

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

**Monday, September 14, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Work Session**

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

**City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:02 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 301 E. Huron Street, Larcom Municipal Building.*

**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

**WS WORK SESSION****WS-1 15-0143**

An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:60, 4:61 and 4:62, and to Delete Section 4:63 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-15-04)

**Attachments:** 10-05-15 Supplemental Memo - ORD-15-04.pdf, ORD15-04 Ch 49 As Amended 031615.pdf, Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Final Recommendations, Ord Amend Chpt 49 Briefed.pdf, Ord Amend Chpt 49.pdf, Communication from Linda Feldt regarding Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force (2).pdf, Memo from Pedestrian Safety Task Force - Postponement Request, MEMO to Council for 4-20-15 from Disabilities Commission.pdf, Disabilities Commission Draft Resolution for Consideration 4-15.pdf, PSATF Letter to Mayor Council, PSTAF Letter to Mayor and Council - 6-15-15, Memo to Mayor and Council - Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49 6-25-15, Memo to Mayor and Council - Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49 - Updated 7-6-15, Memo to Mayor and Council - Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49 - Updated 7-7-15, Environmental Commission Resolution, PSATF Presentation for 9-14-15

*Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator; Connie Pulcifer, Systems Planner; and Linda Diane Feldt, Chair of the Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force; presented the final report and recommendations of the Task Force to City Council. Copies of the report and presentation are on file in the City Clerk's Office. Task Force members Jim Rees and Owen Jansen also presented portions of the report and were available to answer questions.*

*Councilmembers asked staff for clarification regarding Police enforcement and whether implementation of some of the objectives identified would require additional Police resources.*

*Councilmember Grand requested more information and examples of "gateway signage" and how that might be implemented as part of the education component.*

*Councilmembers inquired about the Environmental Commission recommendation to move from salt to magnesium for snow and ice removal, due to environmental concerns. Questions were raised regarding the cost differences between the two options.*

**Held and Continued to the City Council due back on 9/21/2015**

Enactment No: ORD-15-04

**PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)**

*Sally Petersen, Chair of the Commission on Disability Issues, addressed three outstanding concerns she identified from the Task Force's final report:*

- 1. Question about Title II of the ADA and who actually has responsibility for sidewalk clearing. Ms. Petersen noted the City Attorney is researching this issue.*
- 2. Petersen raised a question about equity between City Hall and City residents, with the City clearing roads after 4 inches of snow accumulation, but requiring homeowners to clear at 1 inch.*
- 3. Petersen requested stronger language in support of those requesting assistance, either due to financial or physical needs.*

*Linda Evans, Vice Chair of the Commission on Disability Issues, urged Council to approve the funding of additional rumble strips at crosswalks.*

*Kathy Griswold, 2nd Ward, thanked the City for putting together the Task Force to really study this issue and she thanked Task Force members. She urged Council to continue with a "team" approach.*

*Chris Hewett, of the citizen group, Save Our Streets Ann Arbor, stated the current speeds on many Ann Arbor roads are too fast for most residents to feel comfortable in a bike lane. The higher speeds push cyclists back onto the sidewalks, he stated. He also requested uniformity with the signage and design of crosswalks throughout the City.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.*

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