



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Monday, August 25, 2025

4:30 PM

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### Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm. Alder Govindarajan joined after roll call.

**Present:** 7 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Sabrina V. Madison; MGR Govindarajan; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Michael E. Verveer and Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

### Public Comment

1. [89652](#) PUBLIC COMMENT

There was written comment on agenda items #2 and #8. There were 2 registrants. 1 registrant wishing to speak on item #2, and 1 registrant available to answer questions on item #5.

### Disclosures and Recusals

Alder Verveer noted a disclosure on agenda item 8, file 89347, as a non-voting ex officio member of the Downtown Madison Incorporated Board of Directors.

### Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Agenda items 2-3, and 6-14 were adopted as part of the consent agenda.

### Items to be Considered

2. [89254](#) Amending Sections 4.095, 10.05, 10.055, 10.08, 10.101, 23.24 and 1.08(3)(a) and Creating Section 10.105 of the Madison General Ordinances to enhance the City's street tree protection provisions and to establish a Street Tree Replacement Fund.

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Alder Figueroa Cole voted "no" on the item.

3. [89377](#) Authorizing the settlement and payment of a tax refund for tax year 2023 for 1255 Fourier LLC v. City of Madison, Dane County Circuit Court Case

number 2024CV001488. Authorizing entry into settlement agreement and approving payment of approximately \$76,036.22 from City resources to effectuate the settlement, \$30,360.03 represents the City's approximate portion of the settlement. (District 9)

**A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4.     [89270](#)     Approving Plans and Specifications for the Site Restoration of 114 E Wilson St (Former Government East Ramp). (District 4)  
  
          **A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
5.     [89324](#)     Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an amendment to the Breese Stevens Stadium Use and Operating Agreement with Big Top Events LLC to update the limitations on alcohol sales at Stadium Events. (District 6)  
  
          **A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
6.     [89619](#)     Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Mendota Yacht Club for the use and closure of the Marshall Park boat launch and surrounding area from September 17, 2025 through September 20, 2025. (District 19)
7.     [89338](#)     Approving the fabrication, installation, and locations of a visual land acknowledgement by James Terry and two murals by Rodrigo Carapia and Issis Macias, at the Madison Public Market and authorizing the Planning Division Director to sign any necessary contracts, agreements, and other documents to implement the project (District 12).  
  
          **A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
8.     [89347](#)     Authorizing execution of a sole source \$150,000 contract with Downtown Madison Inc. for the preparation of a Downtown Economic Investment Strategy (District 2, District 4, District 6, District 8, and District 13).  
  
          **A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
9.     [89354](#)     Accepting the Economic Development Division's "2025 Small Business Assistance Policy Paper" as the basis for structuring and conducting a Request for Proposals (RFP) process and authorizing the Community and Economic Development Divisions to undertake this process and recommend, for approval by the Common Council, a funding allocation plan regarding awards and contracts that will take effect on or after January 1, 2026 (Citywide).

**A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

10.     [89355](#)     Amending the capital improvement projects identified in the Hawthorne-Truax Neighborhood Plan, previously approved by Common Council via RES-24-00690 (Legistar #85812), to redirect Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from lighting improvements to the creation of an art mural at Hawthorne Elementary School (District 12).
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
11.     [89356](#)     Authorizing a loan of up to \$43,000 to Solace Friends, Inc. from the Community Facilities Loan Program to help finance exterior improvements to its facility located at 4142 Monona Drive, Madison WI, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement for that purpose (District 15).
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
12.     [89378](#)     Authorizing the allocation of up to \$2,000,000 of City Affordable Housing Funds to help the Madison Revitalization and Community Development Corporation (MRCDC) finance the rehabilitation and preservation of seven (7) units of rental housing and common area improvements at separate scattered site properties, and the Community Development Authority (CDA) finance the rehabilitation and preservation of eleven (11) units of rental housing at Monona Shores Apartments, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into Loan Agreements. (District 5, District 10, District 11, District 14, District 16)
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
13.     [89266](#)     Amending the 2025 Adopted Engineering-Bicycle & Pedestrian Capital Budget and awarding Public Works Contract 8739, Tancho Dr Bike Path & Northeast Pond Repair. (District 17)
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
14.     [89336](#)     Amending the Parks Divisions 2025 Adopted Capital Budget using Golf Revenue Reserves for the purchase of specialized turf management equipment for the City of Madison Golf Courses. (District 11, District 13, District 15, and District 16)
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Evers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Discussion Items**

15.     [89653](#)           Overview of 2026 Operating Budget Requests and Budget Process
- Staff presented an overview of the 2026 operating budget requests, timeline for 2026 budget deliberations, and legislative process for amendments. Alders asked questions and discussed the process with staff.
16.     [89654](#)           Discussion of 2026 Budget Deliberation Meeting Format
- Committee members discussed the format for the September 29 and October 27 Finance Committee meetings, when there will be deliberations on budget amendments. They decided to meet in a hybrid format for those dates.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Govindarajan, seconded by Evers, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.