**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**MARCH 18, 2025**

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

City staff present were: Doug Brown-Interim City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, Clay Schnitker-City Attorney, Tyrone Edwards-Police Chief, Chris Cooks-Police Captain, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, David Floyd-Public Work Director, Mike Lawson-Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Denver Bolin-Natural Gas Superintendent, and Mary Graham-Director of Community Development.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Inez Bennett and Deloris Jones spoke during Citizen’s Participation.

Commissioner Poore moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Thompson moved to appoint the following Commissioners as the city’s representatives on the following boards:

 Commissioner Townsend – North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

 Commissioner Poore – Suwannee River League of Cities

 Commissioner Poore – Madison County Tourist Development Council

 Commissioner Townsend – Senior Citizens of Madison County, Inc.

 Commissioner Thompson – Madison County Development Council

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

The gavel was passed from Commissioner Townsend to Commissioner Poore.

Commissioner Townsend was presented with a plaque of appreciation for her service as Mayor from March, 2024 to March, 2025

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of February 11, 2025 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Finance Report (c) MCDC Report (d) Surplus Decommissioned Police Vehicles, (e) Custodian’s Agreement between Larry Pride and the City of Madison, and (f) Interim City Manager Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Lauren Yeatter, Senior Planner with North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, conducted the first public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application.

A special workshop was scheduled for March 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. to further discuss proposed projects for the CDBG applications.

The second public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 CDBG Application was scheduled for April 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Townsend moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2025-03 read by title only. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on second and final reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2025-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03 OF THE CITY OF MADISON, WHICH DESIGNATED THE STRUCTURE KNOWN AS HOPKINS PLACE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2025-04 read by title only. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on first reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2025-04 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF MADISON LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 25-01, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 8.2.3 ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS, APPLICABILITY, BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING FLOOD HAZARD AREA BY CHANGING THE DATE OF THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2017 TO APRIL 23, 2025; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 8.9.4 ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS, MARKET VALUE, BY CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to amend the agenda to add “Update on City Manager Search”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2025-05 read by title only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on first reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2025-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4(a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT TO BE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS A CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY, A PERSON MUST HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE FLORIDA BAR FOR NO FEWER THAN FIVE YEARS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Wilson moved to have further discussions with city manager applicant, Stanford Amos. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Interim City Manager Doug Brown updated the Commission on the CM Brandies building.

David Floyd, Mike Lawson, Denver Bolin, Bruce Jordan, Tyrone Edwards, and Mary Graham gave their department head report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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ATTEST: J. Byron Poore, II Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk