**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**AUGUST 8, 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, Tom Reeves-Acting City Attorney, Mary Graham-Director of Community Development, Tyrone Edwards-Police Chief, Chris Cooks- Police Captain, Mark Joost-Police Lieutenant, and Patrol Officers: Josh Akins, Fred Korey, Lorrenzo Lee, Robert Sanders, and Lucas Smith.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

During Citizen’s Participation:

●Tim Dunn, on behalf of the Madison Lions Club, presented the Police Department with a $500.00 check in appreciation of the Department’s support and services during the July 4th Celebration at Lake Francis.

●Jesse Solomon made a request to change the name of Boxwood Street to Isiah James Street.

Commissioner Townsend moved to amend the agenda to add “Discussion and Possible Action on Changing the Name of Boxwood Street to Isiah James Street”.

Commissioner Townsend moved to change the name of Boxwood Street to Isiah James Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore and passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Poore moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of July 11, 2023 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Department Head Reports, (c) Finance Report, and (d) Schedule Budget Workshops for August 29th and September 5th at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooks and passed 5-0.

Leroy Marshall, Chief Engineer with Suwanee River Water Management District, presented a PowerPoint titled “Aucilla Watershed Preliminary DFIRM Community Coordination and Open House Meeting”.

Caleb Perla, with Powell and Jones CPA, presented and discussed the City’s Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022. The Report was accepted.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on second and final reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2023-4 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF MADISON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL MODERATE DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 4 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore. The meeting was opened for public comments; there were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Townsend moved to adopt, on second and final reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2023-5 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE CITY OF MADISON LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, (COVENTIONAL) SINGLE FAMILY (R-1B) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (C-4) OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron. The meeting was opened for public comments; there were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Madison County Manager Sherilyn Pickels discussed a proposed Florida Job Growth Grant for a “Timber Harvesting Training Program”. She requested the City consider an in-kind lease of approximately 10 acres in the Industrial Park for a training site and storage building. Commissioner Catron moved to approve the request and authorized the City Manager to determine the fair market value of the lease so the figure could be included as an in-kind service in the grant application.

Commissioner Cooks moved to approve the Agreement to Provide Consulting Services between the City of Madison and Retail Strategies, LLC, as amended with the City Attorney’s suggestions and contingent upon Retail Strategies, LLC agreeing to the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Catron and passed 4-1. (Commissioners Catron, Cooks, Thompson, and Townsend voted to approve; Commissioner Poore moved NOT to approve.)

Police Chief Tyron Edwards recognized the following officers for their promotions:

 Chris Cooks – Police Captain

 Mark Joost – Lieutenant – Road Patrol

 William Sircy – Lieutenant - Investigations

The City Manager presented his report and briefed on the following “Unfinished Business” items :

 ● City Parks and Process for Accountability/Park Permit

 ● Airbnbs and Tiny Houses

 ● Plan of Action for Code Enforcement

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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ATTEST: Ina Thompson, Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk