



MADISON *Indiana*

Common Council Minutes

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250

The Common Council of the City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

Mayor Bob Courtney opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Thevenow, Krebs, Dattilo, Schafer, Storm, and Bartlett were present. Wilber was absent (6-1).

Minutes: Bartlett moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, regular meeting, seconded by Dattilo. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Presentation of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, introduction of motion & guests: Proclamation

Recognizing Code Enforcement Month: Mayor Bob G. Courtney presented a proclamation recognizing National Code Compliance Month to Building Inspector Bryan Shaw and Code Enforcement Officer Duey O'Neal. The proclamation highlights the vital role of code enforcement officers in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents by enforcing local zoning, environmental, and safety codes. It acknowledges the often unrecognized but essential work they perform to improve living conditions, maintain property values, and enhance the community's overall appearance. Since the creation of Madison's Code Enforcement position in 2022, more than 1,450 nuisance and unsafe structure cases have been addressed, including 371 opened and 227 closed in 2025. The City also adopted a new ordinance this year targeting vacant and abandoned structures. Mayor Courtney expressed the City's appreciation for the dedication and service of Duey O'Neal and Bryan Shaw in keeping Madison a clean, safe, and beautiful place to live and work.

Resolutions or Bills: Resolution 2025-14C: Fund Transfer: *(between various funds)* Due to changes since the adoption of the 2025 annual budget, a transfer of funds within existing appropriations is necessary. The transfer does not increase the overall 2025 budget. A total of \$17,500 is being moved from PPD Associate Planner (Appropriation #1101 010 115) to CC Professional (Appropriation #1101 003 311) to realign budgeted funds with current needs. **Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2025-14C, seconded by Schafer. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0). **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

Resolution 2025-15C: Appropriations Transfer: *(between various funds)* Due to changes since the adoption of the 2025 annual budget, it is necessary to transfer certain funds within their original appropriations without increasing the overall budget. The transfers include moving \$500 from PPD Associate Planner (1101 010 115) to PPD Subs & Dues (1101 010 394); \$30,000 from Sunrise NRO FT Labor (2212 028 111) to Sunrise NRO Seasonal Employees (2212 028 009); \$2,125.60 from CO TAX Insurance (2209 230 162) to CO TAX Materials (2209 230 231); \$500 from Campground NRO Tree Planting (2215 028 432) to Campground Misc. (2215 028 245); and \$500 from Campground NRO Janitorial (2215 028 103) to Campground Misc. (2215 028 245). **Motion:** Bartlett moved to approve Resolution 2025-15C, seconded by Schafer. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, resolution passes (6-0).

Ordinance 2025-17C: Budget Notice of Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2026: *(proposed budget for 2026).*

Ordinance 2025-18: Additional Appropriations: *(between various funds)* The City of Madison Common Council determined that additional appropriations are necessary for the 2025 calendar year beyond what was set in the originally adopted budget. In accordance with Indiana Code 6-1.1 and proper public notice requirements, a hearing was held on October 7, 2025, to review and consider these proposed additional appropriations. As a result, the Council resolved to approve additional funding allocations from various city funds, including the General Fund, Sunrise Golf Course NRO, Rucker NRO, CO Tax, Crystal Beach NRO, Airport NRO, and PPD Nuisance Abatement Fund, to cover specific departmental and operational needs. These appropriations are supported by existing fund surpluses and revenues, ensuring compliance with all applicable state laws.

Recess Regular Council Meetings – *A sign-in sheet was provided for those in attendance.*

Call to Order Public Hearing: Ordinance 2025-17C 2026 Notice to Taxpayers: Mayor Courtney provided a brief overview of the proposed 2026 budget for both the public hearing and the City Council. He noted that extensive discussions have taken place in preparation for the budget, particularly in light of recent legislative changes that will significantly alter the calculation of property taxes in the coming years. He also referenced the implementation of SEA 1, a process expected to span approximately five years. A full recording of the Mayor's remarks and presentation is available on the City of Madison YouTube channel. The ordinance will move on to a second reading.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Call to Order Public Hearing: Ordinance 2025-18: Additional Appropriations. Councilmembers Krebs, Schafer, and Thevenow asked some questions to clarify certain lines and appropriations, and what they actually entail. Brent Spry, Airport Director, answered questions regarding the airport appropriations. **Motion:** Storm moved to suspend the rules and move to second reading, seconded by Bartlett. Motion fails (4-2). Thevenow expressed that he had not had sufficient time to thoroughly review the ordinance and therefore did not feel comfortable voting on it at this time. Dattilo shared the same sentiment. The ordinance will move on to a second reading.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Reconvene Regular Council Meeting: Ordinance 2025-19: Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for 2026: Mindy McGee, Director of Finance, informed the council that the information presented remains unchanged from what was reviewed during the budget workshops previously attended by council members. The ordinance will move on to a second reading.

Ordinance 2025-20: Fixing Salaries of Elected Officials for 2026: Mindy McGee, Director of Finance, informed the council that the information presented remains unchanged from what was reviewed during the budget workshops previously attended by council members. The ordinance will move on to a second reading.

Reports, recommendations, and other business from standing/select committees of City Council: Mayor Courtney stated that the select committee he appointed to review the two proposed amendments discussed at the previous meeting convened last week and has recommended forwarding an amendment to the City Council for consideration regarding Ordinance 2025-16.

Report of city officials: None.

Bills on second reading: Ordinance 2025-16: Amendment of Zoning Map and Schedule of District Regulations – Sponsor Wilber & Dattilo: Councilmember Schafer spoke and mentioned that, as the Mayor previously stated, the select committee met last week, reviewed the proposed amendments, and discussed the merits of each, and came to a consensus on what the amendment should be. **Motion:** Schafer moved that the ordinance shall be

amended as presented in the council packets, seconded by Dattilo. **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – Y, Krebs – Y, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. All in favor, motion passes (6-0).

Public comment re. Ordinance 2025-16 as amended: A full recording of the meeting, including all public comments, is available on the City of Madison YouTube channel. Several members of the public signed up to speak, sharing their perspectives both in support of and in opposition to Ordinance 2025-16. For reference, a complete list of speakers is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office as part of the official meeting minutes. Mayor Courtney shared brief remarks expressing his wish for greater local investment in the community and noted that many recent developments have relied on leveraging grant funding to move forward.

Councilmember Thevenow presented an amendment to the already amended ordinance to have all uses listed as permitted use on Exhibit C as amended, the official schedule of district regulations shall be changed to conditional use, and all restrictions for permitted use in section 6.31b, as amended, shall become restrictions for conditional use. **Motion:** Thevenow moved to amend the ordinance to reflect his proposed amendments. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Councilmembers Thevenow, Storm, Schafer, Bartlett, and Dattilo each provided statements to explain to the public and fellow council members the opinions, reasoning, and considerations behind their decisions on Ordinance 2025-16. A full recording of these statements is available on the City of Madison YouTube channel.

Roll Call Vote re. Ordinance 2025-16 as amended: **Roll Call Vote:** Thevenow – N, Krebs – N, Dattilo – Y, Schafer – Y, Storm – Y, Bartlett – Y. Majority rules, ordinance passes (4-2).

Public comment (per sign-up sheet): None.

Mayor's comments: The mayor invited the council and the public to view yesterday's BPW meeting, where there was a very good update provided regarding the Main Street project, prepared by Mindy McGee, Director of Finance. There was also a proposal that was approved to streamline the city's event safety plan.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 21, 2025, @ 5:30 pm.

Adjourn: Krebs moved to adjourn, seconded by Dattilo. All in favor (6-0).

Attested:



Mayor



President Pro Tempore



Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

