



City of Madison

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Proceedings - Approved COMMON COUNCIL

*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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Tuesday, November 11, 2025

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 201 (City-County Building)

2026 Budget Deliberations

NOTE: This meeting may be recessed and reconvened on Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. in a hybrid format.

The Common Council will address the Capital and Operating Budgets Tuesday, November 11, with public testimony and deliberations.

The Common Council may continue addressing the Capital and/or Operating Budget on Wednesday, November 12 (if needed) and Thursday, November 13 (if needed).

Hybrid Meeting

Speaking Guidelines

Speaking Limit:
3 minutes for all items.

You must register before your item is considered by the Council.

The use of audible cell phone ringers and active use and response to cellular phone technology by the governing body, staff and members of the public is discouraged in the Council Chambers while the Council is in session.

Roll Call

At 05:37 PM, Mayor Rhodes-Conway in the chair.

Present: 21 - Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; John W. Duncan; Will Ochowicz; Derek Field; Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Davy Mayer; Badri Lankella; MGR Govindarajan; Joann Pritchett; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Tag Evers; Isadore Knox Jr.; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sean O'Brien; Sabrina V. Madison; Carmella Glenn; John P. Guequierre and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Notified Absences: None

Opening Remarks

Disclosures and Recusals: None

Introduction of New Business for Referral Without Debate

Ordinances

1. [90733](#) Amending various sections of Chapter 12 and Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow paid parking test areas and to update sections relating to parking meters to reflect modern parking meter technology and improve ease of administration.

Sponsors: Michael E. Verveer And Will Ochowicz

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Resolutions

2. [90710](#) Create or modify classifications for position placement in the 2026 operating budget as adopted by the Common Council.

Sponsors: Director of Human Resources

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

Recessed Public Hearings

3. [89733](#) 2026 Executive Capital Budget

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt unanimously as amended by the Finance Committee. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [90249](#) 2026 Executive Operating Budget

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt Floor Amendment #1. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Govindarajan, to Call the Question. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 17 - Derek Field; Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Davy Mayer; Badri Lankella; MGR Govindarajan; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Tag Evers; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sean O'Brien; Sabrina V. Madison; Carmella Glenn; John P. Guequierre; John W. Duncan and Will Ochowicz

Noes: 3 - Joann Pritchett; Isadore Knox Jr. and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Non Voting: 1 - Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

[90249](#)

2026 Executive Operating Budget

A motion was made by Knox Jr., seconded by Pritchett, to Adopt Floor Amendment #2. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Joann Pritchett; Isadore Knox Jr. and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Noes: 17 - John W. Duncan; Will Ochowicz; Derek Field; Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Davy Mayer; Badri Lankella; MGR Govindarajan; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Tag Evers; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sean O'Brien; Sabrina V. Madison; Carmella Glenn and John P. Guequierre

Non Voting: 1 - Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt as amended by the Finance Committee and the Common Council. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 18 - Will Ochowicz; Derek Field; Michael E. Verveer; Regina M. Vidaver; Davy Mayer; Badri Lankella; MGR Govindarajan; Joann Pritchett; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Bill Tishler; Julia Matthews; Tag Evers; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sean O'Brien; Sabrina V. Madison; Carmella Glenn; John P. Guequierre and John W. Duncan

Noes: 2 - Isadore Knox Jr. and Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Non Voting: 1 - Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

End of Recessed Public Hearings**Business Presented by the Mayor**

5. [90658](#) SUBSTITUTE: Adopting the 2026 City Budget authorizing a 2025 general property tax levy of \$326,666,421 for City of Madison purposes, adopting a supplemental increase of \$80,161 in the allowable property tax levy for 2025, as authorized under s. 66.0602(3)(f), Wisconsin Statutes, and declaring the City's official intent to issue general obligation and revenue bonds to reimburse for certain expenditures authorized therein.

Sponsors: Common Council By Request

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt paragraph 8 unanimously. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Enactment No: RES-25-00584

A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt unanimously. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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AGENDA NOTE: The 8th paragraph of the body (referring to general debt reserves) requires a separate affirmative 2/3 vote, pursuant to MGO Section 4.17.

Business Presented by the President of the Common Council

6. [86558](#) Confirming the Madison Common Council meeting formats through March 24, 2026:
11/25/25 - **Virtual**
12/9/25 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
1/13/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
1/27/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
2/10/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
2/24/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
3/10/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
3/24/26 - Hybrid (Virtual & CCB 201)
- A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adopt. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Announcements & Introductions of Items from the Floor

- [90832](#) Directing the Human Resources Director, with assistance from the City Clerk, Finance Director, Information Technology Director and other city staff who interact with administrative support functions, to analyze City agency administrative support needs and provide findings to the Mayor and Common Council by June 1, 2026, on administrative support issues and resource needs and allocations.

Sponsors: Michael E. Verveer And Davy Mayer

A motion was made by Verveer, seconded by Vidaver, to Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ochowicz, seconded by Govindarajan, to Adjourn at 9:39 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.