



MINUTES NO. 2016-12-WS

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

NOVEMBER 22, 2016

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 130 of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

The work session began at 5:30 p.m. when called to order by Council President Tommy Overcash. Elected Governing Officials in attendance:

Mayor Paul Finley	Present
Council District No. 1 Maura Wroblewski	Present
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Present
Council District No. 3 Teddy Powell	Present
Council District No. 4 Greg Shaw	Present
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Present
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Present
Council District No. 7 John Seifert	Present

Also in attendance were: Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Assistant Court Clerk Beth Bellomy, Assistant City Attorney Megan Zingeralli, Deputy Finance Director Jon Howard, Acting Fire Chief Brandy Williams, Chief Building Official Dustin Riddle, Human Resources Director Terri Towry, Court Clerk Cheri Martin, Public Works Director Kent Smith, City Planner Mary Beth Broener, Acting Police Chief Jim Cooke, Administrative Assistant to the City Engineer Jenny Spain, ADEM Administrator Gina Romine, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas, Taylor Edge and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public Attendance registered: Angela D. Gary

Mayor Finley:

90-Day Plan: Mayor Finley gave an overview of his initial 90-day plan for the City, including advertising for the position of Fire Chief, which is already being advertised. Working with HR to advertise the position of Police Chief. Discussed adding the position of Economic Development Specialist which is currently and unfunded position. Discussed the possibility of adding position of a public relations specialist. Discussed ongoing Limestone County School funding issue. Discussed future economic development. Discussed renewed participation in the MPO. Discussed development of different swimming pool options. Discussed information for the Dizzy Dean funding request. Also, on December 1, there will be a demo of digital document software.

Council Overcash:

Miscellaneous: Discussed dates for the Council informational retreat. Council President Overcash advised that he is working toward having less work sessions but those held will be more of a strategic planning nature. Council President Overcash also advised that a meeting is being discussed to be held between the City, the City of Huntsville, Madison County & Limestone County. This will take place after the first of the year.

Council retreat: Council President Overcash requested that Council review their schedule and advise whether December 16 or December 17 is a better date for the Council retreat with Department Heads.

Short Updates:

Downtown Project Phase III: City Planner Broener updated Council on Phase III of the Downtown Project.

Library Project: City Planner Broener updated Council on the library construction project and discussed developing a plan for the existing library property.

Engineering:

Hughes Road: City Engineer Chynoweth gave Council some background on the issue with the Hughes Road overpass. Mr. Chynoweth gave a brief overview of both a temporary fix and permanent fix for the problem.

Neighborhood Paving: Mr. Chynoweth updated Council on the progress with the budgeted neighborhood paving projects.

Limestone County – Burgreen Road: Mr. Chynoweth updated Council on the paving of Burgreen Road.

Collector Road Paving projects: Mr. Chynoweth gave Council an update on collector road paving projects.

Balch Road: Mr. Chynoweth advised Council that ALDOT has approve the scope of work for the Balch Road round about project.

Other projects & issues:

Zierdt Road update: Mr. Chynoweth advised that the Zierdt Road project continues to be delayed by the MPO.

County Line Road Project: Mr. Chynoweth advised that the County Line Road project is 95% complete.

Traffic signals: Mr. Chynoweth advised the design for the installation of several new traffic signals is complete and ready to release for bids.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Chynoweth updated Council on the following projects: Mill Creek bridge bid, Bradford Creek trail, Palmer Road multi-use path, Oakland Branch greenway, and installation of new street lights.

CIP Management:

Council discussed possible future bond issues and the need to have some "shovel ready" projects.

Communication/Press Release Process: Council Member Overcash and Mayor Finley updated Council and advised that in the future that most press releases, etc. will be focused and issued through the Mayor's Office.

Proposed Recreation Complex/Pool: Mayor Finley advised that Taylor will be working on development a small/medium/large plan for this project. Taylor will also be working with the school on this project.

Department Head search: Mayor Finley & Council President Overcash advised that the HR Department is working on the advertising for the open department head positions.

Town Madison Update: Council President Overcash gave a brief update on the Town Madison Project. The required FONZI meeting has been held and the environmental studies are almost complete.

Coyote Problem: Council discussed the ongoing problem of coyotes in the City. Taylor will set up a meeting with Police Officer Al Bryant and any Council members that would like to attend to review what steps can be taken to possible alleviate this problem.

Growth Discussion: Council discussed development of an annexation/zoning policy. Also discussed coordination of this plan between the School system, the City and Madison Utilities.

Economic Development Discussion: Discussed the need to development an economic development plan. Discussed the need for an economic development position. City Planner Broener outlined the six key development areas of the City.

Having no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Signatures on following page.

Minutes No. 2016-12-WS, November 22, 2016, read, approved and adopted this 19th day of December, 2016.



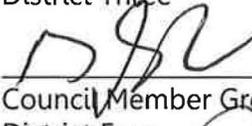
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District One



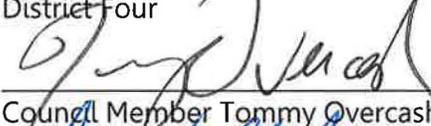
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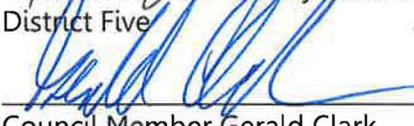
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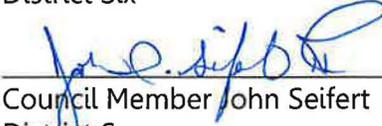
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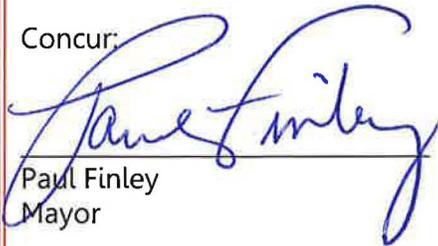


Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six



Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:



Paul Finley
Mayor

Attest:



Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer