

May 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Madison was held Monday, May 12, 2008, at 5:30 PM at the former Senior Center, located at 434 Hancock Street. Present were the following: Mayor DuPree; Council Members Perriman, Blanton, Hunt, Naples, and Booth; City Manager Nunn; City Clerk Thomas; Planner Callahan; Project Coordinator Huff; and City Attorney Abney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor DuPree.

Council Member Hunt conducted the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Council Member Blanton motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2008, as presented. Perriman second. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Approval of Order of Agenda Items – Mayor DuPree reviewed the items requiring votes and available for public comment. Mayor DuPree said an addition to the agenda is a proclamation for Child Support Services Month. This will be added after the presentation of the proclamation for Roy Lambert.

Presentation of Proclamation – Ezekiel Roy Lambert, Jr. – Mayor DuPree and other Council Members offered comments in remembrance of and honoring Roy Lambert for his many years of service to the City and to the community. Mr. Lambert and his firm - Lambert, Reitman, and Abney, LLC - have represented the City as its legal counsel since 1962. Mayor DuPree read the proclamation and Chris, Mr. Lambert's wife, and Zeke, Mr. Lambert's son, were present to accept the proclamation.

Proclamation – Child Support Services Month – After discussion, Council Member Booth motion to approve the proclamation for Child Support Services Month as presented. Blanton second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Zoning Hearings – No hearings.

Legal Matters

Public Hearing – FY 2009 Budget – City Manager Nunn reviewed adjustments that have been made to the budget since the initial presentation on April 28. The original documents will be revised and copies will be distributed to Mayor and Council. The budget and revisions are available at City Hall for anyone from the public to review and/or copy. Budget hearings will be conducted on May 29 at 5:30 PM and on Friday, May 30, at 8:30 AM at the Fire Station. Mayor DuPree opened the public hearing. DuPree offered opportunities for comments or questions. No comments. Mayor DuPree closed the public hearing.

GMA – Election of District 5 Officers for 2008-2009 – Mayor DuPree reviewed the slate of officers presented. Council Member Naples motion to accept the recommendations on the ballot and authorize the Mayor to sign. Booth second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

GMA – Voting Delegate/Proxy Election – Council Member Naples said he would like to attend and vote on behalf of the City. Council Member Booth motion to nominate and appoint Council Member Naples as the voting delegate at the GMA 2008 Membership Business Meeting. Perriman second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

J J & G Task Order – Northside & Southside Watershed Assessment & Protection Plan - City Manager Nunn reviewed and explained the need for the task order. Nunn said this is needed to meet EPD permit requirements and the City has three years to complete this order. The cost is \$205,000 and will be spread over two budget years. Council Member Naples motion to approve the J J & G task order for the Northside & Southside Watershed Assessment & Protection Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign. Perriman second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Billboard Campaign – Project Coordinator Huff reported that no new information was available. City Clerk Thomas reported Attorney Reitman had been sent a copy of the new hotel/motel legislation from the GMA Legislative Summary Report. City Clerk Thomas requested that Attorney Reitman assist with determining a timeline for any tax increases and asked Reitman to research the setup for the Special Tax districts and report on the procedure for potential increases to these districts. After discussion, Council Member Naples motion to table billboard campaign for four weeks to allow for further research. Booth second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

New Business

Water, Sewer, & Garbage Fees for Morgan Memorial Hospital – Terry Evans with Morgan Memorial Hospital Authority introduced other members of the hospital authority in attendance, Calvin Welch and Dr. L. K. Lewis. Evans explained the hospital is planning for a new facility. He said the hospital is looking for ways to cut their cost and they are asking for the Mayor and Council's help with water, sewer, and gas costs. He said if the City could agree to provide the utilities at no cost, this \$25,000 a year investment in the community's healthcare system would be beneficial. Dr. Lewis said the hospital is important to the community. He said this is a crucial point for the hospital and a new and improved facility is greatly needed. Council Member Booth asked if the City does not provide assistance, what would it mean to the hospital's situation. Evans said the City's assistance would help with the hospital's indebtedness, and that it would help in obtaining the bonds for the financing. Mayor DuPree said the hospital is extremely important to the community; the Mayor and Council will

have to research and try to find a way to support the hospital appropriately. No action taken.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Nunn said the Indian Creek WRF is 99% complete. Some wastewater flow has been accepted for about 2-3 weeks. In a few days, the operators will bring the flow up and put some effluent into the stream. The pipeline is waiting, and the I20 lift station will soon be taken out of commission. Ideas are being considered for how to reuse this facility. Haulers that pump septic tanks in the county empty their trucks in Monroe, and the City could conceivably charge for this service.

Grading is essentially complete at the new Municipal Building, and the pads have been poured for the building. Nunn said he had received his first dust complaint from Town Park construction. Drainage is installed, and about 50% of the gutter has been completed. Contract 2.2, the concrete work within the park, is ready for signature. Laslie Brothers Contracting Co. Inc., from Monroe has been awarded the contract for approximately \$400,000.

Nunn reported a City employee, Wade Anderson, found an old whiskey jug stamped by the potter and in good condition while digging at the Town Park site. This will be displayed in the cottage at the park. Callahan said it was found in the vicinity of the former Oliver Hardy boarding house.

Nunn said Council Member Booth had reported that a section of the bridge rail at Round Bowl Springs Park was in need of repair. Nunn said this has been corrected. Callahan said DCA had called and wanted to use Round Bowl Springs Park as a best practices scenario.

City Manager Nunn reported the airport waiting room and new restroom facilities are still under construction.

Mayor DuPree complimented the City crews for their cleanup efforts after the recent high winds.

Other Business of Council

Council Member Hunt reported the DRI (Development of Regional Impact) response to the Patillo project did not include the possibility of increased traffic in downtown Madison. Hunt recommended that DRI responses be presented to the Mayor and Council for their review and approval. Any adjustments can be made to the document at that time and before submittal. Hunt discussed his concern about the potential traffic issues related to the Patillo project. Council Member Hunt motion that all DRI responses be submitted to Mayor and Council and be signed, read, and approved and any comments, additions, or deletions be made to the response before submittal to the RDC (Regional Development Center). Naples second. Planner Callahan reviewed the DRI process. After discussion, Council Member Naples asked if this should require a vote by the Mayor and

Council. Hunt said he would amend his motion to request a vote. Naples amended second. Opportunity for discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Council Member Hunt reported he, City Manager Nunn, and Council Member Naples visited the recycling plant. Hunt said Jarvis, the owner, said the City of Madison is #2 of his nine cities in recycling. Hunt said there are many ways the City can improve recycling practices. Council Member Naples said City Manager Nunn had some ideas for providing incentives for recycling. Nunn discussed a potential increase in garbage fees, but the City could allow the use of vouchers to reduce garbage fees if a citizen recycles. Council Member Booth suggested increased advertising. Nunn said another idea is to provide rolling bins. This will be researched further.

Council Schedule for May – It is necessary to cancel the regular May 26 Mayor and Council meeting since it is on Memorial Day. After discussion, Council Member Naples motion to reschedule May 26 meeting to Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station. Booth second. Council Member Hunt suggested the meeting be at 5:45 PM. Naples and Booth amended the motion to 5:45 PM. Opportunity for additional discussion. Vote unanimous. The motion carries.

Public Comments

James Edwards thanked the City for their assistance and cooperation with NAACP parade.

Adjournment

Council Member Booth motion to adjourn. Hunt second. Vote unanimous.

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Date: _____