

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 PM

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#### CALL TO ORDER

*Mayor Christopher Taylor called the meeting of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.*

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Council stood for a moment of silence.*

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Mayor Taylor led Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

**Present:** 11 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Travis Radina, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

#### AC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

*City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the following written reports for information of Council:*

**AC-1**     [24-0382](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - March 18, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [24-0418](#)     Ann Arbor Police Department (AAPD) 2023 Annual Report

**Received and Filed**

**AC-3**     [24-0419](#)     City Administrator's Report - March 18, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**INT     INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [24-0311](#)     Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

*Maura Thomson, Director of the DDA, presented an update from the organization. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.*

**Received and Filed**

**INT-2**     [24-0384](#)     Social Work Month Proclamation 2024: Empowering Social Workers

*Mayor Taylor presented the Proclamation declaring Social Work Month. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.*

**Received and Filed**

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER, 45 MINUTES TOTAL)**

**\* (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

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1. **Alex Lowe - Resolution in Support of TheRide's Proposal to Explore Alternative Options on the US-23 Corridor Project (DC-1) (phone)**  
*Alex Lowe, resident, spoke about the AAATA and other transportation issues.*
  
2. **Les Crots - Leaf Blower Ordinance (in person)**  
*Les Crots, of South Lyon, expressed concern about the implementation of the recently approved Leaf Blower Ordinance.*
  
3. **Ellen Johnson - Leaf Blower Ordinance (in person)**  
*Ellen Johnson, resident of Pittsfield Village, expressed concern about the implementation of the Leaf Blower Ordinance.*
  
4. **Simone Taylor - Leaf Blower Ordinance (in person)**  
*Simone Taylor, resident, expressed concern about the commercial implementation of the new Leaf Blower Ordinance.*
  
5. **John Godfrey - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (in person)**  
*John Godfrey, resident, spoke about the City's comprehensive plan steering committee.*
  
6. **Aaron Cooper - New Director of Avalon Housing (in person)**  
*Aaron Cooper, the new director of Avalon Housing, introduced himself.*
  
7. **Susan Hansen - Leaf Blower Ordinance (in person)**  
*Susan Hansen, resident, spoke about her concerns with the implementation of the new leaf blower ordinance, stating she supports the City's sustainability goals, but more work is needed on this ordinance.*
  
8. **Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**  
*Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about Gaza and urged Council to stop military aid to Israel.*

**9. Alan Haber - The Commons (in person)**

*Alan Haber, resident, spoke about Gaza and also about the City's Community Commons.*

**10. Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**

*Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke against military aid to Israel.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

**COUNCILMEMBER DISCH**

*Councilmember Disch thanked Councilmember Ghazi Edwin for her work on the resolution regarding peace in Gaza.*

*Councilmember Disch also provided an update regarding the planning engagement sessions at the downtown library. She noted a diverse audience participated in the sessions.*

**COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL**

*Councilmember Cornell also spoke about the planning sessions in the downtown and thanked the community for participating. She also announced the Youth Art Month taking place in the downtown this month.*

**COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS**

*Councilmember Briggs responded to some of the public comments regarding public officials.*

**COUNCILMEMBER SONG**

*Councilmember Song announced that she will not be running for City Council in the next election, but will continue her advocacy work.*

**MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1**     [24-0307](#)     Appointments - Confirmations

*Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented to City Council for consideration at the March 4, 2024 Regular Session:*

*Commission on Disability Issues  
Sam Ankenbauer  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Appointment be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**MC-2**     [24-0417](#)     Appointments - Confirmations

*Mayor Taylor presented the following appointment for approval at a later date:*

*Downtown Development Authority  
Kim Mayes  
Term ending: May 31, 2028*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/1/2024**

**CA**     **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirements of CA-7 and CA-8.**

**CA-1**     [24-0240](#)     **Enactment No:     R-24-090**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Public Defender Services Contract with Washtenaw County (\$208,123.35)

**CA-2**     [24-0281](#)     **Enactment No:     R-24-083**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve an Agreement with Dawn, Inc., d/b/a Dawn Farm, to Provide Drug Abuse Counseling and Rehabilitative Services to

Sobriety Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Mental Health Court  
Participants (\$97,900.00)

**CA-3**    [24-0238](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-084**    **Approved**

Resolution Approve a Purchase Order to Sesame Solar, Inc. for the  
Purchase of a Mobile Nanogrid and 3 Years of Maintenance  
(\$333,000.00)

**CA-4**    [24-0147](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-085**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services  
Agreement with Wade Trim Associates, Inc. for the State and Hill Streets  
Improvements Project (\$521,399.00 Amendment, \$1,356,213.00 Contract  
Total)

**CA-5**    [24-0197](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-086**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Doan Construction  
Co. (RFP 24-05) for the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Project (\$737,663.02)

**CA-6**    [24-0199](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-087**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Precision Concrete,  
Inc. (RFP 24-07) for the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Project (\$255,450.00)

**CA-7**    [24-0312](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-088**    **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
Grant and Approve a Grant Agreement for the Bicentennial Park Splash  
Pad (\$1,000,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

**CA-8**    [24-0139](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-089**    **Approved**

Resolution to Sell 123 W. Summit (formerly part of 721 N. Main) to the  
Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (\$44,000.00) (8 Votes  
Required)

**PH    PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

**FOR ZOOM MEETINGS, PHONE CALLERS CAN PRESS \*9 TO RAISE HANDS AND \*6  
TO UNMUTE THEIR PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.**

- PH-1**     [24-0219](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 (Open Space and Parkland Preservation) of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-04)
- A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 (Open Space and Parkland Preservation) of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. Notice of public hearing was published on March 7, 2024.*
- Seeing no one present for comment, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*
- Held and Closed**

**A     APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

- A-1**     [24-0338](#)     Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024
- A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**B     ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

- B-1**     [24-0219](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 (Open Space and Parkland Preservation) of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-04)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Ordinance be approved on Second Reading.**
- Councilmember Radina moved the proposed substitute Ordinance for consideration, supported by Councilmember Watson.*
- The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.*
- Amended**



The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 4/1/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-04

**C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DC New Business - Council:**

**DC-1 [24-0365](#) Enactment No: R-24-091 Approved**

**Sponsors:** Briggs and Akmon

**A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Resolution in Support of TheRide's Proposal to Explore Alternative Options on the US-23 Corridor Project

**DC-2 [24-0385](#) Enactment No: R-24-092**

**Sponsors:** Harrison and Eyer

**Councilmember Harrison moved, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Resolution be approved.**

Resolution to Implement Anonymous Hiring Initiative

**[24-0385](#) Enactment No: R-24-092 Amended**

**Amended**

Resolution to Implement Anonymous Hiring Initiative

*Councilmember Radina moved, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the Resolution be amended as follows:*

*1st RESOLVED Clause:*

*RESOLVED, During the initial application and screening process, the City will strive to make sure the recruitment team and hiring manager do*

*not see potentially biasing information on employment applications, including legal, prior, and preferred names, prefix, suffix, personal email addresses, [and] home addresses, AND PHOTOGRAPHS to promote impartiality in the hiring process.*

*[Brackets] indicate deleted language. ALL CAPS indicate new language.*

*The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.*

**24-0385      Enactment No:      R-24-092      Approved as Amended**

**Sponsors:**      Harrison and Eyer

**The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Resolution be approved as amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Resolution to Implement Anonymous Hiring Initiative

**DB      New Business - Boards and Commissions:**

**DS      New Business - Staff:**

**DS-1      24-0301      Enactment No:      R-24-093      Approved**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:**

**Yeas:** 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Cornell

**Nays:** 0

Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Capital Improvement Bonds to Fund the Development of 121 Catherine as Affordable Housing (Not to Exceed \$9,000,000) (6 Votes Roll Call)

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY, PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCLA 15.268 (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

*None.*

**E & F CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS**

**E The following communications were referred as indicated:**

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the Clerk's Report of Communications, Petitions, and Referrals be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

- E-1**      [24-0322](#)      Human Rights Commission 2022 Annual Report
  
- E-2**      [24-0339](#)      Communication from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Regarding Approval of a Historical Marker for Ann Arbor and LGBTQ+ Rights/Ann Arbor and Human Rights, State Site No. 769, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County
  
- E-3**      [24-0353](#)      Communication from Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers Regarding the Canvass of Votes Cast at the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election
  
- E-4**      [24-0354](#)      Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Notice of a Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company in Case No. U-18091 Scheduled for March 19, 2024 - Sustainability - City Attorney
  
- E-5**      [24-0370](#)      Communications from the State of Michigan Regarding Completed Annexation from Ann Arbor Township for LeGassick - 3701 and 3713 Riverside Drive Property

**F** The following minutes were received for filing:

**F-1**     [24-0031](#)    Thursday, November 2, 2023 GAC Meeting Minutes

**F-2**     [24-0052](#)    December 6, 2023 ZBA Meeting Minutes

**F-3**     [24-0059](#)    December 19, 2023 PAC Meeting Minutes

**G**        **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*None.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES EACH - IF NECESSARY)**

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*(Not necessary.)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.**

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