**MINUTES OF CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**MADISON, FLORIDA**

**NOVEMBER 12, 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, Chris Cooks-Police Captain, Bruce Jordan-Fire Chief, Denver Bolin-Natural Gas Superintendent, and Mary Graham-Director of Community Development.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The following people spoke during citizens’ participation: Vera Hill, Jennifer Poore, Inez Bennett, and Desiree Ownby.

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

Commissioner Akins moved to adopt the consent agenda: (a) Minutes of October 8, 2024 Regular City Commission Meeting, (b) Department Head Reports, (c) Finance Report, and (d) MCDC Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Poore and passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Akins moved to adopt, on second and final 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 Thompson. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt, on second and final 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. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt, on second and final 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. The meeting was opened for public comments. There were no comments. Motion passed 5-0.

Bob McClure discussed plans to expand business and housing on approximately seventy-four acres of his property located on West U.S. Highway 90. He requested the city consider expanding water, sewer, and natural gas infrastructure to the project. Brian Faircloth also requested the expansion of the infrastructure to the Madison RV Resort and County Club. After discussion, the City Manager was directed to have the city’s engineer prepare a cost analysis on expanding the infrastructure.

Commissioner Poore moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the closing documents between the City of Madison and Corey Persons. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Wilson moved to adopt proposed Resolution No. 2024-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADISON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Akins and passed 5-0.

Commissioner Akins moved to direct the City Attorney to proceed with the annexation process for the Petition for Voluntary Annexation from Alvin C. Williams and Angela Thompson Williams.

The City Manager’s Report was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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ATTEST: Judy Townsend Mayor/Commissioner

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Lee Anne Hall, City Clerk