MINUTES NO. 2017-04-WS

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

APRIL 19, 2017

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Conference Room 130 of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

The work session was called to order at 5:35 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 (arrived @ 5:50 pm)

Also in attendance were: City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Acting Fire Chief Brandy Williams, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Public Works Director Kent Smith, City Administrator Taylor Edge, Acting City Attorney Megan Zingarelli, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public Attendance registered: Sandy Porter. Other members of the public were in attendance but did not sign the register.

Just Serve Organization

Cathy Larsen representing the Just Serve organization gave a brief presentation regarding the organization and its purpose.

Department Overviews

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Kory Alfred gave a brief overview of the Recreation Department and the programs and facilities associated with the department. Mr. Alfred advised that it is possible that the Master Plan for Palmer Park may be completed and ready for adoption at the May 22 Council meeting.

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Kent Smith provided a brief overview of the Public Works Department and the services that they perform. Mr. Smith advised that vector control will begin on May 15 and will be done during overnight hours.

Engineering

City Engineer Gary Chynoweth gave the Council an overview of the Engineering Department, its current projects and potential projects for the future.

Mayor's Updates

Mayor Finley updated the Council on the following items:

- ✓ Police Chief interviews: Candidate pool has been narrowed down from approximately 70 to 23. It will be narrowed down further and interviews with Council will take place in approximately 2 – 3 weeks.
- ✓ Communications Specialist: Candidate pool has been narrowed down to 7 or 8 with interviews taking place next week.
- ✓ Spring strategic plans: Mayor Finley updated on the going Limestone County tax issue, meeting with School representatives regarding growth & annexations and continued economic development
- ✓ Mayor Finley distributed updated information for Council review on the Capital Improvement Plan & projects

Council Updates

Council President Overcash updated Council on the following items:

- ✓ Meeting regarding the workings of the MPO. The City Clerk will distribute information from that meeting.
- ✓ Reminded everyone of the upcoming term expirations on miscellaneous city boards and committees
- ✓ Reminded Council that annual Statement of Economic Interest forms are due to the Ethics Commission by May 1
- ✓ Madison Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held on May 18 with Madison County Commission Chairman Dale Strong as the speaker
- ✓ Discussed coyote problem in the City

Animal Services efforts

Council Member Wroblewski updated Council on her meeting with Madison Animal Rescue Foundation.

Pool Bubble update

City Administrator Taylor Edge updated Council on the pool bubble project. Bids for the structure will be opened on May 3.

Downtown Phase III

City Administrator Edge advised that the bids for this project came in over-budget and advised that work has begun on the utility relocation for the project.

Current Projects

Council was updated on the projects for several new traffic signals to be installed and the fueling station project.

Other Council discussion

Council also discussed the following items:

- ✓ Miscellaneous traffic issues around the city
- ✓ Discussed if residents are allowed to have chickens on their property
- ✓ Madison Utilities quarry property
- ✓ Bob Jones & James Clemens graduation will be held on May 22

Having no further business, the work session adjourned at 8:45 pm

Signatures on following page.

Minutes No. 2017-04-WS, April 19, 2017, read, approved and adopted this 8th day of May, 2017.

Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One

Council Member Steve Smith
District Two

Council Member Teddy Powell
District Three

Council Member Greg Shaw
District Four

Council Member Tommy Overcash
District Five

Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six

Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:

Paul Finley
Mayor

Attest:

Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer