



MINUTES NO. 2017-01-WS

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

JANUARY 20, 2017

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

The work session began at 1:02 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: Court Clerk Cheri Martin, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Acting Fire Chief Brandy Williams, IT Director Jason Colee, Chief Building Official Dustin Riddle, Deputy Finance Director Jon Howard, Human Resource Director Terri Towry, City Planner Mary Beth Broener, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Public Works Director Kent Smith, Revenue Director Cameron Grounds, Acting City Attorney Megan Zingeralli, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Acting Police Chief Jim Cooke, Dr. Terri Johnson, Madison City Board of Education, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas, City Administrator Taylor Edge and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public Attendance registered: Angela D. Gary, BeBe Oetjen, Karen Denzine and Sharon Gilbreath-Heard

The meeting opened with comments from Council President Overcash and Mayor Finley.

School System Update:

Dr. Terri Johnson, President of the School Board, updated Council and those in attendance on the search for a new School System Superintendent and the ongoing mediation process involving the Limestone County tax issue. Also discussed the options to alleviate the pool situation.

Communications/Social Media:

Discussed centralizing and being consistent with communications from City Hall and getting information out to the community.

Discussed creation of a staff position, such as a public information officer, to get the information out to the community and have a multi-faceted approach to the dissemination of information from City Hall.

Current CIP Status Update:

Reviewed list of projects that are currently on the CIP list and those that have been completed. Discussed development of new project list and when the City should go back to the bond market for funding.

City Administrator Taylor Edge updated Council on the current CIP list that is funded with the 2013 and 2015 bond issues. The goal is to draft a resolution for Council approval at a future meeting that will include a current list of projects.

Economic Development/Commercial:

Key Development Areas:

City Planner Mary Beth Broener gave an overview of the 2012 growth plan and outlined the 6 city wide key development areas.

Mayor Finley gave an update on a meeting he attended regarding the Town Madison project.

Council discussed the 6 city wide key development areas. Also discussed the possible addition of an economic development position to city staff.

Miscellaneous business:

Council discussed phased plan for some improvements to Palmer Park. Approximate cost for the plans for the proposed improvements would be \$32,000.

Council Member Wroblewski informed Council that she will be meeting with representatives from Madison Animal Rescue Foundation to discuss animal shelter project.

Mayor Finley advised that he has been meeting with property owners regarding needed right of way for the Mill Creek Greenway to continue the work towards city-wide connectivity.

Mayor Finley also distributed to Council the new Excursion books that are published by the Convention & Visitors Bureau and placed in all area hotel rooms.

Council discussed options for pool improvements.

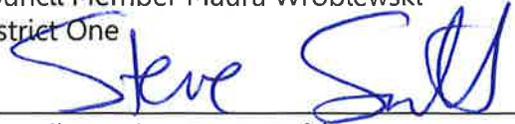
Having no further business, the work session was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Signatures on following page.

Minutes No. 2017-01-WS, January 20, 2017, read, approved and adopted this 13th day of February, 2017.



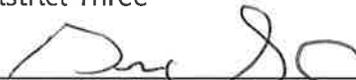
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District One



Council Member Steve Smith
District Two



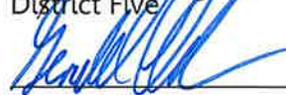
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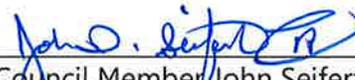
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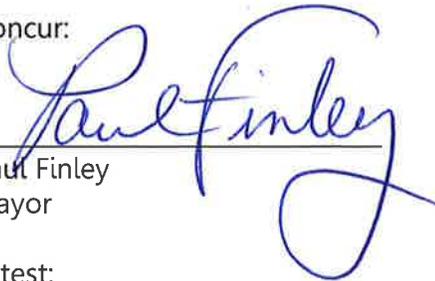


Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six



Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:



Paul Finley
Mayor

Attest:



Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer