

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

7:00 PM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council
chambers

City Council

City Council will meet in caucus the Sunday prior to each regular session at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St.

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 - Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Mike Anglin, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl and Councilmember Kirk Westphal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Krapohl, seconded by Councilmember Warpehoski, 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 Steve Powers reported on the following to City Council:

Seven Consent Agenda items are relating to street closures and outdoor events, such as running events and community festivals. Mr. Powers stated it is a sure sign that Spring and warmer weather are coming.

Mr. Powers stated over 14 inches of snow fell over Super Bowl Sunday weekend. All streets were plowed within 3 days and the days and weeks following have included additional cleaning, clearing and removal of snow. Mr. Powers informed Council and the public that residents on certain streets may be contacted regarding cars that remain on the streets and have impeded street clearing. City staff are asking for the public's assistance in moving vehicles to allow complete clearing of the streets.

The City of Ypsilanti mayor called to thank the City Fire Department for their mutual aid response to help support Ypsilanti with two fires this past weekend. Mr. Powers stated AAATA and HVA also assisted.

Mr. Powers stated the second forum of the Sustainable Ann Arbor series was held last Thursday night. There were 50 attendees present. The next event is March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ann Arbor District Library and will focus on sustainable systems.

Mr. Powers reminded Council that budget season is underway. He stated Monday's Work Session, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. will focus on the City Administrator's Office, Finance and Safety Services.

AC-1 [15-0226](#) Agenda Response Memo - February 17, 2015

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [15-0177](#) Introduction from Senator Gary Peters' Office: Eric Feldman and David Weinberg

Eric Feldman and David Weinberg, from Senator Gary Peters' local office, introduced themselves and stated Senator Gary Peters is looking forward to working with the City on any federal issues. The two staff members urged Councilmembers to reach out to them at any time.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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

*** ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

1. Steve Carens - Resolution regarding Housing Affordability & Equity Analysis (DS-5)

Steve Carens spoke in support of the proposed Resolution regarding Housing Affordability and Equity Analysis.

2. Mike Black - Resolution regarding Housing Affordability & Equity Analysis (DS-5)

Mike Black spoke in support of the proposed Resolution regarding Housing Affordability and Equity Analysis.

3. Gordon Smith - Resolution regarding Housing Affordability & Equity Analysis (DS-5)

Rev. Gordon Smith spoke in support of the proposed Resolution regarding Housing Affordability and Equity Analysis.

4. Donald Salberg - Resolution in Support of the Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (DB-1)

Donald Salberg spoke in opposition to the Resolution in Support of the Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor, stating the proposed changes are unfavorable. He urged Council to reject the plan.

5. Peter Eckstein - Resolution in Support of the Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (DB-1)

Peter Eckstein spoke in opposition to the Resolution in Support of the ReImagine Washtenaw Corridor, stating local businesses in that area depend on automobile traffic.

6. James Walker - Resolution in Support of the ReImagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (DB-1)

James Walker spoke in opposition to the Resolution in Support of the ReImagine Washtenaw Corridor. He asked Council to postpone action on this item until some of the unknowns have been addressed.

7. Michael Roddy - Resolution in Support of the ReImagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (DB-1)

Michael Roddy, owner of Paesano's Restaurant, spoke in opposition to the proposed Resolution in Support of the ReImagine Washtenaw Corridor.

8. Mozhgan Savabieassahni - Boycott Israel

Mozhgan Savabiessahni spoke about boycotting Israel and urged Council to hold a public hearing on this issue.

9. Alan Haber - Earth Day April 19, 2015

Alan Haber, Third Street, spoke about the ongoing need for justice for Aura Rosser and also the importance of Earth Day.

10. Blaine Coleman - Boycott Israel

Blaine Coleman urged Council to boycott Israel. He asked Council to explain why they will not hold a public hearing on the matter.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER BRIERE

Councilmember Briere addressed Mr. Coleman's public comments and his singling out of Councilmember Warpehoski. Councilmember Briere stated she has worked on Council with Councilmember Warpehoski for 2.5 years and he has not in his capacity on Council spoken out against the boycott Israel request. She urged Mr. Coleman to include herself as well when he speaks out against individual members of Council because she too has not brought forward a resolution.

COUNCILMEMBER LUMM

Councilmember Lumm thanked City staff for their work on a watermain break in her neighborhood. She stated she appreciated the hard work by staff in this cold weather.

COUNCILMEMBER EATON

Councilmember Eaton concurred with Councilmember Briere, urging Mr. Coleman to treat Council as a whole and not single out individual members.

Councilmember Eaton reminded the public that there is another public meeting on

February 25 at Pioneer High School at 7:00 p.m. regarding the Stadium Blvd. reconstruction project. He urged those interested in the project to attend.

COUNCILMEMBER KUNSELMAN

Councilmember Kunselman thanked the City crews for their efforts with the winter snow plowing.

COUNCILMEMBER GRAND

Councilmember Grand stated the Greenbelt Advisory Commission is still seeking new members to represent environmental or conservation non-profit groups.

Councilmember Grand stated she is changing her office hours this month at Bryant Community Center. She will be available at Bryant next Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER ANGLIN

Councilmember Anglin expressed concerns about commuters parking all day in local neighborhoods.

COUNCILMEMBER WARPEHOSKI

Councilmember Warpehoski gave an update regarding plans for US23 North. He stated information can be found at www.miwats.org

Councilmember Warpehoski stated he plans to host a marriage equality party at his home to fundraise for the effort.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [15-0202](#) Appointments & Nominations

Mayor Taylor presented the following nominations to Council for approval at a later date:

Board of Review

*Doris Preston (Reappointment)
428 Sunset
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Term: February 1, 2014 - January 31, 2017*

Local Officers Compensation Commission

*William Lockwood (Filling vacancy)
564 Galen Circle
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Term: October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2016*

Edwin Harwood (Filling vacancy)

1803 Baldwin Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Term: October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2022

Historic District Commission

Evan Hall
544 Sixth St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Term: June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2018

Patrick McCauley (Extend 90 days per City Code 1:171)
1526 Pontiac Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
90-Day Extension: March 2, 2015 - May 31, 2015

Jennifer Ross (Extend 90 days per City Code 1:171 and Reappointment)
1002 Granger Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
90-Day Extension: March 2, 2015 - May 31, 2015
Term: June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2018

Human Rights Commission

Charles Lewis (Filling vacancy of Eleanore Adenekan)
2616 Arrowwood Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Term: June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2017

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/2/2015.

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

None.

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [15-0175](#) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2015

A motion was made by Councilmember Krapohl, seconded by Councilmember Briere, that the Meeting Minutes of the Regular Session of February 2, 2015 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CA CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM REMOVED

With unanimous consent of Council, the following items were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of same:

CA-9 Resolution to Approve January 22, 2015 Recommendations of the Board of Insurance

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Krapohl, seconded by Councilmember Warpehoski, that the following Consent Items be approved as presented, excepting CA-9. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- CA-1** [14-1508](#) Resolution to Close Streets for the Ann Arbor Goddess 5K to Benefit Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance on Sunday, May 10, 2015
Enactment No: R-15-031
- CA-2** [15-0069](#) Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Burns Park Run - Sunday, May 3, 2015
Enactment No: R-15-032
- CA-3** [15-0070](#) Resolution to Approve Street Closings for Fool Moon - Friday, April 10, 2015
Enactment No: R-15-033
- CA-4** [15-0071](#) Resolution to Approve Street Closings for FestiFools Parade - Sunday, April 12, 2015
Enactment No: R-15-034
- CA-5** [15-0116](#) Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2015 Take Back the Night (Rally and March) - Thursday, April 2, 2015
Enactment No: R-15-035
- CA-6** [15-0146](#) Resolution to Approve E. Washington Street Closing for Oktoberfest - September 11-13, 2015, Requested by Arbor Brewing Company
Enactment No: R-15-036
- CA-7** [15-0147](#) Resolution to Approve W. Washington Street Closing for Oktoberfest - September 11-13, 2015, Requested by Grizzly Peak Brewing Company and the Blue Tractor
Enactment No: R-15-037
- CA-8** [15-0077](#) Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order to Dell Marketing L.P. for Replacing Server Equipment (not to exceed \$64,000.00)
Enactment No: R-15-039
- CA-9** [15-0129](#) Resolution to Approve January 22, 2015 Recommendations of the Board of Insurance Administration
- A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Enactment No: R-15-040

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

None.

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None.

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

DC-1 [15-0142](#) Resolution to Appoint Bob Needham to the City Environmental Commission

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

Enactment No: R-15-041

DC New Business - Council:

DC-2 [15-0203](#) Resolution for Community Events Fund Disbursements from the FY 2015 Budget

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

Enactment No: R-15-042

DC-3 [15-0218](#) Resolution Removing Perceived or Actual Moratorium on New Lighting of the Public Right-of-Way in the City of Ann Arbor

A motion was made by Councilmember Kunselman moved, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, that the resolution be approved.

Enactment No: R-15-043

[15-0218](#) Resolution Removing Moratorium on New Lighting of the Public Right-of-Way in the City of Ann Arbor

Councilmember Kunselman moved the following amendment, which was considered friendly:

Resolution Removing [Perceived or Actual] Moratorium on New Lighting of the Public Right-of-Way in the City of Ann Arbor

Whereas, Lighting of the public right-of-way enhances public safety in the City of Ann

Arbor; and,

Whereas, There is a [perception, whether actual or not, that there is a City Council authorized] moratorium on any new lighting of the public right-of-way in the City of Ann Arbor; and

Whereas, A resolved clause adopted by a previous City Council has not been provided to substantiate said moratorium; now,

RESOLVED, Ann Arbor City Council removes any [perceived or actual] moratorium on any new lighting of the public right-of way in the City of Ann Arbor.

[Brackets] indicate deleted language.

The question being, a motion made by Councilmember Kunselman, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, that the Resolution be approved as amended, on a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-15-043

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DB-1 [15-0151](#)

Resolution in Support of the Reimagine Washtenaw Corridor Improvement Study (CPC Recommendation - Approval: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays)

A motion was made by Councilmember Briere, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Resolution be approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, that the Resolution be postponed until 4/20/2015. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 7 - Councilmember Kunselman, Councilmember Anglin, Councilmember Briere, Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Kailasapathy, Councilmember Warpehoski and Councilmember Eaton

Nays: 4 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Krapohl and Councilmember Westphal

RECESS

Mayor Taylor called a recess at 10:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 [15-0093](#)

Resolution to Approve the Renewal Contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (\$1,527,552.00)

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

Enactment No: R-15-044

- DS-2** [15-0094](#) Resolution to Approve Agreements with Express Scripts to Provide Prescription Drug Coverage (\$66,640.00)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Westphal, seconded by Councilmember Kunselman, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-15-045
- DS-3** [15-0027](#) Resolution to Award Contract for the Geddes Dam - Tainter Gate #4 Replacement Project to Gerace Construction Company, Inc. (\$299,900.00)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Krapohl, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- Enactment No: R-15-046
- DS-4** [15-0018](#) Resolution to De-commit Funding from the Sewage Disposal System Fund Balance from Near North Apartments and Appropriate Those Funds and Establish a Project Budget for Sanitary Sewer Expenses for North Maple Estates (\$153,611.00 Sewage Disposal System) **(8 Votes Required)**
- A motion was made by Councilmember Briere, seconded by Councilmember Krapohl, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.**
- Enactment No: R-15-047
- DS-5** [15-0149](#) Resolution to Adopt the Housing Affordability & Equity Analysis, Committing to Advance the Goals Set within, and Supporting the Designation of a Regional Workgroup
- A motion was made by Councilmember Warpehoski, seconded by Councilmember Briere, that the Resolution be approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:**
- Yeas:** 10 - Councilmember Kunselman, Councilmember Anglin, Councilmember Briere, Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Kailasapathy, Councilmember Warpehoski, Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Krapohl and Councilmember Westphal
- Nays:** 1 - Councilmember Eaton
- Enactment No: R-15-048

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER KUNSELMAN

Councilmember Kunselman spoke about a recent death of a person in a homeless camp. He stated the community has the resources to shelter folks from the extreme cold and this issue still needs to be addressed.

COUNCILMEMBER WARPEHOSKI

Councilmember Warpehoski also spoke about the individual who recently perished. He stated mental health problems are challenging and that the County had tried to reach out to offer services to this person.

COUNCILMEMBER LUMM

Councilmember Lumm thanked Council for supporting the postponement of ReImagine Washtenaw, stating the postponement will allow for more engagement of the community.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIERE

Councilmember Briere stated the deer count results are coming as part of the Deer Management study.

E COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

F & G CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS**F The following communications were referred as indicated:****Passed on consent agenda**

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

- F-1** [15-0066](#) Fourth Quarter 2014 Investment Portfolio Report
- F-2** [15-0148](#) AAATA Board Report for January 2015
- F-3** [15-0180](#) Communication from Ypsilanti City Council regarding the Recent DTE Petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Case U-17767 - File
- F-4** [15-0207](#) Communication from the Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the City's financial plan for the Market Fund - Finance
- F-5** [15-0222](#) Communication from Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State regarding receipt and filing of Two Certified Copies of the Amendment to the Ann Arbor City Charter and the Canvas of Votes of the November 4, 2014 Election - File

G The following minutes were received for filing:

- G-1** [14-1704](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2014
- G-2** [14-1749](#) Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2014
- G-3** [14-1760](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2014
- G-4** [15-0030](#) Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2014
- G-5** [15-0078](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2014
- G-6** [15-0113](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Meeting November 19, 2014 Minutes
- G-7** [15-0118](#) Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2014
- G-8** [15-0119](#) Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014
- G-9** [15-0120](#) Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2014
- G-10** [15-0130](#) Insurance Board Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

KAI PETAINEN

Kai Petainen, City resident, thanked Council for the postponement of ReImagine Washtenaw. He also stated he attended one of the deer management meetings and felt that the City's consultant was dismissive to certain people who came to speak. He stated the consultant told members of the public not to criticize the plan. He urged Council to allow public participation and to hear all sides.

KATHY GRISWOLD

Kathy Griswold spoke about the issues with street lighting in Ann Arbor. She stated A2FixIt clearly shows the magnitude of the problem, with many outstanding requests for lights.

CALEB POIRIER

Caleb Poirier expressed concerns with the new microphones in the Chamber, stating it is very difficult to hear in the audience. He also spoke about the recent death, a drug overdose, of a homeless person.

ALAN HABER

Alan Haber spoke about the Aura Rosser shooting by the Ann Arbor Police, stating this was another example of a person in need of outreach due to mental health problems. Mr. Haber also reminded Council of Earth Day activities on April 19.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Briere, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

[15-0241](#)

Council Emails and Redaction List from 2/17/15

Received and Filed

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