**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**MARCH 14, 2023**

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

City staff present were: Jerome Wyche-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Reggie Alexander-Police Chief, Tyrone Edwards-Police Captain, William Sircy-Police Sergeant, Mark Joost-Police Sergeant, and Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

During Citizens’ Participation:

● J.P. Moore presented a plaque of appreciation to Mayor Judy Townsend.

● Deloris Jones extended an invitation to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Nu Omega Omega Chapter’s “Visionary Women Awards Celebration” on March 25th.,

● MCDC Executive Director, Doug Brown, briefed the Commission on current economic development projects.

Commissioner Thompson moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Catron. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Cooks moved to appoint Commissioner Thompson as Mayor and Commissioner Catron as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend was presented with a plaque of appreciation for her service as Mayor from March 2022 through March 2023.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of February 14, 2023 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Department Head Reports, (c) Finance Report, and (d) Surplus (1) 2010 Chevy Tahoe Vin #8444 and (1) 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Vin #2628. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Cooks moved to ratify the submission of the Florida Rural Infrastructure Fund Statewide Program Application for funding for the Sewer System Evaluation Survey-Phase 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and City of Madison, Florida Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Agreement DW400411. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to award the bid for the Critical Water System Improvement Project – Part D to SFS Contracting Services, Inc. in the amount of $1,263,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Cooks moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant Agreement No. B-23-CP-FL0417. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Catron made suggestions on filling the vacancies and expired terms on the Planning & Zoning Board and Code Enforcement Board. The City Manager was directed to have staff contact current members on the Boards to insure they were still willing to serve.

Commissioner Poore moved to appoint Doug Brown as the city’s appointee on the Pension Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore moved to direct the City Attorney to draft a new Noise Ordinance using the plainly audible standard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

After discussing the current format of the agenda, the Commission agreed to include on future agendas separate sections for both “Unfinished Business” and “New Business”.

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve moving forward with the dedication and recognition plaque for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore and passed 5-0.

The City Manager’s Report was accepted.

Commissioner Cooks moved to amend the agenda to add “Discussion and Possible Action on Lake Shore Drive Traffic Control”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Cooks moved to lower the speed limit on Lake Shore Drive from 20 mph to 15 mph. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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ATTEST: Ina Thompson, Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk