City Council Regular Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
October 12, 2026

A City Council Regular Meeting was held on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Mayor Corey Haines
Mayor Pro Tem William Mier
Councilwoman Toya Aaron
Councilor Laurie Geralds
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilor Quinn Wright

ABSENT
Councilman Sean Fleming

ALSO PRESENT
Attorney Larry Sherman
City Manager Melissa Marsh
City Clerk Mary Daley

CM-26-216. Excuse Absent Members

Motion to excuse Councilman Fleming from tonight's meeting.

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

INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - COUNCILOR WRIGHT

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

CM-26-217. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as written.

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

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

1. **Barbara Lewis**, resident, requested city assistance regarding Amazon commercial delivery drones operating overhead seven days a week at all hours. She stated that constant drone flights in what was previously a non-commercial air zone negatively impact residents' property enjoyment and peace.

2. **Melanie Klouse**, resident, spoke regarding automated license plate reader (ALPR) / Flock surveillance cameras operating in Madison Heights. While acknowledging that the City has canceled its own Flock contract, she raised concerns regarding remaining cameras controlled by outside entities, such as the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, highlighting camera placements near public areas including Red Oaks Golf Course, dog park, water park, and nature center. She questioned whether individual criminal incidents justify broad surveillance of park visitors, submitted a list of written questions to Council, and requested Council support in identifying and removing remaining ALPR cameras.

3. **City Clerk Mary Daley** noted that email correspondence was received from resident **Kevin Trabucci** which was distributed to Mayor and Council prior to the meeting and made part of the official record.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-26-218. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

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

Absent: Councilor Fleming

Motion carried.

CM-26-218. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026

Motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2026 as written.

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

Absent: Councilor Fleming

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

CM 26-219. Ordinance 2215 - Rezoning Request PRZN 26-02 - City initiated rezoning of 27431 Hales Street from R-3 to N-P - Second Reading

Motion to approve Ordinance 2215, Rezoning Request PRZN 26-02 - City initiated rezoning of 27431 Hales Street from R-3 to N-P upon second reading.

During discussion, City Manager Marsh explained that the property is owned by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The site previously housed an airplane beacon that has been out of commission for a very long time. Over the past year, the FAA remediated the site, removed the small structure, conducted a survey, and agreed to sell the land to the City at the survey price. City Manager Marsh noted that the FAA explicitly required the parcel to be officially rezoned to Natural Preservation (NP) as a condition of selling it directly to the City and that if Council did not approve the rezoning, the FAA would instead put the property up for public auction which is undesirable for the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 2215

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 2198, BEING AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING AND ADOPTING A NEW ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CONTAINED WITHIN APPENDIX A.

THE CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Madison Heights shall be amended so that the zoning on the following described property, to-wit:

> **T1N, R11E, SEC 13, PART OF SE 1/4 BEG AT PT DIST S 87-55-00 E 167.77 FT & N 00-16-38 E 1331.08 FT & E 211.45 FT FROM S 1/4 COR, TH N 249.25 FT, TH E 245.35 FT, TH S 16 FT, TH E 62 FT, TH S 233.25 FT, TH W 307.35 FT TO BEG 1.74 A**
> ***PIN 44-25-13-401-021 – 27431 HALES STREET***

Shall be changed from R-3, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, to N-P, NATURAL PRESERVATION AND RECREATION.

SECTION 2. 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. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

Motion made by Councilor Rohrbach, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

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

Absent: Councilor Fleming

Motion carried.

CM 26-220. Cryptocurrency Kiosk Ordinance #2217

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2217, Cryptocurrency Kiosk Ordinance, on First 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.

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

Absent: Councilor Fleming

Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- **Councilor Laurie Geralds:** Expressed disappointment in having to miss this year's Harvest Festival, noting she heard it was a great event and looks forward to attending next year. She also thanked Mayor Corey Haines for welcoming the Southeastern District of Women's Clubs at their Saturday meeting.
- **Councilor Emily Rohrbach:** Addressed resident public comments regarding Amazon delivery drones, clarifying that jurisdiction lies with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rather than the city, though she shares resident concerns. She thanked residents for speaking about Flock automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras, clarifying that the remaining local cameras belong to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, where discussions regarding their removal are ongoing. She also expressed regret for missing the Harvest Festival and encouraged voters to submit absentee ballots early or take advantage of upcoming early in-person voting.
- **City Clerk Mary Daley:** Provided election administration updates, encouraging voters with absentee ballots to use secure city drop boxes or deliver them to City Hall. She announced 9 days of early in-person voting from Saturday, October 24 through Sunday, November 1 at the Royal Oak Senior Center (3500 Marais Ave), running daily from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (except Thursday, October 29, when hours are 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM).

- **City Manager Melissa Marsh:** Confirmed that Amazon delivery drones fall under the exclusive legal authority of the FAA governing U.S. airspace. She provided Amazon's customer complaint line (**1-888-280-4431**) for residents encountering drone issues, noting the information is posted on the city website.
- **City Attorney Larry Sherman:** Stated he had no comments for the evening.
- **Councilor Quinn Wright:** Shared reflections from attending the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Conference, where local officials discussed artificial intelligence (AI) governance, Flock cameras, data centers, and Amazon drones as shared regional challenges. He emphasized upholding human dignity during National Bullying Prevention Month / Cyberbullying Prevention Month, warned residents about automated "bots" in online community forums, and suggested that reducing consumer demand for drone delivery services could help curb drone flights.
- **Mayor Pro Tem William Mier:** Commented on the value of the MML Conference, noted the unseasonably warm 80-degree weather on October 12th, and shared that he enjoyed attending the Harvest Festival with his wife and dog. He also announced the upcoming October 30th grand opening of Oakland County's renovated Red Oaks Park.
- **Councilwoman Toya Aaron:** Reflected on Worldwide Mental Health Day (observed October 10th) and MML conference sessions addressing the mental health pressures, public harassment, and stress experienced by local elected officials and their families. She noted that peer communities face similar debates over Flock cameras and drones and encouraged everyone—including students—to take necessary time out to breathe, recharge, and refocus.
- **Mayor Corey Haines:** Commended the MML Conference for fostering collaboration among municipal leaders across Michigan. On Flock cameras, he confirmed remaining units belong to Oakland County and noted the Oakland County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Thursday at 6:00 PM in Pontiac, where residents could offer public comment. He noted City Manager Marsh would review written questions submitted by resident Melanie Clouse. On drones, he reiterated FAA jurisdiction while confirming ongoing city advocacy. Finally, he celebrated the Harvest Festival turnout at Rosie's Park, where staff handed out nearly 250 trick-or-treat bags.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Haines adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Corey K. Haines, Mayor Mary Daley, City Clerk