

**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MADISON, FLORIDA
APRIL 11, 2017**

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

City staff present were: Tim Bennett-City Manager, Lee Anne Hall-City Clerk, George T. Reeves-Acting City Attorney, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, and Reginald Alexander-Police Chief.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

No one wished to speak during Citizen's Participation.

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

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of March 14, 2017, (b) Minutes of Special Meeting of March 21, 2017, (c) City-Wide Outdoor LED Lighting Agreement with Duke Energy, (d) Fire/Rescue Department Report, and (e) Police Department Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 5-0.

Brian Kauffman, Madison County Coordinator, briefed the Commission on Madison County's Fire Services and the current Fire Assessment Fee Study being conducted for the county by Government Services Group, Inc.

Commissioner Stanley moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents related to Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC's Lease-Purchase Agreement Schedule No. 9862200 for the lease-purchase of five (5) new 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Sedans. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend and passed 5-0.

City Manager Tim Bennett reviewed a proposal from Government Services Group, LLC to conduct a Fire Services Assessment Fee Study for the city. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on second and final reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2017-1 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, SITING, CONSTRUCTION, OPENING, OPERATION AND/OR CONTINUED OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSING FACILITIES (REFERRED TO IN THIS ORDINANCE AS "QUALIFIED BUSINESSES") AND ALL OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY HAVING THE EFFECT OF PERMITTING OR ALLOWING THE SAME; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A STUDY OR STUDIES REGARDING QUALIFIED BUSINESSES AND THE SUBMITTAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OR REGULATION THEREOF; PROVIDING NOTICE TO ALL AFFECTED PERSONS THAT THE CITY IS IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO QUALIFIED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR THE TIME PERIOD THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM SHALL BE IN EFFECT AND FOR EXTENSION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION TO

THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR EXISTING QUALIFIED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING EXCEPTIONS TO THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY HARDSHIP, AND FOR AN APPLICATION, FEE, NOTICE, PUBLIC HEARING, CRITERIA AND FACTORS THEREFORE; REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR PERMITS TO DISCLOSE IF THEY INTEND TO ESTABLISH A QUALIFIED BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH APPLICATION; PROVIDING FOR LIMITATIONS ON THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR NO CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanley. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments from the public. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission discussed vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Code Enforcement Board.

City Manager Tim Bennett reviewed the Monthly Financial Report.

City Manager Bennett updated the commission concerning Code Enforcement Projects and Infrastructure/Construction Projects.

Commissioner Catron briefed the commission concerning the Southern Rail Commission's efforts to restore passenger rail service (Amtrak) along the Gulf Coast. He also reminded them about the Suwannee River League of Cities meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Madison County Senior Citizens Center.

Commissioner Thompson thanked everyone involved and who had attended the Competitive Florida Community Meeting. She also expressed concerns regarding noise nuisances in the city. Police Chief Alexander addressed her concerns.

Mayor/Commissioner Cooks requested more patrol of the Sumpter A. James, Jr. Park and expressed concerns over unauthorized use of the park. City Manager Bennett advised that he would create a more organized and formal process for persons requesting to use the park.

Commissioner Catron moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Stanley. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rayne J. Cooks, Mayor/Commissioner

Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk

