

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 27, 2026

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM at City Hall
- Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Mayor Corey Haines
Mayor Pro Tem William Mier
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilor Laurie Gerald
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilor Quinn Wright

ABSENT

Councilwoman Toya Aaron

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
City Attorney Larry Sherman
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

The invocation was given by Councilman Fleming and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-26-87. Excuse Member.

Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Aaron from tonight's meeting.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Aaron

Motion carried.

CM-26-88. Addition to the Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition to Reports as Item 11B MMRMA Special Counsel recommendation regarding Michael Malczwski.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Aaron

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Director of Public Services Sean Ballantine spoke regarding National Public Works Week from May 17–23, 2026. He honored the memory of Doug Chmiel, a Huntington Woods colleague killed in the line of duty, and highlighted the theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community."

Mayor Haines read the 2026 National Public Works Week Proclamation and the City Council proclaimed May 17 - 23, 2026, as National Public Works Week in the City of Madison Heights. Mayor Haines presented Director of Public Service Sean Ballantine with the proclamation and thanked the Department of Public Services for their service to the city.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Madison Heights; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of the employees of the Madison Heights Department of Public Services, and their counterparts, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, business owners, civic leaders and children in Madison Heights to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their community; and,

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the peoples’ attitude toward and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Madison Heights hereby proclaims the week of

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in the City of Madison Heights, and urges all citizens, civic leaders, and civic organizations to join with the American Public Works Association in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Kathy Sapia opposed the Dartmouth Alley expansion for the proposed Bubba’s 33, citing historical "no" votes and neighborhood safety.

Katherine Chambers requested more trees at Edison Park and "No Parking" signs near her driveway.

Stacy Matthews inquired about traffic and sound studies related to the Dartmouth project.

Ty Dolan, Skynet Innovations, thanked the city for a 12-year IT partnership and pledged a smooth transition to the new vendor.

Martha Covert clarified that the Women’s Club did not vote to cancel the Memorial Day Parade.

Ann Garrison spoke in opposition of flying the LGBTQ flag at City Hall.

Mary Kay Beauregard spoke against the restaurant easement on Dartmouth due to existing congestion.

CM-26-89. Concent Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-90. Proclamation Recognizing Elks USA Youth Week.

Motion to proclaim May 4-10, 2026, as Elks USA Youth Week in the City of Madison Heights and encourages our residents to join in commending the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for their dedication to youth and recognizing the exceptional promise and contributions of our young people.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-91. Drinking Water Week Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our city are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby proclaims May 3-9, 2026, as Drinking Water Week in the City of Madison Heights.

Motion to adopt a proclamation declaring the week of May 3-9, 2026 as Drinking Water Week in the City of Madison Heights and join the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and its members in annually celebrating Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for the community to join together with its skilled water works professionals in recognizing the vital role that clean, abundant, and potable water plays in their daily lives.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-92. Historical Commission Appointment.

Motion to approve the appointment of Vasiliki Harris as a full member to the Historical Commission with a term expiring 2/28/29.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor
Gerals, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-93. Consent to Priority Waste Change of Control.

Motion to consent to the Change of Control as presented by Priority Waste, and authorize
the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor
Gerals, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-94. Ballfield Light Project Change Order 2.

Motion to receive and file the Emergency Purchase for the Ballfield Light Project Change
Order 2 pursuant to Section 2-255 of the Purchasing Ordinance

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor
Gerals, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-95. City Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026.

Motion to approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026, as
printed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor
Gerals, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-96. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026, as
printed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.
Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor
Gerals, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-97. Contract for IT Managed Services with Dewpoint.

Motion to approve the three (3) year agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Dewpoint for Managed IT Support Services.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geraldts, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-98. Ingress/Egress Easement - Bubbas 33 - 611 W. 12 Mile Road.

Motion to approve the Non-Exclusive Ingress/Egress Easement over the 17- foot-wide public alley located between 611 W. 12 Mile Road and Dartmouth Street subject to the provisions of the Easement agreement.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilor Geraldts, Councilor Wright

Voting Nay: Mayor Haines, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Rohrbach

Motion failed.

CM-26-99. MMRMA Special Counsel recommendation regarding Michael Malczwski.

Motion to approve the MMRMA Special Counsel recommendation regarding Michael Malczwski.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geraldts, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-100. Street Right-of-Way Vacation Request PEE # 26-01 - GWK/WRC - Unimproved Rights-of-Way - schedule Public Hearing for May 26, 2026.

City Manager Marsh reviewed Proposed Street Right-of-Way Vacation request PEE 26-01 located within the Red Oaks Golf Course and Schedule Public Hearing for May 26, 2026.

Motion to establish a public hearing date for May 26th, 2026, City Council meeting, after which final action on the vacation request may take place.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Mayor Pro Tem Mier, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Geraldts, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-101. 28220 John R Rd Brownfield Plan - Schedule Public Hearing on May 11, 2026.

City Manager Marsh reviewed Proposed 28220 John R Rd Brownfield Plan and Schedule Public Hearing for May 11, 2026.

Motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the consideration of the Brownfield Plan submitted by 28220 John R LLC at the Regular City Council Meeting of May 11, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Fleming shared a statement regarding anti-semitic vandalism at his house of worship, advocating for inclusion and the "torch of community". He also reported that the Road Commission adjusted light timings at Gardenia and John R at his request.

Councilor Gerald agreed with her colleague regarding Gardenia and John R Road.

Councilor Rohrbach congratulated native garden grant winners and promoted the Plant Native! Workshop on Wednesday, May 6th from 6 – 7 PM at the Active Adult Center.

Deputy City Clerk had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

City Attorney L. Sherman had no comments this evening.

Councilor Wright invited the community to the Paradise Eve Festival on Saturday, May 30th from 5 – 9 PM at the Civic Center Park. He wished everyone a Happy Jewish American Heritage Month and Happy Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month for the month of May. Councilor Wright reminded everyone to be kind.

Mayor Pro Tem Mier noted his attendance at the 41st Oakland County Economic Outlook luncheon with Mayor Corey Haines, City Manager Melissa Marsh, and Finance Director/Treasurer Linda Kunath. and announced Little League Opening Day on May 16th. City Council and City Administration attended the State of the City presented by the Madison Heights/Hazel Park Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the Chinese Community Center in Madison Heights. The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) and partners emphasize local water education, quality protection, and infrastructure maintenance during Drinking Water Week in Michigan for 2026 from May 3rd – 9th. Mayor Pro Tem Mier announced Little League Opening Day is Saturday, May 16th.

Mayor Haines thanked the council for a respectful debate on the night's contentious issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Haines adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.