



MINUTES NO. 2017-08-WS

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:30 pm in Conference Room 130 of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

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: Public Works Director Kent Smith, Fire Chief David Bailey, City Administrator Taylor Edge, Police Chief David Jernigan, Building Director Dustin Riddle, Engineering Director Gary Chynoweth, IT Director Jason Colee, Planning Director Mary Beth Broener, City Attorney Megan Zingeralli, Assistant City Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Thomas and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public Attendance registered: BeBe Oetjen, Karen Denzine, Pam Honeycutt, and Jim Pride.

Madison Chamber of Commerce:

Jim Pride, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Madison Chamber of Commerce introduced Pam Honeycutt, Executive Director the of the Chamber who gave Council an

update on the activities/benefits provided by the Chamber and an overview of the background of the Chamber.

Growth Committee Status:

Mayor Finley updated Council on the progress being made by the School Growth Committee. They continue to research and obtain information related to future growth of the City and School System. The Committee will be providing additional information to Council and School System in the near future.

Limestone County Tax Issue:

Mayor Finley advised Council that the final figures are being calculated and will be ready for distribution shortly.

Pool Air Supported Structure Update:

City Administrator Taylor Edge updated Council on the progress with this project. The timeline for the project has slipped by approximately a month due to review that was required by the State Building Commission.

Three Springs Update:

Mayor Finley and Police Chief Jernigan updated Council on progress made with Three Springs. Council was advised that the advisory committee has met with representatives from Three Springs and another meeting will be held with additional public input. City Attorney Zingeralli has obtained a copy of the contracts that Three Springs has with the State and is reviewing them. Council was advised that additional security measures have been put into place thus far at Three Springs.

Miscellaneous Other Updates:

Planning Director Broener advised Council that the new library construction is on schedule and on budget and should be ready to be turned over to the library system by sometime in November. Mrs. Broener further advised that the library system will probably not move into the new facility until January.

Mayor Finley and Council discussed possible options for the old library facility.

City Administrator Taylor Edge updated Council on the ongoing update of the City's website. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3.

POD's (storage containers) Ordinance Update:

City Attorney Zingeralli updated Council on work she is doing on an update to the storage container ordinance. Ms. Zingeralli advised that she has obtained a copy of Huntsville's ordinance and is using it as a sample. Ms. Zingeralli advised that she will send a draft out to Council for input.

Videotaping/Archiving meetings:

Council discussed videotaping Council meetings and retention issues of the videotaping.

Parades-Madison Street Festival, etc.:

Council President Overcash reminded Council that the James Clemens homecoming parade is Thursday, September 28. Council was also reminded that the Madison Street Festival is Saturday, October 7.

Council President Overcash discussed with the Council the opportunity to attend the Leadership Focus class. It is a 2 ½ day training session.

Council discussed the upcoming annual Christmas Parade. Police Chief Jernigan advised that the route has been changed for this year's parade due to safety issues with the previous route.

Possible opioid forum:

Council Member Wroblewski removed this item from the work session agenda and will work on this item with Chief Jernigan.

Reserve fund balance resolution:

Council discussed the possible adoption of a resolution to increase the reserve fund balance to 20%. The state requirement is 10% and for the last several years, the City's reserve amount has been approximately 28%. Council discussed the positive aspects of having a higher reserve balance.

Downtown Phase 3 update:

Planning Director Broener updated Council on the Downtown Phase 3 project. Work is progressing, all utility work has been completed and the contractor is currently working on the parking lot. Mrs. Broener advised that Martin Street is currently closed for the work. The project should be completed in late October or early November. Council was advised that an old well was found on the property where the parking lot expansion was to be installed. Mrs. Broener advised that the project should come in on the \$1.9 million budget.

Mrs. Broener also advised Council that the library project should come in at approximately \$800,000 under budget. There are also items that were included in the project that the library system will reimburse the city for those expenses.

Balch Road projects:

Engineering Director Gary Chynoweth updated Council on the Balch Road projects. Work on the projects should begin shortly.

Bridge project update:

Mr. Chynoweth updated Council on the different bridge projects currently underway. The Mill Road bridge project is almost complete. Clean up work to be completed and installation of guard wall yet to be installed.

Council discussed miscellaneous other bridge projects including the Morris Road bridge, Parker Hall bridge and the Palmer Park bridge.

Fuel station project:

City Attorney Zingeralli advised that the design for the project is nearly complete and bid should be awarded in January.

Zierdt Road/Highway 72 update:

Mr. Chynoweth advised that there has been no information recently regarding the Highway 72 project or Zierdt Road project.

Council discussed possible MPO work session.

Madison Utilities progress:

Council Member Clark updated Council on the miscellaneous ongoing Madison Utilities projects.

Miscellaneous other topics:

Public Works Director Kent Smith discussed with Council the possible purchase of property for the relocation of the Public Works Department. Their current facility and property is too small. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Broener will contact the property owner regarding the 15 acre tract of land.

Planning Director Broener updated Council on proposals received for the development of an industrial area plan. The approximate cost will be \$145,000 with a portion covered by her departmental budget with the remaining \$45,000 being covered by the Industrial Development Board.

Mrs. Broener also updated Council on the Fresh Market project and the IGA store construction.

Mr. Smith updated Council on the Ashley Way project undertaken as an Eagle Scout project by one of the Boy Scouts.

Adjournment:

Having no other business to discuss, the work session was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Following the conclusion of the work session, Council discussed confidential economic development projects. Signatures on following page.

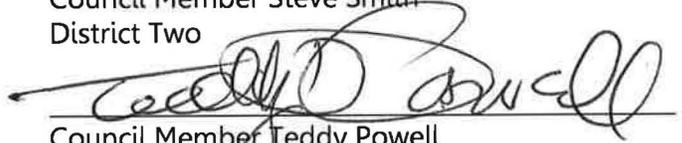
Minutes No. 2017-08-WS, September 27, 2017, read, approved and adopted this 9th day of October, 2017.



Council Member Maura Wroblewski
District One



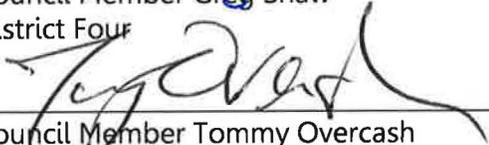
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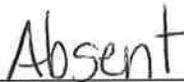
Absent

Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six

Absent

Council Member John Seifert
District Seven

Concur:



Paul Finley
Mayor

Attest:



Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer