

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
February 09, 2026

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, February 09, 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
Councilor Quinn Wright

OTHERS PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
Assistant City Attorney Tim Burns
Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

Mayor Pro Tem Mier gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

CM-26-18. Addition to the Agenda.

Motion to add to the agenda under Reports, Recommendation of Special Legal Counsel re: Baha Alhaddad v Madison Heights, et. al.

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, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

2025 Fire Department Awards

Deputy Fire Chief Gilson presented the 2025 Fire Department Awards to the following:

Civilian Citation: Steven Crane, Harley James, and Laura Shultz

Firefighter of the Year: Kristopher Ullman

Distinguished Service Award: Kristopher Ullman and Lucas Smith

Unit Citation: Lt. Damon Brown, Kevin Kelly, Kristopher Ullman, and Jeffrey Badcock

Presentation Thanking Community Partners for Assistance in Finding Lost Child

The Police Chief LeMerise recognized the community and first responders for their efforts in finding the six-year-old non-verbal autistic boy who went missing on February 1, 2026. Nearly 30 agencies assisted in a sub-zero search involving helicopters, drones, and canines. The boy was found safe inside an unlocked home nearby. The homeowner, Mr. Lebron Brinkley, was honored for providing a warm, safe environment for the child until he was discovered.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Tomlison, resident, raised concerns regarding waste management services, specifically noting that Priority Waste trucks were speeding (estimated at over 30 mph) and leaving trash cans in the middle of the road, creating hazards for motorists and difficulty for elderly or disabled residents.

CM-26-19. Consent Agenda.

Chief Haines read the Random Acts of Kindness Proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the initiative started by former Councilwoman Margene Scott.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as read.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-20. Oakland County P25 Simulcast System Interlocal Agreement.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Madison Heights and Oakland County for participation in the Oakland County P25 Simulcast System and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-21. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funded Yard Service-Lawn Service.

Motion to award the CDBG funded yard services/lawn service program contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Zimmerman Lawn & Snow, at a unit price of \$23.00 per lot for the 2026 mowing season, and to authorize the City to proceed to the next lowest responsible bidder beginning with Capital Landscapes at unit pricing of \$25.00 per lot in the unlikely event that the contract with Zimmerman Lawn & Snow is canceled due to non-performance or other issues.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-22. 2026 Random Acts of Kindness Proclamation - Show Us Your Kind.

City Council proclaimed the week of February 15 through February 21, 2026, as Random Acts of Kindness Week. In its 30th consecutive year of celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week, the City will again celebrate the human capacity for kindness. We encourage everyone to show us your kind.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-23. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting minutes of January 26, 2026, as printed.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-24. Library Advisory Board - 2026 Board and Commission Workplan.

Motion to approve the 2026 Library Advisory Board Workplan 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, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-25. Resolution Amending Official Map for Allowed Parcels for Adult Use Marihuana Establishments.

Motion to adopt the resolution to amend the Official Map of allowed parcels for Adult Marihuana establishments as follows:

MADISON HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE OFFICIAL MAP APPROVED & PUBLISHED BY THE CITY
FOR ALLOWED PARCELS FOR ADULT USE MARIHUANA
ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Madison Heights' general police power granted to cities by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Home Rule Act, MCL 117.1 et seq., and by the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018 MCL 333.27951 et seq., as amended, the City has the authority to regulate the location of adult-use marihuana establishments within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and general public, the City Council may determine the appropriateness of parcels in which adult-use marihuana establishments may be located within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-410(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances, the City Council shall approve a published map depicting all individual parcels that are eligible for the location of adult-use marihuana establishments; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and the general public, the City Council has evaluated the appropriateness of locations for adult-use marihuana establishments to be situated within the City; and

WHEREAS, the official map approved and published by the City for allowed parcels for adult-use marihuana establishments must be identical to the official map for medical marihuana facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Heights City Council approves the attached map of "Allowed Parcels For Medical Marihuana Facilities and Adult Use Marihuana Establishments" to serve as the official map published by the City to regulate such locations in accordance with Section 7-410(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances.

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, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-26-26. Resolution Amending Official Map for Allowed Parcels for Medical Marihuana Establishments.

Motion to adopt the resolution to amend the Official Map of allowed parcels for Medical Marihuana establishments as follows:

MADISON HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE OFFICIAL MAP APPROVED & PUBLISHED BY THE CITY
FOR ALLOWED PARCELS FOR MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City of Madison Heights’ general police power granted to cities by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Home Rule Act, MCL 117.1 et seq., and by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA), Public Act 281 of 2016, MCL 333.27101 et seq., as amended, the City has the authority to regulate the location of medical marihuana facilities within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and general public, the City Council may determine the appropriateness of parcels in which medical marihuana facilities may be located within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-310(b) of the City’s Code of Ordinances, the City Council shall approve a published map depicting all individual parcels that are eligible for the location of medical marihuana facilities; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City and the general public, the City Council has evaluated the appropriateness of locations for medical marihuana facilities to be situated within the City; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Heights City Council approves the attached map of “Allowed Parcels For Medical Marihuana Facilities and Adult Use Marihuana Establishments” to serve as the official map published by the City to regulate such locations in accordance with Section 7-310(b) of the City’s Code of Ordinances.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-27. Legal Counsel Recommendation - Pending Litigation: *Baha Alhaddad v City of Madison Heights, et al.*

Adopt recommendation of Special Counsel in the matter of *Baha Alhaddad v. City of Madison Heights, et al.*

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

Voting Yea: Mayor Haines, Councilwoman Aaron, Councilman Fleming, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Mier

Motion carried 6-1.

CM-26-28. Renewal of Towing Contract with Service Towing.

Motion to approve the ten-year renewal of the towing contract with Service Towing and the City of Madison Heights and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the city.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Mayor Haines.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-29. Ordinance No. 2210 - Amendment to Number of Adult Use Marihuana Facility Licenses, First Reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2210, Amendment to Number of Adult Use Marihuana Facility Licenses, on First Reading and schedule the Second Reading for February 23, 2026.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-30. Ordinance No. 2211 - Amendment to Number of Medical Marihuana Facility Licenses, First Reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2211, Amendment to the Number of Medical Marihuana Facility Licenses, on First Reading and schedule the Second Reading for February 23, 2026.

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

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-31. Ordinance No. 2209 - Amendment to Adult Use Marihuana Facilities Hours of Operation, First Reading.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2209, Amendment to Adult Use Marihuana Facilities Hours of Operation, on First Reading and schedule the Second Reading for February 23, 2026.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-32. Ordinance No. 2212 - Amendment to Medical Marijuana Facilities Hours of Operation, First Reading

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2212, Amendment to Medical Marijuana Facilities Hours of Operation, on First Reading and schedule the Second Reading for February 23, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Mayor Haines.

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

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Aaron expressed appreciation for the Fire Department awardees and shared neighbor concerns regarding trash collection timing during school dismissal, which is complicated by snowbanks and parked cars. She praised the community response in finding a missing child and announced the library's National Nutrition Month speaker series scheduled for March.

Mayor Pro Tem Mier congratulated the award recipients and suggested combining Historical Commission and Library events to increase engagement. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Random Acts of Kindness week, emphasizing that small gestures create an endless ripple of positive impact.

Councilor Wright honored Black History Month and requested that the community respect the privacy of the recently rescued child's family. He highlighted the compassion shown by the homeowner's dog during the rescue and announced an adaptive game night for the ADA community on March 25th, as well as a community gathering on February 25th.

Assistant City Attorney Burns expanded on the background of one of the evening's firefighter awards, noting that a call originally dispatched as a medical emergency evolved into a high-risk domestic violence situation on an eight-story building. He highlighted the extreme danger faced by the first responders, revealing that an individual attempting to jump nearly pulled a firefighter over the railing with him. Attorney Burns expressed deep humility and appreciation for the fire department, emphasizing that these professionals often encounter life-or-death scenarios that go far beyond their initial dispatch.

City Manager Marsh announced several city-led activities for Random Acts of Kindness Week, including a resident "kindness bingo," a gratitude chain at City Hall, and a social media video to spread the initiative started by Margene Scott. She also reported on the "Have a Heart" animal shelter fundraiser held at the Coach, which raised over \$3,000. Marsh specifically thanked organizer Ricky Bustler and the restaurant owners, who increased their planned 10% donation to support the shelter.

City Clerk Rottmann reminded residents that the Council would be making appointments to citizen boards and commissions at the following meeting. She encouraged interested community members to review the various board descriptions and apply on the city's website, noting that submissions must be received by the upcoming Friday to be included in the Council's review packet.

Councilor Rohrbach celebrated Black History Month and shared information regarding the Environmental Citizens Committee (ECC) native garden grant, which is open for applications until April 1st. She provided a personal account of the community-wide search for a missing child, praising the empathy and immediate action taken by residents.

Councilor Gerald highlighted the Underground Railroad display at the library and the ongoing coffee concerts hosted by the Recreation Department. She praised the library and recreation staff for creating a "great heart" for the community through unique programming.

Councilman Fleming thanked responders and residents for their efforts in the missing child search. He expressed a desire to work with the new Priority Waste CEO to address service concerns and acknowledged the successful animal shelter fundraiser at The Coach.

Mayor Corey Haines congratulated the police and fire departments for their coordination during recent emergencies and thanked Service Towing for their reliable partnership. He noted upcoming Asian Lunar New Year celebrations, specifically the Year of the Horse, and extended gratitude to Ricky Bustler for his tireless work on the animal shelter fundraiser. Finally, he addressed technological upgrades at Priority Waste aimed at improving accountability.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Mayor Haines adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.