

SIXTH TOWN OF MADISON PIM_ MEETING NOTES

Format: Virtual with simultaneous translation in Spanish

Topics: Property Taxes, November 2022 Elections, Transportation, Change of Address, Public Library and Parks

City agencies: Mayor's Office; Assessor's Office; Clerk's Office; Planning Division; Engineering Division; Traffic Engineering; Metro; Parks; Public Library

For the following information, please consider:

- Interpreters: Julio Garcia, Adriana
- AP- Angela Puerta
- Asterisk (*) use to identify those presenters or participants that did not identify with a specific pronoun(s).

Agenda:

6:04PM – Recording started.

- AP: Meeting welcoming to the meeting.
- Explained her role as a facilitator during the meeting.
- Presented housekeeping items/ rules.
- Explained, meeting would be recorded.
- Translation services available.
- Described six (6) presenters would be participating in the meeting.
- Explained, Q&A would be answered at the end of the presentation and how to participate during the session.
- Request to maintain cameras off during the presentation, only presenters, to reduce the risk of a bad connection/internet.

6:09PM – Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway (SRC): welcoming.

- Explained that the attachment is about to occur (a week from Monday).
- The City of Madison welcomes TOM offering high quality public service
- Mentioned that the following election is on people minds. SRC encouraged people to vote and check their polling locations. Explained the importance of the election.
- SRC explained some government projects/programs and recommendations.
 - Comprehensive plan: Imagine Madison
 - Budget: reflecting City of Madison values, focuses on Building a Safer Community, Healthier Neighborhoods, and Opportunities for Youth.

- Recommended to the participants to watch public meetings previous videos and confirmed the City will maintain for a couple of more months (after the attachment) the, hotline, mail and internet site.

6:14 PM AP request the participants to enter the link for the demographics survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/madison_meeting_demographics .

PRESENTATIONS

6:15PM Michelle Drea (MD)*: Property Taxes

- MD explained that because of the time available for her presentation, she would present just some of the prepared slides.
- Assessment calendar:
 - o January 1: assessment date.
 - o Explained that for 2022, the values of the TOM properties that would attached to the City of Madison, were assessed by, the TOM.
- Explained the potential impact on the attachment to property taxes, assessment calendar, assessment compliance, objection process and resources (City of Madison mill rate is different from the TOM, Tax bills are typically sent mid-December, Assessment roll is finalize in November, different from the TOM, etc.)
- HEATHER STOUDE (HS) shared on the chat: Address for Mailing Property Tax: City of Madison Treasury; PO Box 2999; Madison, WI, 53701;
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/treasury/property-taxes>

6:22 Jenifer Haar (she/her) (JH) _ Clerk office: November 2022 Elections

- Goal: “Our goal is that each eligible voter will be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted”
- JH described that one of the most important resources is <https://MyVote.wi.gov>. This site will help to locate the polling place, verify registrations, request an absentee ballot, track a ballot, etc.
- In-person absentee voting begins October 25. JH presented some locations/times (Goodman South Madison Library, Catholic Multicultural Center, Fountain of Life Church, Madison College South Campus, Tenney Park Shelter, etc.) but recommended for the participants to check the schedule available on the site.
- Breana Collins (she, her) (BC) shared on the Chat the link: <https://myvote.wi.gov>
- Kirstie Laatsch (they/them) (KL) shared on the Chat the link: <http://cityofmadison.com/clerk>

6:29 Tom Mohr (TM)* _ City Traffic Engineering: Transportation

- TM described City Traffic Engineering services:
 - o Signing and pavement markings: TM explained that there would be updates and changes for signing. Check on line for details.

- Over the next 3 years signs standards will be updated.
 - Maps for parking alterations were presented.
- Street lighting and signals:
 - Street lighting will be update for LED.
 - Studies for intersections with potential signalization.
- Safety program “Safe Streets Madison”:
- Permits: TM explained that a permit is required to occupy the right-of-way (without digging into it). Examples: Moving pods, dumpsters, construction procedures.

6:34 Jeff Quamme* (JQ) _ City Engineering: Change of Address

- Explained that they operate under Section 10.34 of the City of Madison Ordinances, which require the City Engineering to maintain and establish addresses of all parcels and buildings [...].
- The importance of having uniform street addresses is for emergency vehicles to respond quickly to calls, for mailing/delivery purposes, location of places, etc.
- Presented addressing general criteria: besides City ordinances, addresses are in consultation with the U.S. Postal service guidelines.
- Residential homes take their address off from the street they are facing.
- There are about 200 residential changes and 23 commercial changes. Main reason for these changes are buildings and entrances facing streets and block sequence numbering problems.
- There will be a letter from the Mayor, containing addressing information and another letter from City Engineering about changes in address.
- USPS has been already notified of the changes.
- JQ, requested for the properties with address changes to notify friends, cable companies, bank, insurance companies, etc.
- Zip code does not change, etc.

6:42 Tana Elias* (TE): Public Library

- TE, explained that the library services “[...] wont’ be changing that much for Town of Madison residents”.
- All of these public libraries are part of a system “[...] a larger network [...]”
- “[...] the best news are that most of the services will notice not change [...]”
- The card will continue to work if it is as the one presented during the presentation: orange card, bar code, reads “Madison Public Library”, etc.
- With the card, users can have access to free services.
- The changes are mainly related to the databases/catalogs that will be available, example: Hoopla streaming service will be lost, but users will gain other services as Kanopy streaming video, Transparent Languages, etc.
- To obtain the library card online, enter the link: <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/library-cards>
- TE encourage participants to use library services and presented contact information.

6:48 Eric Knepp (EK): Madison Parks Division

- EK: what Parks Division does? “[...] to provide the ideal system of parks, natural resources, and recreational opportunities [...]”
- Some of the services: dog parks, basketball courts, etc.
- Three (3) new parks from TOM will be attaching to the City:
 1. Fraust Park
 2. Harvey Schmidt Park
 3. Heifetz Park
- EK presented map with the location of the mentioned parks. On the map, an additional park that will be attaching to Fitchburg.
- The actions after the attachment:
 - o Some playgrounds removals (safety hazards).
 - o Hazard tree removals and plant new trees.
 - o General maintenance activities.
 - o Planning for new activities, etc.
- Information is available online.

6:55 Tim Sobota* (TS). METRO_ Public Hearing Scheduled.

- AP- presents TS. Information about event.
- Public hearing: Wednesday, November 9 6:00 PM. Virtual (Zoom).
- City of Madison Transportation Commission – “[...] approve several items related to Metro’s redesigned service in 2023:
 - o Report/Equity Analysis.
 - o Bus Stop Placement
 - o Route Start/End times
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/public-hearing-scheduled>
- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/es/metro/rutas-horarios/audiencia-publica-programada>

6:56 QUESTION AND ANSWER PANEL

Q&A- CHAT:

- (Ssheldon)_ 6:05: Main question is where I should go to vote Absentee in person, if I live on Sunnyvale Road.
 - o This was answered during the presentation from the Clerks' office.
<https://MyVote.wi.gov>
- (Jeanette D) _ 6:09: Will there be a transcript of this meeting available later?
 - o BC: Notes from this meeting will be posted on our website. We also have a FAQ and other resources on our website as well.
- (Mary Rice) _ 06:19 PM: What address do I give to my mortgage company for paying property taxes?
 - o Address for Mailing Property Tax: City of Madison Treasury; PO Box 2999; Madison, WI, 53701;
- (Jeanette D)_ 06:19 PM: I rent. Are there any rules I should know about how much my rent might increase for my next year's lease?
 - o The City of Madison does not have rules on this and cannot regulate it.
- (Jessica Wichman)_ 06:31 PM: When do we find mid out property tax information? / Mid December?
- (George Penn) _ 06:34 PM: Rumor has it the city will install sidewalks on some streets - including Ridgewood Way. Is that true and if yes when is this planned - so I can time my landscaping around your plan
 - o (Breana Collins (she, her))_ 06:49 PM: Projects like sidewalk installation are scheduled usually based on the condition of the pavement and utilities. The following items influence the scheduling of any specific area: Very poor pavements, storm sewer flooding, ponding and pavement icing issues, failing water mains (numerous water main breaks), and failing sanitary sewer (cracked pipes, sewage backups). An assessment of Town of Madison infrastructure will be conducted to determine priority areas that need improvements. Property owners are notified of scheduled improvement and assessments prior to the work. For Sidewalk Concerns visit
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/sidewalk.cfm>
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sidewalk-replacement-program>
 - <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/>
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/>
 - o (Kelly Bender)_ 07:02 PM: @ George Penn, I emailed Christy Bachmann, city of Madison Engineering Division, regarding sidewalks on Ridgewood Way and she said "Ridgewood Way is not on our radar for any type of street reconstruction or curb installation..." This was back in March this year.
- (Jessica Wichman) _ 06:35 PM: So we don't know property tax until December? It seems like a reduction of services, I have lived here 20 years

- (David Schmiedicke (he/him/his))_ 06:37 PM: Property tax bills are sent out by mid-December. See <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/treasury/property-taxes> for more information.
- Kirstie Laatsch (they/them)_ 07:07 PM: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/assessor/>
- (Mary Rice)_ 06:50 PM: How to request that all City of Madison public buildings and restrooms be fragrance-free and not use air fresheners?
 - (Breana Collins (she, her))_ 06:54 PM: General Feedback/ Submit Comments: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/generalfeedback.cfm>
 - (Mary Rice) _ 06:57 PM: My question submitted before I was ready. Fragrance -free building and no scented cleaning supplies including soap, tissues, and air fresheners BECAUSE as is currently these restrooms are not ADA accessible for people who are Chemically intolerant or TILTED Toxin Induced Loss of Tolerance. (This means ppl have severe allergic-like physical reactions to any scented products, persons, etc)
- (Jim DiUlio)_ 07:00 PM: Happy to see attention to Harvey Schmidt Park. The rising water levels the past few years hurt the traditional uses of picnics, Frisbee and football kids, and the traditional year-round path with its crushed rock and trimming back the vegetation along the water side. Also speaking on behalf of the sandhill crane families, turkeys and deer. Thanks!
- (Jeff Blume)_ 07:04 PM: Is going for going into Fitchburg as well if so will property taxes go up probably some increase how much
- (Zach Kroll)_ 07:08 PM: Is there a web location to see all the changed addresses?
- (Roger Tesch)_ 07:10 PM: What will happen to town records and the town's website? What about town board minutes that aren't available on the website?
 - Town records that exist on October 31, 2022 will be retained by the Cities and become subject to applicable records retention schedules. Prior to Final Attachment, the Town may dispose of certain Town records pursuant to State and Town data retention schedules. If residents are interested in a particular record, they should contact the Town before Final Attachment, as the Town will be in a better position to find it. Once the records are transferred to the Cities, it may take additional time and effort to locate records.
- (Marilee Wertlake)_ 07:13 PM: Zach Kroll asked if there is there a web location to see all the changed addresses?
 - Kirstie Laatsch (they/them)) _ 07:16 PM:
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/town-of-madison/map>
- (Mary Rice) _ 07:15 PM: Snow plowing- which unit will plow Town of Madison streets? Was Dane County...should we assume our "Town neighborhood" streets will be plowed last like it's currently for city of Madison streets?
 - (Kirstie Laatsch (they/them)) _ 07:16 PM:
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/town-of-madison/service-changes#snow-removal>

- (Alison Stawicki)_ 07:17 PM: I have dialogued with Charlie Romines about plowing. all city bus routes will be plowed first. other non-city bus streets will be plowed upon 3 in he's of accumulation
- (Mary Rice) _ 07:20 PM: Maria asked about street cleaning
- (CSH)_ 07:23 PM: Will there be address changes in the Fordem/Sherman area? Specifically Lakewood Gardens condos?
 - Properties where the address will change will receive a letter with detailed information
- (Mary Rice)_ 07:24 PM: What will happen if mortgage company errantly sends property tax payment town address
 - (David Schmiedicke (he/him/his))_ 07:27 PM: Please notify your mortgage company of the change of address to send the payment to the City of Madison Treasurer (if your parcel will be located in the City of Madison). If you need assistance, please contact the City of Madison Treasurer Office. We will also monitor any mail received at the Town of Madison Town Hall.
- (Mary Rice)_ 07:33 PM: Will the Town's fire and police station stay in place or what will happen to those physical unit? / Not everyone heard question in English...we heard it in Spanish
 - (Jeanette D)_ 07:34 PM: (to hear the English translation, make sure you suggest the language "English" rather than leaving it at the globe logo)
 - (David Schmiedicke (he/him/his))_ 07:36 PM: Fire service has been provided by the City of Madison Fire Department for the past two years. The City of Madison Police Department will be providing police services. The town hall facilities will be used to temporarily house City Fire Station #6 as it is being remodeled.
- (Mary Rice) _ 07:37 PM: Are all town employees losing their job?
 - All employees chose a severance pay option

Q&A:

- (-) Rules or possible impacts on rent increase.
 - MD:
 - Depends of what your lease says, and term on your lease.
 - “There is no law of how high a property owner can go”.
 - There may be a clause
 - “I encourage you to review your lease”
- (Jessica Wichman): questions about property taxes: times, complaint, why, “market up and down”- how everything is asses, etc.
 - MD:
 - Taxes based on your current assessor values
 - “[...] will come out mid-December [...]. You should have received something from TOM on April (town assessor).
 - The city did not have nothing to do with your property value this year. The City will accept the town values.
 - About concerns of the assessment process because of variation on the market, MD explained that in addition to the information on-line, she could help directly (chat, email,).

- Additional question about “Trash and recycling pick”
 - AP – “[...] this week streets will distribute information. Please check website for specific information about your parcel”.
 - Trash and recycling will be picked up the following dates:
 - Residents in the Fordem Ave area = Tuesdays (recycling every other week)
 - Residents in the Morland Rd area = Thursdays (recycling every other week)
 - Residents in the rest of southside area = Mondays (recycling every other week)
 - Schedules <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm>
- (Chat):
 - Sidewalk upgrades: based on condition of the sidewalk.
- (Patty Zallar): where do we go to get dog licenses next year?
 - Eric Knepp (EK):
 - You can do it on the city of Madison- finance treasury- dog-cat licenses. You can request it in our offices too.
 - The office is downtown but you can also do it on line <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/treasury/dog-cat-licenses>
 - About the fees: I do not believe there will be a change in the fees, I am not positive about that. Please, check on-line.
 - Chat information:
 - (Jeanette D) _ 07:08 PM: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/treasury/dog-cat-licenses>
 - (Breana Collins (she, her))_ 07:09 PM:
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/treasury/dog-cat-licenses>
 - <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/permits/dog-permit.cfm>
 - (David Schmiedicke (he/him/his)) - 07:12 PM: City Treasurer is located in Room 107 of the City-County Building. There is a walk up window if you would like in-person assistance.
- (Eric Nielsen): question for MD- “[...] taxes for this year 2022, will it be a multiplication fraction?
 - They multiply by the mill rate.
- BC: question in the Chat about Town records: “[...] Town records will be transferred to the City”.
- (Jeff Blums): about Fitchburg and tax increase.
 - MD: “[...] it will be a similar situation.
 - Your tax was lower because the Town apply resources but that resource will not be available this year. The city and Fitchburg mills rates are different from the Town.
- (-) About questions related to change of addresses: AP explained that an interactive map will be available next week and users will be able to enter an address and the tool will provide information about Alder, Polling, location, changed in addresses, etc. This is an addition source of information to the letter you will be receiving.
- (-) Question related to streets.
 - We do not have anyone from Streets. Please, send an email with your contact information, so we can send you the proper information once we ask that division.

- (Tim Sobota) from Metro transit perspective, they believe, Streets were modifying the salt routes. Streets was changing their winter plow - priority streets.
- (Maria Cordero). *Pregunta en español: ¿Qué días de la semana pasaría el de la basura y el de reciclaje?*
 - Please, check the website because it depends on the address. Check on website under service changes.
- (Myrna): I received my trashcan this week and it included a package with information about collection. Question/Opinion about how the properties and assessment procedures. Explain her opinion that they are content with the City taking over the assessor processes. Mentioned personal case about owning three (3) parcels and facing a problem in 2012. “[...] I think the assessment process will be an improvement”
- Observations about Baxter Park:
 - Eric Knepp (EK) - The Park is already part of the City of Madison.
 - Chat:
 - (Jeanette D) _ 07:25 PM: Baxter Park is already in the City of Madison
- (Myrna): Do I need to contact an attorney about my change of address? / concerns about their will.
 - “[...] your title is not tight to the property but you will have to contact your contacts/businesses.
- (Libo), question about the old city hall building ownership.
 - Eric Knepp (EK) - The City will take possession in full.
- (Juan Bautista): *Pregunta/ observaciones en español. “[...] he participado en este tipo de reuniones [...] en mi calle no hay nada de luz. La calle no se ha arreglado [...] ¿van a mejorar las calles y alumbrar un poco mejor las calles?*
 - (-) “[...] if the problem is potholes, they can be address with Street services. If the entire street needs to be reconstructed, that street will have to get into our budget process”.
 - About light (traffic engineering). Tom Mohr (TM): “[...] depends on the situation, the infrastructure and how much it will take.
 - Some delay problems for material delivery, if it is something simple it will probably be address next year but if it is a bigger project, it will take longer.
 - Chat:
 - (Breana Collins (she, her))_ 07:35 PM: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/streetlights.cfm?requestType=light>

7:38 – Session ended

- 7:38 – recording stop.
- 7:39- Session ended.

Other notes (Chat):

- (City Staff Child Care Unit)_ 06:56 PM

- Child Care tuition assistance - Financial assistance is available to City of Madison residents that are ineligible for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program and meet the City of Madison eligibility requirements. Depending on your family's income, you may be eligible for full or partial funding based on a sliding fee scale. If you are interested, click on the link

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/community-development/children-youth/child-care-tuition-assistance>

- Asistencia para la matrícula de cuidado infantil - La asistencia financiera está disponible para los residentes de la Ciudad de Madison que no son elegibles para el Programa de Subsidio de Cuidado Infantil Wisconsin Shares y cumplen con los requisitos de elegibilidad de la Ciudad de Madison. Dependiendo de los ingresos de su familia, puede ser elegible para recibir fondos totales o parciales según una escala móvil de tarifas. Si está interesado, haga clic en el enlace

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/community-development/children-youth/child-care-tuition-assistance>