

**MINUTES NO. 2009-05-WS**  
**OF A**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF**  
**THE CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA**  
**OCTOBER 30, 2009**

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The Madison City Council met in a public work session on Friday, October 30, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning/Building Department Conference Room on the lower level of the Madison Municipal Complex, Madison, Alabama. The published purpose of the Work Session was to review and discuss Capital Improvement Projects and any other business that Council may deem necessary.

Elected Governing Officials in attendance:

Mayor Paul Finley	Present
Council District No. 1 Tim Holcombe	Present
Council District No. 2 Steve Haraway	Present
Council District No. 3 Jerry Jennings	Present
Council District No. 4 Tim Cowles	Present
Council District No. 5 Tommy Overcash	Present
Council District No. 6 Larry Vannoy	Present
Council District No. 7 Bill Holtzclaw	Present

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Council President Tommy Overcash.

Also in attendance were: Finance Director Lillie Causey, Parks & Recreation Director Mike Cassell, Building Director Cody Phillips, City Engineer Gary Chynoweth, Fire Chief Ralph Cobb, Executive Assistant to the Mayor Taylor Edge, Public Works Director Dana Stahl, Engineering Administrative Assistant Jenny Spain, City Financial Advisor Johnny Dill, Revenue Director Cameron Grounds, School System Superintendent Dr. Dee Fowler, School System Finance Director David Smith, Economic Development Coordinator Amy Furfori, and License and Tax Examiner Gail Crum.

**SCHOOL PROJECT FUNDING**

Dr. Fowler, Johnny Dill and David Smith addressed the Council regarding the \$36,000,000 in funding received from the State for construction of a new high school and what work has been done so far on the project.

Council discussed options for repayment of the funding which is interest free and must be paid back in 15 years.

Council discussed a temporary increase in sales tax and also getting an ad valorem referendum on the ballot. Council discussed that both taxes would include a sunset clause so that when the \$36,000,000 is paid off the tax would go away.

Council also discussed that the first reading for the proposed ordinance on the sales tax increase will be at the November 9 Council meeting, two community meetings will be held to inform the public on the need for the increase and update them on the progress with the new high school project with the vote on the proposed increase to take place at the November 23 Council meeting.

Council discussed repayment of the funds, when construction will start on the project and when it will be completed.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Mayor Finley advised that he has received a request from Madison County Mental Health to increase funding to \$23,750. It was the consensus of the Council to increase this funding.

City Engineer Gary Chynoweth reviewed with the Council the ongoing capital projects, cost estimates and time lines for construction of the projects.

A break in the work session was taken from 3:00 – 3:45 to participate in the retirement event for City Planner Bob Atallo.

Council discussed the prioritization of other projects if additional funding was available.

Mr. W. C. Fuller addressed Council regarding the opening of the stub out road in Sunset Ridge and the Hathaway project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Signatures on following page.

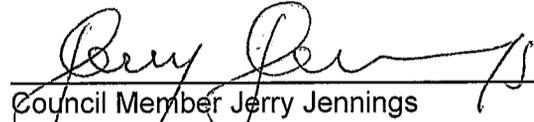
Minutes No. 2009-05-WS, dated October 30, 2009, read, approved and adopted this 9th day of November 2009.



Council Member Tim Holcombe  
District One



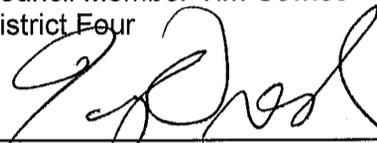
Council Member Steve Haraway  
District Two



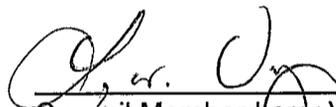
Council Member Jerry Jennings  
District Three

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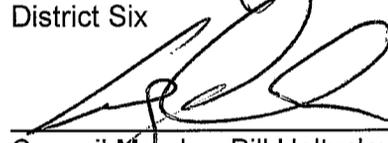
Council Member Tim Cowles  
District Four



Council Member Tommy Overcash  
District Five



Council Member Larry Vannoy  
District Six



Council Member Bill Holtzclaw  
District Seven

Concur:



Paul Finley  
Mayor

Attest:



Melanie A. Williard  
City Clerk-Treasurer