



MINUTES NO. 2015-09-WS

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

JULY 22, 2015

The Madison City Council met for a public work session on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Planning Department Conference Room of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

The published purpose of the work session was as follows:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update
- Any other business Council deems necessary

The work session began at 5:33 p.m. when called to order by Council President Tommy Overcash. Elected Governing Officials in attendance:

Mayor Troy Trulock	Present
Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Present
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Present
Council District No. 3 D. J. Klein	Present
Council District No. 4 Mike Potter	Present
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Present
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Absent
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Present

Also in attendance were: Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Deputy Finance Director Jon Howard, Acting Public Works Director Kent Smith, IT Director Jason Colee, Chief Building Official Jimmy Morgan, Police Chief Larry Muncey, Human Resources Director Terri Towry, ADEM Administrator Gina Romine, Engineering Administrative Assistant Jenny Spain, City Attorney Kelly Butler, Assistant City Attorney Megan Zingeralli, Fire Marshall Cary Sadler, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth and City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie Williard.

Public attendance: BeBe Oetjen, Jonathan McGee

HVAC Maintenance Program

Cory Martin, a representative with Vulcan Heating & Air Conditioning Service, outlined for Council a proposed maintenance program for the HVAC systems in eight city facilities. Mr. Martin advised that the City of Anniston is also one of their clients. It is possible that contracting this service out could save the city money. A contract will be drafted and brought before Council for approval at a regular Council meeting.

Mayor Trulock Items

Mayor Trulock reported to Council on a genetic testing program being done by Hudson-Alpha. It would be free to all 30 year old women. Mayor Trulock advised that Hudson-Alpha will be requesting funding in the amount of \$10,000 for this project. Mayor Trulock also advised that the City of Huntsville and Madison County are appropriating funds for this program.

Mayor Trulock informed Council that the Huntsville Botanical Garden is embarking on a \$12,000,000 renovation project. They will also be requesting funding from Council in the amount of \$30,000 for this project.

Mayor Trulock advised that both Hudson-Alpha and Huntsville Botanical Garden will make a presentation to Council regarding their funding requests.

It was noted that Mayor Trulock left the work session following the presentation of his items. *to attend the Job Fair in Madison to talk with Madison residents about their job search and to determine*

Projects Update *how many Madison residents were looking for jobs. Thankfully, very few Madison residents were looking for jobs.*

City Engineer Gary Chynoweth updated Council on the following projects:

- **County Line Road:** a few issues have come up with some of the utility relocations for the project but the project is overall on schedule.
- **Mill Road:** work is progressing on the design and the standard drawings are being updated to include ADA requirements
- **Greenway connector:** the final grading should be completed within the next few days dependant on the weather, with paving to be completed in 3-4 weeks
- **Liberty Knoll:** this has not started yet
- **Sullivan Street:** this has been delayed due to weather but should start next week
- **Mose Chapel Road project:** bids have been opened for the project, the apparent low bid was submitted by Wiregrass in the amount of \$629,000. Budget for the project was estimated at \$610,000
- **ADEM Permit requirements:** all is moving forward with this, paperwork is being completed for the report that is due by the end of January.

- **Lakes/Ponds:** Madison County is backing working on the Portal Lane project. Gary has met with the YMCA regarding some options for their pond and is waiting to hear back from them.

- **Downtown Phase III & Old Black Bear:** discussed progress with Old Black Bear, the brewery permit has been closed out and they expect to have the restaurant open by Street Festival. Discussed adding Phase III to the CIP project list.
- **Mid Town Market:** site plan has been approved and surveying & staking is currently underway

Finance Committee

Discussed miscellaneous projects that could be funded with the funds remaining in the budget.

Council Member Smith advised that Department Head budget meetings with the Mayor have been scheduled. The Finance Committee will be meeting to review the budgets on August 26 & 27.

Downtown Redevelopment Authority

Council discussed appointments to this new board. There are currently seven applications on file for consideration.

CIP Discussion

- **Library:** design work is progressing on the project and donation of land for the project is being investigated
- **Rec Campus:** work is still ongoing on this project
- **CIP update:** the CIP project list will be formally updated possibly in several months to make it more accurate.

Other topics

- **HOA Management Companies:** Council discussed HOA Management companies needing a business license. Council Member Potter will work with Attorney Butler to develop a request for an Attorney General's opinion on this issue
- **Animal Control:** Council Member Ondocsin will work with Chief Muncey to develop a list of solutions to the ongoing issues
- **Cemeteries:** paving will begin on the roads in the cemeteries on Thursday dependent on the weather
- **Land donations:** Council Member Holcombe that work is nearly complete on this project
- **City Hall landscaping:** Council Member Clark is working on this with the Beautification Board to include a list for the contractor
- **Rainbow Mountain Pavillion:** Council Member Ondocsin advised that the project is on track with Commissioner Haraway
- **ADA Plan:** Building Official Morgan and City Engineer Chynoweth are working on this plan. It is probable that the City will need to retain the service of an expert in the development of this type of plan.
- **Hotel/Motel Nuisance update:** This issue is still being worked.

- **Dumpster:** this is being rebid and Attorney Butler will be working with Department Heads to determine what dumpsters are needed.
- **Apartment dumpsters:** Council discussed this issue and the need to revise regulations
- **Recycling center:** Discussed the need for additional locations for collection of glass
- **Employee Retirement System:** discussed correspondence regarding a one-time payment for all retirees

Other comments

Resident BeBe Oetjen asked about what could be done about all the overgrown yards in the City and the use of fireworks in the neighborhood. Mrs. Oetjen also requested that Council consider the need for a larger ceramics room at the Senior Center as it is probably the most popular program at the Center.

Council Comments

Council discussed amount of funding to include in their special project budget for next year. It was the consensus that \$125,000 is an adequate amount. Discussed including a budget for sidewalks and combining the Council and Mayor Special Project budgets.

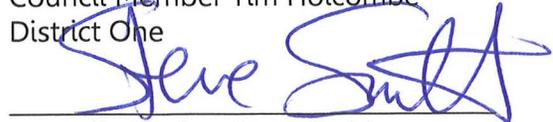
Council discussed creation of the position of Project Manager and a possible Public Information Officer position. Discussed options regarding both positions. This item will be discussed at a regular meeting with the option of creating a Blue Ribbon panel to research the different options.

Having no further business, the work session was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

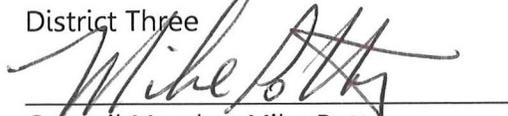
Signatures on following page:

Minutes No. 2015-09-WS, July 22, 2015, read, approved and adopted this 10th day of August, 2015.


Council Member Tim Holcombe
District One


Council Member Steve Smith
District Two


Council Member D. J. Klein
District Three


Council Member Mike Potter
District Four


Council Member Tommy Overcash
District Five

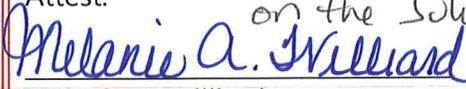

Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six


Council Member Renica Ondocsin
District Seven

Concur:


Troy Trulock
Mayor

Attest:


Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer

For official record, the discussion of a possible project manager, public information officer, city administrator or city manager was not listed on the July 22, 2015 Agenda prior to the meeting for the public to be aware of the topic. These minutes do not reflect the discussion of a city manager, yet the minutes from the July 27, 2015 Council meeting under Councilman Overcash states "Council president Overcash advised that at the last work session council discussed the creation of a project manager or city manager position..."