

BizPac 2008 Candidate Information, 2008

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Public Office You Are Seeking Madison City Council, District 6

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Education BS and MS in Electrical Engineering

Work Experience Colonel, USAF Reserves, retired 2007

Since 1986, employed by Madison County companies supporting missile defense related technologies including systems engineering, software design for command and control systems

Currently, a Launch Director for Targets and Countermeasures Program at Davidson Technologies as a team mate Lockheed.

Community Involvement City Councilman (two terms), Madison Street Festival president, Trail of Tears coordinator, Optimist Club Board Member, Jaycees President, Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader, baseball coach, girls softball coach, soccer coach, American Legion Post member

Previous Political Experience Candidate for Mayor of Madison 1992

Campaign Organization (staff and key volunteer leaders) Running my own campaign

Are you a graduate of the Committee of 100's Political Training Institute?

No

Have you received any other political training? Please describe. Two day course 2003

Are you a graduate of the Leadership Huntsville-Madison County program?

yes

How much money have you raised to date for your campaign? Funding my own campaign

2008 BizPac Interviews

Madison Mayor/City Council Candidate Survey Questions

1. **Why are you running for this office and what do you hope to accomplish during the next four years?** Several initiatives are in the works for Madison. I believe I can be a positive force to support their implementation.
2. **Do you see a need for a long-range vision for Madison and/or Madison County? Yes. If so, how should it be developed?** Proper planning and partnership cooperation between State, County, and municipalities.
3. **What do you believe is the Mayor/City Council's role in economic development? We are the city ambassadors, the decision makers on direction the city should take in economic development. Do you support city contributions and participation in the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville-Madison County? Yes. I look forward to developing a contracted listed services the chamber can provide the city of Madison.**
4. **Do you support strategic marketing and incentives to stimulate retail/sales tax development? Yes. If so, what is your vision for this effort?** Madison, Madison County, and City of Huntsville needs to work better in developing an equal partnership for developing sales tax revenue opportunities. Start with a strategic working group to define game plans.
5. **Do you support city formation of a Madison ambulance service or do you believe the current non-profit HEMSI countywide service to be the best option?** I would like to have more data on positives and negatives of each before forming an opinion.
6. **Do you support efforts to better attract and retain the young, professional workforce to this community to fill advanced technology and other jobs? Yes. Do you have additional ideas to strengthen these efforts?** In my conversations with young professionals outside of Alabama, there is a negative opinion of what north Alabama has to offer. Although costly, provide free visits to community for young professionals and their spouses just as colleges give campus visits to candidate students and parents. Show not only the professional development opportunities but also what our community has to offer when not working, take candidates to sporting events, socials. Give presentations on community advantages in education opportunities, quality of education for children, low cost of living, relay closeness to large municipalities that have major venues, such as Nashville and Atlanta,
7. **Do you support efforts to revitalize Madison's downtown? Yes. What incentives and efforts should be provided by the city?** It has to be a shared role between business community and city. The City is interested in making an investment if business community is willing to partner in the planning and making the investments required

8. **What do you believe is the Mayor/City Council's role in public education?** Strong support for public education is critical for further the improvement of in the quality of life of Madison residents. In my opinion, that cooperation is exceptional in the City of Madison. The City Council is very interested in insuring that the education system has all the tools necessary to further the outstanding education we offer in the city.
9. **How would you work to improve cooperation between the Mayor and the City Council and within the City Council?** I believe we have a very good working relationship. Regularly scheduled work sessions addressing specific, focused topics could be useful. One-on-one meetings with the Mayor could also have some utility.
10. **How would you work to improve cooperation with Huntsville, Madison and Madison County government entities?** Rather than quarterly breakfasts, small working groups focused on specific areas of common interest could prove useful. **What opportunities do you see for shared services to improve our quality of life?** Cooperative community planning, economic development, build on public transportation initiatives.
11. **How would you work to stimulate state government support for local projects?** TIFs that have been successful for the City of Huntsville need to be investigated for Madison.
12. **Do you support collective bargaining for public employees? If so, what do you see as the advantages of a public employee union?** I see little advantages of a public employees union. If the city is doing its job as it relates to fair and equitable treatment of employees, no employee union should be necessary.
13. **Give an example when you believe you did the right thing, but the decision may have cost you votes.** Making adjustments to water and sewer rates to pay for infrastructure resulting in a reliable water source and water treatment capability for present and future needs.