



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?*

Monday, July 27, 2026

4:30 PM

VIRTUAL

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm.

Present: 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Tag Evers; Regina M. Vidaver; Badri Lankella; Sean O'Brien; Michael E. Verveer and Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

Public Comment

1. [94112](#) Public Comment

There was a written comments on agenda item #1. Comments are attached.

There were 41 registrants on agenda item #1, 4 available for questions, 17 wishing to speak, 20 not wishing to speak.

There was 1 registrant on agenda item #8 available for questions.

There was 1 registrant on agenda item #9 available for questions.

There were 2 registrants on agenda item #18, 1 wishing to speak, 1 not wishing to speak.

At the beginning of the meeting, there was a motion by Madison, seconded by Vidaver, to table the public comment item until the end of the agenda to allow additional time for registrants to join the meeting. After discussion of the last item at 6:25pm, there was a motion by Madison, seconded by Vidaver, to take the public comment item off the table. At that time, there were no registrants present at the meeting to speak. After the meeting, it was discovered that some registrants did not receive instructions on how to join the meeting due to a technical issue. The technical issue is being corrected for future meetings.

Disclosures and Recusals

There were no disclosures or recusals.

Consent Agenda

Agenda items 5-12, 14-15 and 17 were adopted as part of the consent agenda.

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

Items to be Considered

2. [94051](#) Submitting the appointment of David Schmiedicke for confirmation of a five-year term as Finance Director.

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

3. [94053](#) Submitting the appointment of Christine Knapp for confirmation of a five-year term as Water Utility General Manager.

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

4. [93925](#) Submitting the appointment of Charles J. Romines for confirmation of a five-year term as Director of Public Works.

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

5. [93643](#) Authorization to Enter a Sole Source Intergovernmental Agreement with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellows Program (2026 C RES-001)

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

6. [94052](#) Authorizing a noncompetitive contract with Arch Solar C&I to remove hail damaged solar modules and install new modules at the Madison Public Market (District 12)

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

7. [93982](#) Authorizing a noncompetitive contract with Strand Associates, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Reservoirs 126 and 225 Recoating and Maintenance project (Districts 1 and District 3).

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

8. [94044](#) Approving the design of a site-specific public artwork for the South Point Public Works Facility (402 S Point Road) and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a competitively selected agreement with The Milligan Studio, LLC. for fabrication, delivery, and installation. (District 1)

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

9. [94047](#) Approving the design for the State Street Campus Garage/Hawthorne Court Percent for Art Project, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an

agreement with StudioKCA, LLC for design, fabrication, delivery and installation of a site-specific public art feature, and dissolving the State Street Campus Garage/Hawthorne Court Public Art Ad-Hoc Committee. (District 2)

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

10. [93940](#)

Authorizing the acceptance of a grant for \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Community Development Investment Grant program, and authorizing contracts with WEDC and the MTZ Charitable Organization, Inc. for the use of the funds and amending the 2026 Adopted Operating Budget for Economic Development Division-Office of Business Resources' purchased services. (District 14)

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

11. [93983](#)

Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, accept a grant of up to \$1,505,000 from Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for acquisition of park land acquired from Madison Crushing & Excavating, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Dane County to accept the grant award.

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

12. [93842](#)

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept, if awarded, a private grant of up to \$10,000 from the Alliant Energy Foundation, and authorizing the Water Utility General Manager to enter into a grant agreement and sign related document(s) authorizing acceptance of the grant and amend the 2026 Adopted Capital Budget to appropriate the grant revenue and expenses, up to \$10,000, for the Water Utility Water on Wheels (WU-WOW).

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

13. [93941](#)

Approving a Revised Rate for the 2026 Resource Recovery Special Charge and Amending the 2026 Streets Division Operating Budget

A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Vidaver, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

14. [94045](#)

Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of up to \$10,369,862 Subordinate Water Utility Revenue Bonds, Series 2026; and Providing for Other Details and Covenants with Respect Thereto and Authorizing an Amendment to the 2026 Water Utility Capital Budget.

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

15. [93749](#) Amending the Public Health Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), Inc. on behalf of the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) for Partnerships for Success: Innovative Health Support for Young Parents in Schools (2026 C RES -002)
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
16. [93981](#) Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing the Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$173,830,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, and Directing the Final Approval of the Terms Thereof.
- A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Vidaver, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
17. [93980](#) SUBSTITUTE: Authorizing the City to issue loans not to exceed \$5,691,636.97 to the Community Development Authority related to the Monona Shores Apartments and Revival Ridge Apartments.
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Madison, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
18. [94055](#) Mid-Year Appropriation Resolution amending the 2026 Adopted Operating Budget by taking the following actions: transferring \$500,000 from the fund contingent reserve to agencies, making transfers within agency budgets based on projected spending through the second quarter of 2026, and appropriating revenues and making other adjustments in non-general fund agencies; and amending the 2026 Adopted Capital Budget by taking the following actions: appropriating funding from non-borrowing sources, updating TID proceeds and borrowing based on TID project plans, and authorizing transfers of borrowing across projects.
- A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Vidaver, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT (15 VOTES REQUIRED) - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Agenda Note: The full title for Agenda Item #17, File 94055 may not display properly in the PDF version of the agenda. The full title for the item is as follows:

Title: Mid-Year Appropriation Resolution amending the 2026 Adopted Operating Budget by taking the following actions: transferring \$500,000 from the general fund contingent reserve to agencies, making transfers within agency budgets based on projected spending through the second quarter of 2026, and appropriating revenues and making other adjustments in non-general fund agencies; and amending the 2026 Adopted Capital Budget by taking the following actions: appropriating funding from non-borrowing sources, updating TID proceeds and borrowing based on TID project plans, and authorizing transfers of borrowing across projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.