

MINUTES NO. 2015-21-RG
OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Madison City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama.

Noting that a quorum was present the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Overcash.

Associate Pastor Brian Brown of Madison Baptist Church provided the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Council President Overcash.

ROLL CALL OF ELECTED GOVERNING OFFICIALS:

Roll call of Elected Governing Officials was conducted by City Clerk-Treasurer Melanie A. Williard and recorded as follows:

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	Present
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Present

Also in attendance were: IT Director Jason Colee, Planning Director Amy Sturdivant, City Clerk Treasurer Melanie Williard, Assistant City Clerk Treasurer Lisa Bullock, Police Chief Larry Muncey, Acting Public Works Director Kent Smith, Contract Attorney Megan Zingarelli,

City Attorney Kelly Butler, Deputy Fire Chief Cary Sadler, Finance Director Roger Bellomy, Recreation Director Kory Alfred, Engineering Director Gary Chynoweth, School Board Member Dr. Terri Johnson, Revenue Director Cameron Grounds, and School Board Member David Hergenroeder.

Public attendance registered: Paul Finley, Kenny Steelman, Jon Howell, Jackie Reed, Sharon Gilbreath-Heard, Sherry Bruckner (MCC), Jonathan McGee, Steve Cushman, Jan Wells, Elbert Balch, Joshua Southwell, and one illegible signature.

Additions to agenda:

MDA to talk about Fire Department under PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Resolution No. 2015-267-R approving a memorandum of agreement with Madison County Commission for drainage project under Council Member Potter's line of business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES NO. 2015-19-RG, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:

Council Member Klein moved to approve Minutes No. 2015-19-RG, September 14, 2015. Council Member Ondocsin seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2015-20-SP, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015:

Council Member Potter moved to approve Minutes No. 2015-20-SP, September 23, 2015. Council Member Clark seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MINUTES NO. 2015-11-WS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015:

Council Member Ondocsin moved to approve Minutes No. 2015-11-WS, September 23, 2015. Council Member Klein seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS:

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR DECLARING OCTOBER 9, 2015 AS FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY:

Mayor Trulock read the proclamation and declared October 9, 2015 as Firefighter Appreciation Day in the City of Madison and expressed his thanks for what they do for our community. A round of applause was given.

A representative of the North Central Alabama Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association stated that in the last ten years Madison Firefighters have raised more than \$160,000.00 in the fight for a cure. The money that they raise stays local to help families here in the community. A round of applause was given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

SKIP ADKINS, ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING RSA PROPOSED BONUS FOR RETIREES:

Skip Adkins, a former City of Madison Public Works Director, appeared before Council to thank them for their approval of bonuses for retirees.

PAUL FINLEY, ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2015-250-R:

Paul Finley, 430 Clydebank Drive approached Council to give his perspective of the budget process.

Teddy Powell, 302 Church Street urged Council to work together as a team.

Elbert Balch, 105 Quail Road stated that the City of Huntsville does not have a City Manager and suggested that Council look to them as an example

Jackie Reed also encouraged Council to put the needs of the citizens first and to work together to this end.

CONSENT AGENDA AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Member Smith moved to approve the consent agenda and Finance Committee report as follows:

General Operating Account	\$752,863.18
½ Cent Capital Replacement	\$80,598.91
Gasoline Tax and Petroleum Inspection Fees	\$43,917.76
Street Repair and Maintenance	\$3,125.66
2013-A Bond Checking	\$75,696.21
Library Building Fund	\$536.11
Water Distribution and Storage	\$1,011,782.83

Resolution No. 2015-259-R declaring certain City property as surplus and authorizing that it be given to Sergeant Mark Walker upon retirement from his employment with the City

Approval to pay Reed Contracting in the amount of \$5,907.67 for materials supplied to repair Madison Utility trench failures from of Madison utilities forbearance funds.

Approval of payment in the amount of \$600.00 to OMI, Inc. for NPDES services performed at Rickwood Village and Mose Chapel roadway improvements (to be paid from 2013-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment in the amount of \$382.50 to OMI, Inc. for construction services testing at the Pines detention pond modifications (to be paid from 2013-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment in the amount of \$450.00 to OMI, Inc. for NPDES inspection services at Lot 2 of the Pines Phase V detention pond modifications (to be paid from 2013-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment in the amount of \$554.38 to the City of Huntsville for City of Madison's share of right of way acquisition services for Zierdt Rd. (to be paid from 2013-A Bond Account)

Approval of payment for invoice #14790.02, in the amount of \$122,958 to Nola VanPeursem Architects, PC - professional/architectural services for recreation facility & natatorium (to be paid from 2013 & 2015 Bond Account)

Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

MAYOR TROY TRULOCK

Mayor Trulock announced that the James Clemens High School Band has been invited to participate in the London Day Parade in January of 2017. The London Day Parade is twice the size of the Macy's Day Parade and broadcast to over 300 million people around the world.

Mayor Trulock announced that Old Madison Pike is now open thanks to the partnership and team work with the City of Huntsville, ALDOT, Madison, County, and State legislators.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 TIM HOLCOMBE

Council Member Holcombe announced that the Madison Street Festival will be on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. He presented the certificate of liability insurance for this event to Council for the record.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 STEVE SMITH

Council Member Smith responded to Mayor Trulock's handwritten notes on Resolution No. 2015-250-R regarding the budget. A copy of Council Member Smith's comments are attached to the original minutes of this meeting.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3 D J KLEIN

No business to report.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 MIKE POTTER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-267-R APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION FOR DRAINAGE PROJECT

Council Member Potter moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-267-R. Council Member Smith seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Aye
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Aye
Council District No. 3 D.J. Klein	Nay
Council District No. 4 Mike Potter	Aye
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Aye
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Aye
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Aye

Motion carried.

Council Member Potter announced that the Senior Center has reopened after some renovations. He thanked the staff at Dublin Park for allowing them to continue their activities at the Dublin Park facility.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 5 TOMMY OVERCASH

Council President Overcash announced that the Madison County Health Department will have a flu shot clinic for the public from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM on October 7th and October 21st in Council Chambers.

Council President Overcash also announced that Family of the Year Committee is accepting applications through October 5th. Applications can be accessed through the City website.

Council President Overcash advised that The Madison Police Foundation will be hosting a first ever Halloween Bash on October 31st.

Also, it was announced that the Madison Police Department will be holding a Drug Take Back event on October 3rd here at City Hall.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 GERALD CLARK

Council Member Clark stated that he participated in the Spaces Art Trail. Also, Christmas Card Lane will be back in December in the downtown area.

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 7 RONICA ONDOCSIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-265-R APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Council Member Ondocsin moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-265 R. Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

REVENUE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-262: AN ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN "COVERED ITEMS" FROM THE MUNICIPAL SALES TAX DURING THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 26, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2016, GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TAX HOLIDAY (FIRST READING)

As this was a first reading, no action was taken on Proposed Ordinance No. 2015-262.

PLANNING

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2015-246 VACATION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY & DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN PHOENIX CENTER BUSINESS PARK (FIRST READING HELD 09/14/2015)

Council Member Potter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-246. Council Member Ondocsin seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2015-245 MOORE'S CREEK VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY & DRAINAGE EASEMENT (FIRST READING HELD 09/14/2015)

Council Member Potter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-245. Council Member Clark seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ENGINEERING

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-256-R APPROVE CONTRACTOR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOLLY M. GUEST

Council Member Potter moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-256-R. Council Member Clark seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-260-R APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION FOR RESURFACING OF STATED NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

Council Member Potter moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-260-R. Council Member Holcombe seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Aye
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Aye

Council District No. 3 D.J. Klein	Aye
Council District No. 4 Mike Potter	Aye
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Aye
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Aye
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Aye

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-261-R APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR RESURFACING OF HUNTSVILLE-BROWNS FERRY ROAD FROM BURGREN ROAD TO COUNTY LINE ROAD

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-261-R. Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-263-R ADD PROJECT #15-017 RESURFACING OF HUNTSVILLE BROWNSFERRY RD. (FROM BURGREN RD. TO CO. LINE RD.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 TO 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-263-R. Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

LEGAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-255-R, APPROVE VERIZON AMENDMENT FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY

Council Member Klein moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-255-R. Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-257-R APPROVE CELL TOWER INSPECTOR CONTRACT

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-257-R. Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-266-R AWARD BID FOR RECREATION LEAGUE BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

Council Member Smith moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-266-R. Council Member Ondocsin seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Council Member Holcombe moved to adjourn.
Council Member Potter seconded. The roll call vote taken was recorded as follows:

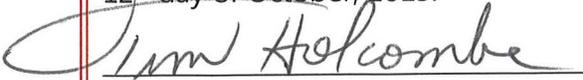
Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Aye
Council District No. 2 Steve Smith	Aye
Council District No. 3 D.J. Klein	Aye
Council District No. 4 Mike Potter	Aye
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Aye
Council District No. 6 Gerald Clark	Aye
Council District No. 7 Ronica Ondocsin	Aye

Motion carried.

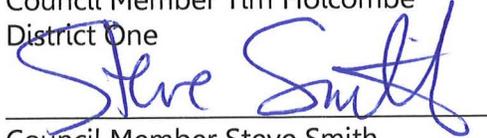
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Signatures on the following page.

Minutes No. 2015-21-RG, dated September 28, 2015 read, approved and adopted this 12th day of October, 2015.



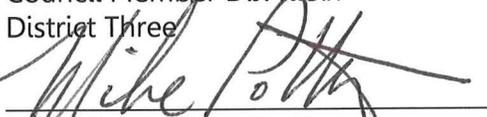
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District One



Council Member Steve Smith
District Two



Council Member D.J. Klein
District Three



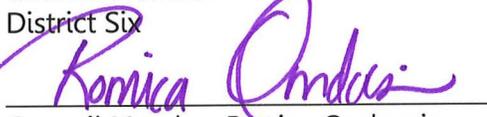
Council Member Mike Potter
District Four



Council Member Tommy Overcash
District Five



Council Member Gerald Clark
District Six



Council Member Ronica Ondocsin
District Seven

Concur:



Troy Trulock
Mayor

Attest:



Melanie A. Williard
City Clerk-Treasurer



Lisa Berry
Recording Secretary

September 28, 2015

Steve Smith, Finance Subcommittee Chair

Re: Response to Mayor Trulock's hand written notes on Resolution No. 2015-250-R

1. "It is unfortunate that council disregarded the Mayor's proposed 2016 budget....could have discussed over next 2 weeks."
-It is unfortunate that the Mayor did not present his 2016 budget in a timely manner. Council received Mayor's budget at 10:48 am on September 14. Council was voting on the 2016 budget at 6:00 pm that same day. Mayor presented his budget 7 hours and 12 minutes before we would vote on it. The Finance Committee had been discussing the budget with Department Heads for weeks leading up to Council's approval last meeting. There was plenty of discussion on the 2016 Budget.
2. "It is unfortunate that council reduced the benefits for our employees while putting \$200,000 for special projects in their council budget."
-This is totally incorrect. The benefits for our City Employees were not reduced in any way. The costs for our employees' benefits were raised by our insurance provider. The Mayor's proposal to fix this was to take \$100,000 to pay directly for the rate increase so our employees would not be impacted. No discussion was needed on this as this only impacts those employees who take advantage of the City's benefit packages and Mayor's proposal would violate City policy. In order to reward all City employees, Council approved a 3% Step raise and a 1.5% Cost of Living increase. This plan helps offset higher insurance rates and rewards all City employees.
-In regards to City Council adding \$200,000 to our budget, this is completely false as well. The City Council's amended 2015 budget is \$358,996. The City Council's adopted 2016 budget is \$178,840 which is a \$180,156 DECREASE which is over a 50% decrease from previous year. For comparison Mayor's amended 2015 budget is \$201,430 and his proposed 2016 budget is \$275,285 which is over a 35% INCREASE.
3. "It is unfortunate that council did not want to fund the Mayor's Aide position in 2016"
-I personally asked the Mayor 4 times what his vision or thoughts would be for this position if approved and have still not received an answer. Council is not going to blindly approve the growth of government without justification and assurance it will bring value to our workforce and our community.
4. "It is unfortunate that council did not want to fully fund our Madison Chamber of Commerce in 2016"
-Mayor's presentation indicated Council approved \$30,000 to the Madison Chamber but actually Council approved \$40,000 to the Madison Chamber. It is not the full amount the Chamber requested but we cut a lot of funding from all agencies this year in order to put that money towards our employees and our community. The Madison Chamber of Commerce does a wonderful job working with local businesses in our area but Council felt putting additional money to projects that directly affect our citizens should take a little more importance this year.