City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
October 26, 2026

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Pro Tem William Mier
Councilwoman Toya Aaron
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilor Laurie Geralds
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilor Quinn Wright

ABSENT
Mayor Corey Haines

ALSO PRESENT
Deputy City Manager Cheryl Rottmann
City Attorney Larry Sherman
City Clerk Mary Daley

26-221. Excuse Councilmembers

Motion to excuse Mayor Haines from tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geralds, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COUNCILWOMAN AARON

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Aaron and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

26-222. Approval of the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda to add Item 6 to the Consent Agenda "Tentative Agreement between the City of Madison Heights and the 43rd District Court Union Employees Association" and approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Fleming, seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geralds, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Pro Tem William Mier opened the floor for general public comments. No members of the audience stepped forward to address the Council.

City Clerk Mary Daley presented one written public comment received prior to the meeting, which was distributed to the Mayor and City Council and entered into the permanent record. The written communication was submitted by Kevin Trabucci on October 16, 2026, regarding street parking congestion resulting from local business growth, ongoing vehicle alarm noise disturbances, and neighborhood littering.

CONSENT AGENDA:

26-223. Consent agenda

Motion to **a**pprove Consent Agenda as presented:

Motion made by Councilman Fleming, Seconded by Councilor Wright.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geralds, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

CM 26-224. Cryptocurrency Kiosk Ordinance #2217 – Second Reading

The City Council evaluated Ordinance 2217 on second reading, following recommendations from administrative staff and the Police Chief. The ordinance prohibits installing, placing, operating, or maintaining cryptocurrency kiosks (commonly referred to as Bitcoin ATMs) within the City of Madison Heights.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2217, Cryptocurrency Kiosk Ordinance, on Second Reading, prohibiting the installation, placement, operation, and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks (Bitcoin ATMs) within the City of Madison Heights, and scheduling the Second Reading for October 26, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 2217
CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 571, being an Ordinance codifying and adopting a new Code of Ordinances for the City of Madison Heights, by amending Chapter 7, titled "Business Regulations and Licenses, by adding a new Article XVIII titled, "Cryptocurrency kiosks," and by adding new Sections 7-500 through 7-515, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by prohibiting the installation, placement, operation and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks within the City of Madison Heights and to provide civil and criminal penalties and business license sanctions for violation thereof.

THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS ORDAINS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.

That Chapter 7, titled "Business Regulations and Licenses," of the Madison Heights Code of Ordinances, shall be amended by adding a new Article XVIII, titled "Cryptocurrency kiosks," and by adding new Sections 7-500 through 7-515, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by prohibiting the installation, placement, operation and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks within the City of Madison Heights, and to provide penalties and license sanctions for violation thereof and thereby amending the code of ordinances as follows:

Sec. 7-500. – Short Title.
This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Cryptocurrency kiosks ordinance."

Sec. 7-501. – **Findings and Purpose**.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the jurisdiction of the city by prohibiting the installation, placement, operation and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks within the city, except as otherwise stated in this ordinance, and to provide methods of enforcement through civil and criminal penalties and business licensing sanctions. The Madison Heights City Council finds and determines the following:

a) Cryptocurrency kiosks, sometimes commonly referred to as Bitcoin ATMs, are electronic machines that permit members of the public to purchase, sell, exchange or otherwise transact in cryptocurrency.

b) Cryptocurrency kiosks may facilitate transactions involving substantial amounts of money and may present risks of fraud, financial exploitation, identity theft, money laundering, and other unlawful or fraudulent activity.

c) Cryptocurrency kiosks may be particularly susceptible to exploitation because transactions conducted through such kiosks may be difficult for consumers to reverse and may involve anonymous or pseudonymous digital transactions.

d) The city has an interest in protecting its residents, businesses, property owners, and visitors from criminal and fraudulent activity and in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, including those who reside, work and visit the city.

e) The City Council further finds that regulation of cryptocurrency kiosks is distinct from regulation of cryptocurrency itself. This ordinance is intended to regulate the installation, operation and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks within the city and is not intended to prohibit the lawful ownership, possession, purchase, sale, or use of cryptocurrency by individuals or businesses except to the extent that such activity requires or involves the operation of a cryptocurrency kiosk prohibited by this ordinance.

f) The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by prohibiting the installation, placement, operation and maintenance of cryptocurrency kiosks within the city as defined below.

Sec. 7-502. – Definitions.

When used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) *Cryptocurrency* means digital or virtual currency or digital assets that uses cryptography for security and that is designed to function as a medium of exchange, store of value, or unit of account, including, but not limited to, Bitcoin, Ethereum, Tether, BNB, XRP, and similar or equivalent digital currencies or assets.

(b) *Cryptocurrency kiosk* means an electronic terminal, machine, device, or other automated apparatus that is used to facilitate the purchase, sale, exchange, transfer, or other transaction involving cryptocurrency or digital assets by members of the public, whether or not the machine is connected to or resembles a conventional automated teller machine. This term includes, without limitation, any Bitcoin ATM, Bitcoin kiosk, Cryptocurrency ATM, digital-currency kiosk, or a substantially similar or equivalent device.

(c) *Operator* means any individual, person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, financial institution, organization, cryptocurrency business or exchange, or other entity that owns, leases, manages, controls, operates, maintains, or provides services through a cryptocurrency kiosk, or anyone acting by or through or on behalf the entities named herein.

(d) *Person* means any individual, human being, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, financial institution, organization, cryptocurrency business or exchange, or other entity, or anyone acting by or through or on behalf the entities named herein.

Sec. 7-503. – Prohibited conduct.

a) No person shall install, place, locate, maintain, operate, or permit the operation of a cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks anywhere within the City of Madison Heights.

b) No person who owns, leases, occupies, manages, or controls real property with the city shall knowingly permit a cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks to be installed, placed, maintained, or operated upon such property.

c) The prohibition in this section applies regardless of whether the cryptocurrency kiosk is located:
1. Within a commercial establishment;
2. Within a gas station or convenience store;
3. Within a restaurant or other food-service establishment;
4. Within a shopping center or other retail establishment;
5. Within an office or other private business;
6. Within a lobby or common area;
7. Within a parking area or other exterior location; or
8. At any other public or private location within the city

d) No person shall reactivate, relocate, replace, expand, fix, repair, or otherwise continue the operation of a cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks after the effective date of this ordinance, except as otherwise stated herein.

Sec. 7-504. – Existing cryptocurrency kiosks.

a) Any cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks lawfully located with the city before the effective date of this ordinance shall cease operation and shall be removed from the city within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this ordinance.

b) During the sixty (60) day period provided for in subsection (a), an existing cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks shall not be relocated, replaced, expanded, fixed, repaired, or reactivated at another location within the city.

c) After expiration of the sixty (60) day period, the continued operation or maintenance of any cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks within the city shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

Sec. 7-505. – Lawful cryptocurrency.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit:

a) The lawful ownership or possession of cryptocurrency;
b) The lawful purchase, sale, transfer, or use of cryptocurrency through a computer, mobile telephone, or other personal electronic device, that does not involve the installation, placement, maintenance, or operation of a cryptocurrency kiosk within the city.
c) A person or business from accepting cryptocurrency as payment for lawful goods or services; or
d) Any other lawful activity involving cryptocurrency that does not involve the installation, placement, maintenance, or operation of a cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks within the city.

Sec. 7-506.-State and Federal law.

This ordinance shall be interpreted and enforced to the maximum extent permitted by applicable federal and state law. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit conduct that the city is expressly preempted from regulating or prohibiting by federal or state law. If any provision of this ordinance is determined to be preempted, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Sec. 7-507. Penalties.

a) For a first offense, a person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction, subject to a fine of $500.00, for each cryptocurrency kiosk, together with such costs as may be authorized by law or imposed by the court.
b) For a second offense or any subsequent offense, a person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than $500.00, or both. A second violation shall be defined as a violation that occurs within two (2) years of a first violation. A subsequent offense shall be defined as a violation that occurs within two (2) years after a second offense or any subsequent offense.
c) For a second offense or any subsequent offense, a person who violates this article and who has or possesses a business license issued by the city may be subject to revocation, nonrenewal, or denial of said business license, subject to the provisions of the city code of ordinances.\
d) Pursuant to lawful enforcement of this ordinance, the city police department may seize and retain any cryptocurrency kiosk or kiosks, which may be kept, maintained, preserved, tested or transferred to other appropriate government authorities, or otherwise disposed of or destroyed in accordance with applicable law and established evidence-handling procedures.
e) Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.
f) Nothing in this article shall prevent the city from pursuing any other remedy authorized by law.

Sec. 7-508 to 7-515.-Reserved.

SECTION 2. REPEALER.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by a court of law to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance, in whole or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

SECTION 6. INSPECTION.

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the city clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.
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Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geralds, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Emily Rohrbach: Urged all community members to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilor Quinn Wright: Reminded residents to participate in the upcoming election and reminded everyone to "be kind."

Councilor Laurie Geralds: Invited residents to the Recreation Department's annual Great Pumpkin Roll Down event on Monday at 6:00 PM, urged voter participation, and expressed gratitude to City staff for their ongoing work during a busy operational season.

Councilwoman Toya Aaron: Urged residents to vote and shared a personal update celebrating her son casting his first absentee ballot.

Councilman Sean Fleming: Had no comments for the evening.

City Attorney Larry Sherman: Provided details regarding Consent Item 1 (Co-Responder Interlocal Agreement), explaining the two-year operational history among four participating communities—Ferndale, Royal Oak, Hazel Park, and Madison Heights. Clarified that the program assists individuals entering the legal system who have mental health needs by connecting them with critical care resources. Noted that Oakland County provided a $60,000 grant and explained a contract adjustment shifting cost allocations from an equal 25% split to a utilization-based model, under which Madison Heights represents approximately 26% of usage. Concluded with Halloween wishes, referencing his family tradition celebrating his son’s 38th birthday on Halloween.

Deputy City Manager: Had no comments for the evening.

City Clerk Mary Daley: Delivered key operational details regarding the November 3, 2026 Election regarding Early Voting hours, special Clerk office hours, information about absentee ballots, and strongly advised voters with absentee ballots to utilize one of the City's three secure dropboxes rather

than returning them by mail due to time constraints. She emphasized the public's patience and kindness toward election workers serving at the polls.

Mayor Pro Tem William Mier : Announced the official grand opening of Red Oaks Park on Friday at 3:00 PM. Reminded drivers to exercise caution regarding trick-or-treaters on Halloween, urged residents to set clocks back one hour on Saturday night for Daylight Saving Time, encouraged voting on or before November 3rd, and announced that the next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Mier adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

William Mier, Mayor Pro Tem	Mary Daley, City Clerk