**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**OCTOBER 8, 2024**

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), Commissioner Byron Poore (District 4), and Mayor/Commissioner Judy Townsend (District 5) were present.

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.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The following people spoke during citizens’ participation: Deloris Jones and Vera Hill.

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

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of September 10, 2024 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Minutes of September 24, 2024 Special City Commission Meeting, (c) Department Head Reports, (d) Finance Report, (e) MCDC Report, and (f) Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Thompson moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2024-03 read by title only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt, on first reading, Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-03 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE STRUCTURE KNOWN AS HOPKINS PLACE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, HD 23-01, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID STRUCTURE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248 FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED, AND AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Thompson moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2024-05 read by title only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt, on first reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2024-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF MADISON, PROVIDING FOR REPAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to have proposed Ordinance No. 2024-06 read by title only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt, on first reading, proposed Ordinance No. 2024-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES WITH THE AUTHORITY TO HOLD HEARINGS AND ASSESS FINES AGAINST VIOLATORS OF THE CODES AND ORDINANCE IN FORCE IN THE CITY OF MADISON PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 162.01 - 162.13, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD ACT”; PROVIDING FOR INTENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, TERMINATION AND COMPENSATION OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES; PROVIDING FOR THE POWERS AND JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL MAGISTRATES; PROVIDING FOR A CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF MADISON BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE; PROVIDING FOR CODE INSPECTORS AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS; PROVIDING THE POWER TO SUBPOENA; ESTABLISHING FINES, COSTS OF REPAIR AND LIENS; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE LIEN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF FINAL ORDERS; PROVIDING THE RIGHT TO APPEAL; PROVIDING THE PROCEDURES FOR NOTICE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TO OTHER REMEDIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

A Petition for Voluntary Annexation from Alvin C. Williams and Angela Thompson Williams was tabled until the November 12, 2024 meeting.

The City Manager’s Report was accepted.

City Manager Wyche announced that he would not be seeking renewal of his Employment Agreement which expires December 31, 2024.

The Commission discussed the process of filling the City Manager vacancy, directing the City Clerk and City Attorney to prepare an advertisement for Commission approval.

Commissioner Poore moved to amend the agenda to add “Request City Manager Wyche to Continue Serving as City Manager, on a Month-by-Month Basis, Until the Position is Filled”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Poore moved to request City Manager Wyche to continue serving as City Manager, on a month-by-month basis, until the position is filled. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

City Manager Wyche agreed to continue serving as City Manager, on a month-by-month basis until the position is filled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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ATTEST: Judy Townsend Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk