

City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
January 27, 2025

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:30 PM at City Hall
- Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein
Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilman William Mier
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilman David Soltis
Councilor Quinn Wright

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Melissa Marsh
City Attorney Larry Sherman
Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Cheryl Rottmann

Councilman Soltis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Natalia (last name not given), resident, spoke in opposition to ICE raids. She is concerned about how Madison Heights will address this if these raids come to us, specifically in the schools. She spoke to the 14th amendment and of the right to due process.

CM-25-07. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-25-08. Proclamation Celebrating the 2025 Lunar New Year.

City Council proclaimed and recognized the 2025 celebration of the Asian Lunar New Year which will usher in the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, resilience, and transformation in many Asian cultures. City Council encourages all residents to celebrate the rich diversity, traditions, and cultural significance of the Lunar New Year and celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans to the success and vitality of our city.

CM-25-09. Proclamation for Black History Month 2025.

City Council proclaimed February 2025 as Black History Month in the City and call upon all residents to reflect upon the rich history and contributions of Black Americans, to participate in local initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, and to explore opportunities for involvement with committees, boards, and commissions that are essential to shaping the future of our city.

CM-25-10. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2025.

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2025, as printed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Seconded by Councilman Mier.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

CM-25-11. Amendments to FY 2024-25 Budget.

Motion to approve the attached budget amendments to the FY 2024-25 Budget and appropriate the necessary funds.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Voting Yea: Mayor Grafstein, Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Soltis, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Mier thanked Council for recognizing Black History Month, the Lunar New Year and Holocaust Memorial Day. He commented that he attended the Library Advisory Board meeting and there are a lot of events going on at the library, so check them out and participate. There are also many events through the Recreation Department and the Active Adult Center to participate in.

Mayor Pro Tem Bliss noted that the Historical Commission is kicking off the City's 70th anniversary with the *Moments that Made Us* - ten moments in the City's history that made us the city we are today. To highlight this, there will be an Open House at the Heritage Rooms with special guests who played a role in shaping our community. These will be on the 2nd Saturdays of March, June, September and December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Arts Board is working hard to bring a summer of music to Madison Heights. In celebration of our 70th Anniversary, each musical event will begin with a song from the year Madison Heights was formed. There will be four summer concerts dates: July 9th, July 23rd, August 13th and August 27th, followed by *Trail Tunes* on September 6th. There are lots of activities for the community to engage in.

Councilor Wright announced *Revin' in the Heights* will be on September 13th. He expressed thanks to the young lady who came out tonight and for speaking her truth, noting that it is hard to come and speak in front of people. There are a lot of folks who do not know how to feel right now, some are scared, and we need to be kind, show grace, and give people room. Days like today, when we have Holocaust Remembrance Day as well as a month celebrating Black History allows us to understand history so we can move forward. He

announced that he will be holding office hours on February 15th at Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so please feel free to join him or send comments or concerns to quinnwright@madison-heights.org. Remember to be kind and celebrate each other.

City Attorney Sherman expressed congratulations to Tina Karanfile on her retirement from the 43rd District Court, noting she will be missed by everyone at the court.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Rottmann had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach acknowledged the resident speaker, stating we appreciate your views, and they reflect a lot of those in the city. The diversity in this city is what makes it a special place to live. It is important that we take care of each other and acknowledge the goodness that people bring to our community. We are better when we come together and acknowledge and celebrate each other. Freedom that doesn't extend to everyone is not freedom; it is a privilege. As we are celebrating Asian Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the persecution of anyone is not acceptable or right.

Councilman Fleming noted that Lao Pot will be having Lunar New Year Festival Parade on February 12th at 5:30 p.m. and he hopes all can come out a support the event. February 2nd is Ground Hog's Day, and he is hoping Spring is coming soon. He read a statement noting that today is the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps. The word holocaust is a word that is used for this one single event in world history. It is antisemitic to participate in the "oppression olympics" and to make comparisons to the holocaust. It is also antisemitic to use the holocaust name in another situation in life. Using another version of the holocaust is diminishing the importance of the holocaust to its victims. In today's society, we want to make sure we are sensitive to others; we want to use nice words, that sound non-violent in nature, such as "parish" or "loss of lives" but this waters down and sanitizes the brutality of the holocaust and diminishes the facts. During the holocaust, Jews and others were oppressed, persecuted and murdered. The holocaust should also never be used for political talking points. And finally, we should not perform performative actions today and tomorrow minimize the oppression that has been ongoing against Jews today.

Councilman Soltis had no comments this evening.

Mayor Grafstein thanked Natalia from speaking today and stated that she understands where she is coming from. She commented that the City is not changing any policy and does not have jurisdiction over immigration law and that is outside the authority of our police. With respect to today being the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, she noted that her great uncle and his family were butchered there simply because they were Jewish. We need to remember this. There is a lot of good and a lot of bad going on in the world and there has been one holocaust. She spoke of her experience with visiting a concentration camp and the horrors that were experienced there. It is the Lunar New Year coming up, the Year of the Snake. The next City Council meeting is February 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Grafstein adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor

Cheryl E. Rottmann, City Clerk

**CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS
AMENDED BUDGET
FY 2024-25**

	FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget	FY 2023-24 Carryforward	Prior Approved Amendments	1/27/2025 Amendments	FY 2024-25 Amended Budget
General Fund (101)					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Property Taxes	\$ 26,125,670	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,125,670
Business Licenses/Permits	553,423	-	-	50,000	603,423
Non-Business License/Permits	662,500	-	-	-	662,500
Federal Shared Revenues	125,382	-	600,000	-	725,382
State Shared Revenues	7,176,824	-	500,000	(727,918)	6,948,906
Other Governmental Revenues	294,836	-	-	-	294,836
County Shared Revenues	38,186	-	-	22,500	60,686
SMART Shared Revenues	70,019	-	-	-	70,019
Court Revenues	1,743,000	-	-	-	1,743,000
Charges for Services	260,430	-	-	-	260,430
Sales - Miscellaneous	6,450	-	-	-	6,450
Recreation Program Revenues	289,000	-	-	-	289,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,112,101	-	-	601,262	2,713,363
Sale of Fixed Assets	97,000	-	-	-	97,000
Departmental Charges	821,480	-	-	-	821,480
Transfers	2,275,395	-	-	(1,618,123)	657,272
(Contr. To)/Use of Fund Balance	-	2,370,571	16,983	2,047,128	4,434,682
Total Revenues	\$ 42,651,696	\$ 2,370,571	\$ 1,116,983	\$ 374,849	\$ 46,514,099
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Mayor & Council	\$ 61,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,875
City Manager	413,338	-	-	-	413,338
Finance	916,912	-	-	-	916,912
City Clerk	448,646	-	-	-	448,646
Information Technology	539,590	96,000	16,983	46,864	699,437
Insurance	281,500	-	-	-	281,500
Board of Review	3,043	-	-	-	3,043
General Administration	605,116	26,700	-	109,151	740,967
Assessing	245,242	-	-	-	245,242
Election	139,284	10,000	-	18,000	167,284
DPS-Municipal Building	186,662	-	500,000	-	686,662
Legal	375,000	-	-	-	375,000
DPS-Custodial & Maintenance	194,488	-	-	-	194,488
Human Resources	533,225	-	-	-	533,225
District Court	1,741,108	44,680	-	-	1,785,788
Police	14,416,351	502,000	500,000	(420,880)	14,997,471
Fire	10,206,231	157,369	-	41,435	10,405,035
DPS-Streets	1,348,722	243,747	-	44,262	1,636,731
DPS-Solid Waste	4,368,731	150,000	-	297,000	4,815,731
Community Development	1,259,906	15,775	100,000	-	1,375,681
DPS-Recreation	396,436	-	-	-	396,436
DPS-Parks	986,164	1,064,300	-	239,017	2,289,481
DPS-Nature Center	-	-	-	-	0
DPS-Active Adult Center	476,226	50,000	-	-	526,226
Library	997,292	10,000	-	-	1,007,292
Pension Obligation Debt Services	1,028,108	-	-	-	1,028,108
Transfer Out	482,500	-	-	-	482,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 42,651,696	\$ 2,370,571	\$ 1,116,983	\$ 374,849	\$ 46,514,099

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	FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget	FY 2023-24 Carryforward	Prior Approved Amendments	1/27/2025 Amendments	FY 2024-25 Amended Budget
<u>Major Streets (202)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
State Shared Revenues	\$ 2,596,466	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,596,466
County Shared Revenues	85,391	-	-	-	85,391
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Years Fund Balance	(590,848)	992,508	-	-	401,660
Total Revenues	\$ 2,091,009	\$ 992,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,083,517
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Construction	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 992,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,417,508
Maintenance	149,954	-	-	-	149,954
Traffic Services	201,521	-	-	-	201,521
Winter Maintenance	204,945	-	-	-	204,945
Administration	11,910	-	-	-	11,910
County Roads	97,679	-	-	-	97,679
Transfers	-	-	-	-	0
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,091,009	\$ 992,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,083,517
<u>Local Streets (203)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Property Taxes	\$ 2,028,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,028,464
State Shared Revenues	1,203,720	-	-	-	1,203,720
County Shared Revenues	0	-	-	-	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Transfers In	0	-	-	-	0
Prior Years Fund Balance	(750,914)	-	-	-	(750,914)
Total Revenues	\$ 2,486,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,486,270
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Construction	\$ 1,938,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,938,000
Maintenance	319,268	-	-	-	319,268
Traffic Services	157,821	-	-	-	157,821
Winter Maintenance	60,020	-	-	-	60,020
Administration	11,161	-	-	-	11,161
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,486,270	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,486,270

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<u>Parks Maintenance & Improvement Fund (208)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Miscellaneous	\$ 45,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,544
Prior Years Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 45,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,544
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Parks Maintenance & Improvement	\$ 45,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,544
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 45,544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,544
<u>Downtown Development Authority (248)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Property Taxes	\$ 239,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,521
State Shared Revenues	40,249	-	-	-	40,249
County Shared Revenues	-	-	313,982	-	313,982
Miscellaneous Revenue	250	-	-	-	250
Prior Years Fund Balance	290,954	-	-	470,972	761,926
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 570,974	\$ -	\$ 313,982	\$ 470,972	\$ 1,355,928
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Downtown Development	\$ 88,246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 470,972	\$ 559,218
Capital Outlay	455,000	-	313,982	-	768,982
Transfers	27,728	-	-	-	27,728
Total Expenditures	\$ 570,974	\$ -	\$ 313,982	\$ 470,972	\$ 1,355,928
<u>Drug Forfeiture Fund (265)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Other Governmental Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenue	250	-	-	-	250
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Years Fund Balance	39,500	41,879	-	-	81,379
Total Revenues	\$ 39,750	\$ 41,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,629
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Vehicle - State, Patrol Vehicles	\$ 39,750	\$ 41,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,629
Total Expenditures	\$ 39,750	\$ 41,879	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81,629

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<u>Community Improvement Fund (276)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Federal Shared Revenues	\$ 148,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,924
Prior Years Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 148,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,924
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Community Development	\$ 148,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,924
Total Expenditures	\$ 148,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,924
<u>Special Assessment Revolving (297)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Total Revenues	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Construction	\$ 27,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,500
Transfers Out	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
<u>Municipal Building Bond (370)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Transfers In	\$ 482,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,500
Total Revenues	\$ 482,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,500
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Debt Service	\$ 482,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,500
Total Expenditures	\$ 482,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 482,500

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<u>Water & Sewer Fund (592)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Sales of Water	\$ 5,569,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,569,911
Sales of Sewer	7,517,799	-	-	-	7,517,799
Charges for Services	45,000	-	-	-	45,000
Miscellaneous	143,800	-	-	-	143,800
Sale of Fixed Assets	12,000	-	-	-	12,000
Department Charges	115,000	-	-	-	115,000
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Years Fund Balance	286,744	125,000	32,718	-	444,462
Total Revenues	\$ 13,690,254	\$ 125,000	\$ 32,718	\$ -	\$ 13,847,972
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Sewage Disposal	\$ 4,758,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,758,894
Water Purchased	2,887,346	-	-	-	2,887,346
Water System Maintenance	933,311	-	-	-	933,311
Water Tapping & Installation	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Sewer System Maintenance	675,907	-	-	-	675,907
General Service Building	201,799	-	-	-	201,799
General Administration	1,586,830	-	-	-	1,586,830
Capital Outlay	2,444,405	125,000	32,718	-	2,602,123
Debt Administration	151,762	-	-	-	151,762
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,690,254	\$ 125,000	\$ 32,718	\$ -	\$ 13,847,972
<u>Department of Public Services (650)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Contributions - General Fund	\$ 791,856	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 791,856
Contributions - Major Streets	108,389	-	-	-	108,389
Contributions - Local Streets	173,312	-	-	-	173,312
Contributions - Water/Sewer	1,434,576	-	-	-	1,434,576
Prior Years Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 2,508,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,508,133
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Department of Public Services	\$ 2,508,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,508,133
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,508,133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,508,133

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<u>Motor Pool and Equipment Fund (661)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Contributions - General Fund	\$ 1,092,546	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,092,546
Contributions - Water/Sewer	127,896	-	-	-	127,896
Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 1,220,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220,442
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Motorpool	\$ 1,220,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220,442
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,220,442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220,442
<u>Chapter 20 Drain Debt Service Fund (870)</u>					
<u>Revenues</u>					
Property Taxes	\$ 223,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,440
Total Revenues	\$ 223,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,440
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Services and Charges	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000
Debt Service	73,440	-	-	-	73,440
Total Expenditures	\$ 223,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,440
Total Other Funds	\$ 23,507,240	\$ 1,159,387	\$ 346,700	\$ 470,972	\$ 25,484,299
Total General and Other Funds	\$ 66,158,936	\$ 3,529,958	\$ 1,463,683	\$ 845,821	\$ 71,998,398

EXHIBIT A
City of Madison Heights
Explanation of Amendments for FY 2024-25

General Fund Revenues (101)	Explanation	Amount	Account Number
Non-Business Licenses	Construction Permits	\$ 50,000	101-017-476-4771
Sales Tax Constitutional	Funding estimate decrease	(727,918)	101-023-574-5752
County Grant	Oakland County Parks & Rec, Civic Center Basketball Court	22,500	101-025-588-1000
Interest Earned	Projected Market Value Change	400,000	101-044-665-5000
Donations/Private Contributions	Elections - More Responsive Government Grant	18,000	101-044-674-0000
Donations/Private Contributions	Landscaping Work 14 Mile & John R, Donation	33,262	101-044-674-0000
Donations/Private Contributions	Jax Donation	150,000	101-044-674-0000
Transfer in OPEB Trust	Correct net funding amount	(1,618,123)	101-048-699-0730
Prior Years Fund Balance	Use of Fund Balance	2,047,128	101-053-692-6970
Total General Fund Revenues		<u>\$ 374,849</u>	

General Fund Expenditures (101)	Explanation	Amount	Account Number
Information Technology - Contractual Services	Contractual - IT vendor contract	37,648	101-228-818-0000
Information Technology - Computer Services	DUO Fobs annual contract	9,216	101-228-818-3000
General Administration - Retiree Hospitalization	Medicare Advantage increased projection	109,151	101-248-710-3002
Elections - Part Time and Seasonal	Elections - More Responsive Government Grant	16,000	101-262-707-0000
Elections - Forms and Printing	Elections - More Responsive Government Grant	2,000	101-262-729-0000
Police - Police and Fire Retirement	Pension Contribution to Match Millage	(324,786)	101-301-710-0009
Police - Vehicles	Reduce to Anticipated Purchase Cost	(96,094)	101-301-985-0000
Fire - Wages	Eliminate EMT positions	(252,646)	101-336-706-0000
Fire - Police and Fire Retirement	Pension Contribution to Match Millage	(255,919)	101-336-710-0009
Fire - Vehicles	FY 23-24 Carryforward Quint phase-funding	750,000	101-336-985-0000
Fire - Improvements	Delay Phase-Funding Roof Replacement	(200,000)	101-336-987-0000
Streets - Detroit Edison	Streetlight cost increase	11,000	101-446-920-0000
Streets - Improvements	Landscaping Work 14 Mile & John R, Donation	33,262	101-446-987-0000
Solid Waste - Vehicles	FY 23-24 Carryforward Street Sweeper phase-funding	297,000	101-528-985-0000
Parks - Improvements	FY 23-24 Carryforward Bandshell Project	202,810	101-752-987-0000
Parks - Improvements	Civic Center Basketball Court and Oakland County Grant	36,207	101-752-987-0000
Total General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$ 374,849</u>	

DDA Fund Revenues (248)	Explanation	Amount	Account Number
DDA - Use of Fund Balance	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 470,972	248-053-692-6970
Total DDA Fund Revenues		<u>\$ 470,972</u>	

DDA Fund Expenditures (248)	Explanation	Amount	Account Number
DDA - Contractual Services	11 Mile Streetscape Project	\$ 470,972	248-863-818-0000
Total DDA Fund Expenditures		<u>\$ 470,972</u>	

Total Exhibit A Budget Amendments \$ 845,821