)

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

- Thanked Council Member Seifert for interviewing with his son for a class project at UAB

MS. JUDY MILLER (DISTRICT 4)

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

- Requested a sidewalk from the Dublin Village parking lot to the parking lot of the Arlington Shopping Center

MS. MARGI DALY (DISTRICT 6)

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

- Agenda not being published on time
- Resolution No. 2024-054-R
- Resolution No. 2024-058-R
- Resolution No. 2024-051-R
- Streetlights
- Bridge at Browns Ferry

JENNIFER COE (DISTRICT 5)

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

- Resolution No. 2024-051-R
- Resolution No. 2024-023-R
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-015

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

General Operating Account	\$1,322,238.10
Special General Operating Accounts	\$36.32
ADEM Storm Drainage	\$300.00
1/2 Cent Capital Replacement	\$382,106.28
Gasoline Tax & Petroleum Inspection fees	\$7,070.92
CIP Bond Accounts	\$80,938.38
Library Building Fund	\$250,422.04
Water Distribution and Storage	2,039,362.85
Multi-Use Venue Collection Fund	\$1,569,251.28

Regular and periodic bills to be paid

Resolution No. 2024-042-R: Declaring eight SCOTT C420 powered respirators formerly used by the Police Department as surplus and of negligible value and authorizing the disposal of said property

Resolution No. 2024-057-R: Authorizing the acceptance of Quote No. Q097256 in the amount of \$8,500 from NearMap U.S., Inc. for renewal of subscription for aerial imagery and AI layers for building footprints and impervious areas (to be paid from Engineering Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-060-R: Authorizing an MOU with the City of Madison Board of Education for transportation during City events for 2024

Resolution No. 2024-062-R: Authorizing the acceptance of Quote No. 10858074 in the amount of \$20,096.55 from Stryker Medical for the renewal of a Preventative Maintenance Service Plan (to be paid from Fire Department budget)

Resolution No. 2024-063-R: Providing for the disposal of personal property of negligible value (2 projector screens) via online auction through GovDeals website pursuant to Section 16-108 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Madison for the Information Technology Department

Resolution No. 2024-067-R: Accepting a settlement from Country Financial DBA Country Mutual Insurance Company. The payment is for damage sustained to Madison Cemetery Fence located at 165 Mill Road. The damage occurred on 12/01/2023 by the insured. Country Financial has submitted a final settlement to the City of Madison, Alabama in the amount of \$3,400.00 on claim 600-0832142 for damages caused by their insured to Madison Cemetery fence located at 165 Mill Road.

Resolution No. 2024-069-R: Authorizing an amendment to lease agreement with Canon Financial Services for an additional copier for the Recreation Department Wellness Center location in the amount of \$135.95 per month (to be paid from Recreation Department budget)

Authorization for the Engineering Department to solicit bids for Huntsville Browns Ferry Road and Burgreen Road Roundabout on Project 22-036 (to be paid from Engineering Department budget)

Acceptance of check from Westminster Christian Academy in the amount of \$1,000 for Dublin Park Tennis Court improvements (to be deposited into Dublin Operations account)

Approval to accept MSC Donation from L. Tucker for \$30.00

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:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-049: DECLARING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4182 SULLIVAN STREET SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITIVE ACTIONS FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY (FIRST READING 2/12/2024)

Council Member Denzine questioned if the value of the property is known. Mayor Finley said we do not know the value of the property, but we do know what it appraised for and will most likely put it up for auction.

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-049. 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	Aye
Council Member Greg Shaw	Aye
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:

- Civic Awareness Academy is still open and accepting applications through the rest of February. Mayor Finley stated that it will be a full class and will give participants the ability to learn how the City works and have one on one sessions with department heads.
- Dublin continues to get busy, as well as Old Madison Pike. We are working with our team to open the gate on Ashley Drive, as it is a need to alleviate traffic and keep it safe. The gate will remain closed when the park is closed.
- Another baby was placed in the Safe Haven Baby Box, located at Madison Fire Station 1. This is the second child in one month to be placed in the box.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 MAURA WROBLEWSKI

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

- Thanked the Fire Department and the Mayor's Office for their support in the ReadyFest event over the weekend. Over 250 people attended, and many vendors were present to offer their services. She also thanked Mr. Wroblewski for providing the tables and chairs for the event.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 CONNIE SPEARS

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

- Wanted to inform everyone that every Friday there is an ALM Advocacy newsletter that comes out where you can find what is going on at the State House regarding bills that we may want to reach out to our legislators about.
- Attended a Chamber Board meeting and there are a lot of exciting things going on in the City.
- Attended ReadyFest and felt it went very well and was very well received in the community.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 TEDDY POWELL

No new business

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 GREG SHAW

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

- School Board applications are due on March 6th.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 RANAE BARTLETT

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

- There will be no Work Session in February. The next one will be held on March 11th, an hour before the Council Meeting.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 KAREN DENZINE

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

- ReadyFest was a great event, and she learned a lot. She also thanked the Firemen for their virtual reality presentation showing the reality of how quickly a fire can spread.
- Had a wonderful meeting with the Madison Visionary Partners. She explained how they focus on community led, grassroot fundraising. On March 28th at 8am, they will be holding their 2nd Annual Community Volunteer Breakfast.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 JOHN SEIFERT

No new business

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF HOLLY WAITE TO PLACE 5 OF THE MADISON CITY DISABILITY ADVOCACY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2027

Council Member Wroblewski nominated Holly Waite to Place 5. There being no further nominations, Ms. Waite was appointed by acclamation

RE-APPOINTMENT OF JENNY EVERS TO PLACE 3 OF THE MADISON CITY DISABILITY ADVOCACY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF DECEMBER 31, 2027

Council Member Wroblewski nominated Jenny Evers to Place 3. There being no further nominations, Ms. Evers was re-appointed by acclamation

APPOINTMENT OF SAMANTHA MAGNUSON TO PLACE 1 OF THE MURAL ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF FEBRUARY, 2026

Mayor Finley nominated Samantha Magnuson to Place 1. There being no further nominations, Ms. Magnuson was appointed by acclamation

APPOINTMENT OF KRISTEN STRICKLAND TO PLACE 2 MURAL ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2026

Mayor Finley nominated Kristen Strickland to Place 2. There being no further nominations, Ms. Strickland as appointed by acclamation

APPOINTMENT OF CRISTIE CLARK TO PLACE 3 MURAL ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2028

Mayor Finley nominated Cristie Clark to Place 3. There being no further nominations, Ms. Clark was appointed by acclamation

APPOINTMENT OF DWAYNE CRAFT TO PLACE 4 MURAL ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2028

Mayor Finley nominated Dwayne Craft to Place 4. There being no further nominations, Mr. Craft was appointed by acclamation

APPOINTMENT OF MASON OVERCASH TO PLACE 5 MURAL ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRATION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2028

Mayor Finley nominated Mason Overcash to Place 5. There being no further nominations, Mr. Overcash was appointed 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.

No Public Hearings

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEERING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2024-015: AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S FLOOD ORDINANCE (FIRST READING 02/12/2024)

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-015. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Spears asked why we are requesting this as opposed to what has been done in the past. City Engineer Michael Johnson stated we are doing this by necessity according to the new flood ordinance by FEMA. This happens periodically to stay part of the National Flood Ordinance Program. Ms. Spears also asked if there will be a MOU with the utility companies for businesses who were not complying. Mr. Johnson answered that the City would work with our contacts at Madison Utilities to decide the best route to take. 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. 2024-054-R: AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE SEGERS ROAD AND MAECILLE DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-054-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council Member Denzine asked how much money would be spent to obtain the property. City Engineer Michael Johnson answered we do not have the exact number and are currently working on an appraisal. Council Member Spears clarified that the City always tries to negotiate before we consider eminent domain. Mr. Johnson agreed. 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. 2024-058-R: AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY NEEDED FOR THE BROWNS FERRY AND BURGREN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-058-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.

FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-051-R: AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHORBA CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR REPAIR/RENOVATIONS TO TOYOTA FIELD SHOWER AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,176.00 (TO BE PAID FROM MULTI-USE VENUE MAINTENANCE FUND CHECKING)

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-051-R. Council Member Powell seconded. Council President asked Director of Facilities Gerald Smith why this is necessary. Mr. Smith explained there are three showers and they do not drain properly. The water is running out of the door and down the hallway. 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. 2024-066-R: APPROVING ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DESIGN FEE PROPOSAL WITH NOLA / VAN PEURSEM ARCHITECTS P.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,750 FOR DESIGN OF NEW ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING (TO BE PAID FROM FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-066-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	Aye

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

Motion carried.

POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-052-R: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KULTURECITY FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING AT NO COST TO THE CITY

Council Member Spears moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-052-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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-056-R: AUTHORIZING AN MOU WITH THE ALEA DRUG TASK FORCE

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-056-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.

PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-023-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MIKE GENTLE (TO BE PAID FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Powell moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-023-R. Council Member Shaw seconded. Mayor Finley asked Director of Public Works Kent Smith what the primary thing Mike Gentle helps him with is. Mr. Smith said he helps him as a Special Events

Coordinator and a Weather Coordinator. He also has several certifications that are beneficial to the City. 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. 2024-064-R: AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY FOR THE JOINT PURCHASE OF AGGREGATE AND GRAVEL

Council Member Shaw moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-064-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.

RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-053-R: AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY AT DUBLIN PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600 (TO BE PAID FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

Council Member Wroblewski moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-053-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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 6:57 p.m.

Minutes No. 2024-04-RG, dated February 26, 2024, read, approved and adopted this 11 day of March 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