

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
June 08, 2026

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, June 08, 2026 at 6:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Mayor Corey Haines
Mayor Pro Tem William Mier
Councilwoman Toya Aaron
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilor Laurie Gerald
Councilor Emily Rohrbach

ABSENT

Councilor Quinn Wright

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
Assistant City Attorney Tim Burns
City Planner Matthew Lonnerstater
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

The invocation was given by Councilor Rohrbach and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-26-138. Excuse Member.

Motion to Excuse Councilor Wright from tonight’s meeting.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-139. Appointment of Acting City Clerk.

Motion to appoint Deputy City Clerk Boucher as the Acting City Clerk for tonight's City Council meeting.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-140. Addition to the Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda with the additions to Reports as Item 6A Tentative Agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Supervisors Union and item 6B Tentative Agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Department of Public Services Union.

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

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Serjio Basmajian spoke in favor of the modified site plan for auto sales and repair, noting building and landscaping improvements.

Martha Covert expressed concerns regarding decorum during meetings and the handling of recent events regarding the JC building.

Dot Madison spoke in support of LGBTQ visibility and Drag Queen Story Time.

Ann Garrison suggested streamlining event planning through the Arts Board and keeping social issues off the city agenda.

Mary Harp thanked the council for moving the drag queen story hour to a building and proposed a resolution for "Straight Pride Month."

Michael Kennan raised concerns about procedural errors and the "railroading" of public opinion during a recent special meeting.

Jeff Hilliard inquired about the details of the decision-making process and whether council members faced harassment.

Kevin Wright invited everyone to attend the Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 20th at Civic Center Park from 12 - 6 PM.

Douglas Maclean urged support for the road millage renewal and advocated for the return of the Memorial Day parade.

Sandy Young spoke in favor of the inclusivity shown by the Drag Queen Story Time event.

Robert Young emphasized the importance of transparency and the inclusion of all community celebrations.

Carlos Harp requested more city focus on Veterans Day and Memorial Day events.

Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher read into record an email from Kevin Trabucchi regarding Republic garbage trucks, which was made part of the official meeting record.

CM-26-141. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion carried.

CM-26-142. Fire-Thermal Imaging Cameras.

Motion to approve the purchase of four Seek AttackPRO+ thermal imaging cameras from MES through Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program for a total amount of \$18,116.96.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion carried.

CM-26-143. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026, as printed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilwoman Aaron.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion carried.

CM-26-144. Special Land Use Request #PSP 26-02 - 27392 Park Court - Major Home Occupation [Pet Grooming].

Motion to approve the Special Land Use request, subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion carried.

**CM-26-145. Special Land Use Request #PSP 26-03 - 32525 Stephenson Hwy. -
Minor Auto Service [Electronic Equipment Sales and Installation].**

Motion to approve the Special Land Use request for Minor Auto Service at 32525 Stephenson Highway, subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff.

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

Motion carried.

**CM-26-146. Special Land Use Request #PSP 26-04 - 32371 Dequindre Rd. - Minor
Auto Repair and Auto Sales.**

Motion to approve the Special Land Use, approval to be based upon the applicant complying with the conditions stated in the staff report:

1. The Major Site Plan, when submitted, shall be substantially consistent with the concept plan approved with this Special Land Use submittal and shall incorporate the auto sales use and auto sales showroom. However, the site plan shall be modified, as needed, to denote the following:
 - a. Provide a site demolition plan, including locations of asphalt removal and replacement. Given the state of disrepair, complete milling and repaving and new stormwater quality structures may be required.
 - b. Replace the concrete bumper blocks along the northern property line with a permanent concrete curb.
 - c. Provide a landscape plan in accordance with minimum planting standards.
 - d. Provide a photometric plan in accordance with lighting standards.
 - e. Add the required concrete dumpster pad.
 - f. Provide details, including cross-section and plant/seed listings, of the proposed bioswale/rain garden.
 - g. Denote the parking areas to be used for vehicles for sale.
2. Given the adjacent industrial land uses and minimal buffer widths, the minimum perimeter parking lot landscaping requirements of Section 11.06.3 may be reduced along the northern, western and southern property lines as part of Major Site Plan review.
3. The final site plan and use shall satisfy the use-specific standards for auto repair and service facilities contained in Section 7.03.2 and attached to the staff report. The use-specific operating conditions shall be listed on the final Certificate of Occupancy.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-147. Tentative agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Supervisors Union.

Motion to approve a tentative agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Supervisors Union.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-148. Tentative agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Department of Public Services Union.

Motion to approve a tentative agreement effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029, for the Department of Public Services Union.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-149. Microsoft 365 Licenses

Motion to approve the renewal of Microsoft P1, G1 and G3 license in the amount of \$60,753. Funds are budgeted and available.

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Fleming invites everyone to attend the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 13th at the Civic Center Park from 10 AM – 1 PM hosted by the Police Department.

Councilor Gerald promoted the Summer Concert Series and Art in the Park Series on Wednesdays from June 10th to August 26th hosted by the Arts Board. She apologized for the procedural "ugliness" of the previous week's debates.

Councilor Rohrbach thanked volunteers for the Arts & Pride Festival and encouraged residents to apply for the many boards and commissions.

Deputy City Clerk Boucher reminded that voters may request absentee voter applications through the Clerk's Office or the State of Michigan. Feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 583-0826 with any questions.

City Manager Marsh informed everyone there are six (6) scheduled information meetings in June for the R-4 Neighborhood Road Millage. The City will have a table at the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 13th to provide literature and answer questions regarding the millage. City Manager Marsh addressed a typo in the R-4 Neighborhood Road Millage brochure.

Assistant City Attorney Burns invited the public to the Police Department Open House and the Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 13th from 10 AM – 1 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Mier had no comments this evening.

Councilwoman Aaron reiterated the Summer Concert Series and Art in the Park Series on Wednesdays from June 10th to August 26th hosted by the Arts Board. She announced that July is the National Disability Pride month. Councilwoman Aaron praised her son Jordan and Mayor's daughter Hannah for holding their heads high through the Arts & Pride event controversy.

Mayor Haines delivered a statement addressing the Arts & Pride event controversy and explaining the council's decision to reconsider their original vote based on new information. He emphasized the need for respectful disagreement and inclusion.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Haines adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.