**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

The City Commission met in a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Commissioner Voncyle Wilson (District 1), Commissioner Jim Catron (District 3), Commissioner Byron Poore (District 4), and Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present. Mayor/Commissioner Ina Thompson (District 2) joined via conference call.

City staff present were: Jerome Wyche-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Tyrone Edwards-Police Chief, Chris Cooks-Police Captain, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, and Mary Graham-Director of Community Development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Townsend called the meeting to order.

During Citizens Participation, Ms. Deloris Jones spoke about concerns raised by the community neighborhood watch.

The Boyz to Kings Award Ceremony was held.

Commissioner Catron moved to adopt the agenda; as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of January 9, 2024 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Minutes of January 24, 2024 Strategic Visioning Workshop, (c) Minutes of February 1, 2024 Special City Commission Meeting, (d) Department Head Reports, (e) Finance Report, and (f) Re-Appoint Doug Brown and Jim Stanley as the City Commissioners’ Appointees on the Police & Fire Pension Board for Terms Ending January, 2028. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

City Attorney Clay Schnitker reviewed a proposed Site Agreement between the City of Madison and Uniti Fiber, LLC., pointing out concerns he had with the agreement. Commissioner Poore moved not to pursue entering into the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore moved to utilize funds from the New Local Option Gas Tax account for the additional funding needed for the DOT SCOP G2064 Horry Avenue Paving Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore moved to utilize $150,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan account and $279,928.88 from the Water and Sewer Emergency Contingency savings account for the additional funding needed for the FY 2019 CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Project No. 22DB-OP-03-50-02-N19 Horry Avenue Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore proposed contracting with the Madison County Development Council to take the lead on downtown revitalization and to be the dedicated resource to administer the Downtown Strategic Action Plan once completed by Retail Strategies. After discussion, the City Attorney was directed to draft a contract between the City of Madison and the Madison County Development Council for these services in exchange for a monthly payment of $1,000.00.

Commissioner Poore suggested the Stakeholder Input Session be repeated and scheduled for a time when more stakeholders could be in attendance.

The City Manager’s Report was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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ATTEST: Judy Townsend, Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk