

City Council Special Workshop Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
June 05, 2026

A City Council Special Workshop Meeting was held on Friday, June 05, 2026, at 2:00 PM at City Hall - Council Chambers, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Sean Fleming

ALSO PRESENT

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

CM-26-134. Excuse Member.

Motion to Excuse Councilman Fleming from tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Wright.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-135. 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, Councilor Gerald, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilor Wright

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Merri Busch, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Erin Baker, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Allison McKay, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Robert Young, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Jennifer Nagle, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Sandy Young, resident, spoke in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program.

Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher read into record an email from Katie Chase, in favor of the Drag Queen Story Time program, which was made part of the official meeting record.

CM-26-136. Reconsideration - Arts Board/HREC - Arts & Pride Event.

Motion for reconsideration of the action to disapprove and prohibit the proposed Drag Queen Story Time program at the Arts & Pride Event.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

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

Motion carried.

CM-26-137. Arts Board/HREC - Arts & Pride Event.

Motion to approve the Drag Queen Story Time programming held in the Jaycee Building, as part of the Arts & Pride Event.

Motion made by Councilwoman Aaron, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Aaron congratulated the Class of 2026.

Mayor Pro Tem Mier expressed his support for the Madison Heights community and the performance scheduled in the Jaycee Building.

Councilor Wright invited the public to the Arts & Pride festival on Sunday, June 9th from 1 – 5 PM and thanked the council for being open to consideration.

Assistant City Attorney Burns had no comments this evening.

City Manager Marsh had no comments this evening.

Deputy City Clerk Boucher had no comments this evening.

Councilor Rohrbach thanked the community for their advocacy and authentic voices, encouraging residents to volunteer for city boards and commissions.

Councilor Geralds noted that the council learned a “hard lesson” regarding communication and expressed excitement for the upcoming festival.

Mayor Haines apologized for the hurt caused by the earlier decision. He thanked city staff and commissions for finding common ground and emphasized that the city has no tolerance for hate.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Mayor Haines adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Corey K. Haines, Mayor

Phommady A. Boucher, Deputy City Clerk