



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?*

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

4:30 PM

VIRTUAL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm. Vice President 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. [88411](#) Public Comment

There was no written public comment on the agenda. There were registrants available to answer questions on agenda items 9 and 10. The registrants report is attached.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

President Vidaver recused herself on agenda item 10.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Agenda items 4-8 and 10 were adopted as part of the consent agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

2. [88412](#) Presentation by the Government Finance Officers Association on the federal tax exemption for municipal bond interest.
- Emily Brock, Director of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), Federal Liaison Center, presented on the federal tax exemption for municipal bond interest and issues facing the federal budget. Committee members asked questions related to the topic.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

3. [87963](#) Declaring support for the preservation of the federal tax exemption for municipal bond interest.

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

4. [88236](#) Submitting the appointment of Michael R. Haas for confirmation of a five-year term as City Attorney.

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

5. [88248](#) Recreating Two Part Time Transit Customer Service Representatives as One Full Time Customer Service Representative

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

6. [87864](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a 4-year, competitively selected service contract with Sketchworks Architecture, LLC for professional architectural and engineering design consulting services. (Citywide)

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

7. [87867](#) Authorizing a non-competitive contract with IMEG, Inc. for the production of biddable construction documents and specifications for the Bolz Conservatory at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave. (District 15).

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

8. [88328](#) Authorizing the amendment of a non-competitive selection contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for design services related to the reconstruction of Madison Water Utility's Unit Well 12 (District 11)

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

9. [88327](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a development agreement for \$1,666,000 Tax Incremental Finance Loan to Wash Franklin, LLC, or its assigns to construct approximately 223 units of affordable housing and approximately 68 parking stalls located at 501 E. Washington Avenue in a proposed boundary amendment to Tax Incremental District (TID) 53. (District 6)

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

10. [88293](#) Authorizing the City of Madison Water Utility to apply for and accept a grant, if awarded, of up to \$36,277 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and authorizing the Mayor and Water Utility General Manager, or

their designees, to sign related documents(s) authorizing acceptance of the grant and the transfer of funds.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. [86892](#) Update on Federal Executive Orders and Directives to Pause Federal Grants and Loans

Assistant City Attorney Lara Mainella presented on various legal cases related to federal funding orders. Finance Director Dave Schmiedicke presented on the federal budget process and key provisions in the House budget bill. Committee members asked staff questions on the local impact of federal decisions.

12. [88413](#) Overview of 2026 Capital Budget Requests

Finance staff presented an overview of agency capital budget requests and reviewed the timeline for budget development.

ADJOURNMENT

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