

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 16, 2020

7:00 PM

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City Council

Council meets in Caucus at 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to each Regular Session.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor called the electronic meeting of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with State and County health orders.

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 Julie Grand, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold, Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson, Councilmember Ali Ramlawi, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer and Councilmember Travis Radina

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Radina, 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 Tom Crawford welcomed the new members to City Council. He also reported on the City's plans to address the State's three-week "Pause" due to COVID-19. Mr. Crawford stated City facilities will be closed, but staff will continue to work, both at essential services, and through remote work.

Mr. Crawford presented the following reports for information of Council:

AC-1 [20-1731](#) Memorandum in Response to Council Resolution R-20-373 - Resolution to Partner with the University of Michigan to Provide Emergency Shelter in Ann Arbor

Received and Filed

AC-2 [20-1756](#) City Administrator’s Report - November 16, 2020

Received and Filed

AC-3 [20-1732](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - November 16, 2020

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [20-1660](#) Washtenaw County Coordinated Funding Update

Teresa Gillotti, Washtenaw County Community Development Director, and Morghan Williams Boydston, Human Services Director for Washtenaw County, provided an update on the County’s Coordinated Funding plan. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

Received and Filed

ORGANIZATION OF NEW COUNCIL

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry provided the Oath of Office and welcomed new members of City Council:

- Lisa Disch, Ward 1*
- Linh Song, Ward 2*
- Travis Radina, Ward 3*
- Jen Eyer, Ward 4*
- Erica Briggs, Ward 5*

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

20-1713 Resolution Electing 2021-2022 Mayor Pro Tem and Establishing Order of Succession for Acting Mayor

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Yeas: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Hayner and Councilmember Ramlawi

Enactment No: R-20-427

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. Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - Resolution Accepting the Results of the 2020 November Elections and Recognizing President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris (DC-3)**

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about the City's response to COVID-19. She also expressed concerns about the recent election and the nation's response.

2. **Blaine Coleman - Resolution Accepting the Results of the 2020 November Elections and Recognizing President-elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris (DC-3)**

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke about DC-3, the resolution to accept the results of the 2020 election of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. He stated if the City can get involved in this issue, they should also be able to pass a resolution of support for Palestine.

3. **Glen Nelson - Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office Mental Health Court Grant Award and Approve Grant Contract (CA-5)**

Glen Nelson, resident, spoke about mental health and the City's use of the rebate funds for the County Mental Health and Public Safety millage.

4. **Tom Stulberg - Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Create a Transit Supported Development District (DC-2)**

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke about development issues.

5. **Ralph McKee - Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Create a Transit Supported Development District (DC-2) and Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Study and Update the South State Street Corridor Plan (DC-4)**

Ralph McKee, resident, spoke in opposition to DC-2 and DC-4, regarding development and transit supported development districts.

6. **Michelle Hughes - Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Police Vehicles from Signature Ford (CA-6)**

Michelle Hughes, resident, spoke in support of de-funding the police.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI**

Councilmember Ramlawi welcomed new colleagues to City Council. He addressed recent damage in town due to the wind storm over the weekend.

COUNCILMEMBER GRISWOLD

Councilmember Griswold addressed technical difficulties that had occurred at the Sunday meeting of Caucus. She thanked those who attended. Councilmember Griswold stated the Council Administration Committee will be discussing the possibility of releasing certain privileged memos, stating the public has an interest in Open Meetings Act and Conflict of Interest policies.

COUNCILMEMBER HAYNER

Councilmember Hayner requested a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Larry Hunter, a former member of City Council.

Councilmember Hayner also noted that the City was founded on land taken from Indigenous Peoples.

COUNCILMEMBER NELSON

Councilmember Nelson updated the public regarding construction projects that are ongoing in Ward 4.

NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

New Councilmembers Radina, Eyer, Briggs, Disch and Song thanked the community, other Councilmembers and staff for welcoming them.

COUNCILMEMBER GRAND

Councilmember Grand addressed the public's concerns regarding racial

equity. She stated the City is actively working on this issue, but acknowledged they do not currently have all of the answers.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [20-1733](#) Communication from the Mayor

Mayor Taylor presented Naomi Goldberg as the new LGBTQ liaison to the Mayor's Office.

Received and Filed

MC-2 [20-1711](#) Nominations and Appointments

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

Board of Review

William Brogan-Reappointment

950 Northwood St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending January 31, 2024

Board of Review 2

Alice Owings-Partial Term

921 Miner St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending January 31, 2022

Curt Zell-Reappointment

3047 Override Dr.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Term: Ending January 31, 2024

City Planning Commission

Sadira Clarke-Filling remaining term of Wendy Woods (resigned)

1825 Pontiac Trail

Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Term: Ending June 30, 2023

Wonwoo Lee-Filling remaining term of Erica Briggs (resigned)

218 West Oakbrook Dr.

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending June 30, 2022

Economic Development Corporation

Dana Thompson-Partial Term

1610 Meadowside Dr.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Term: May 31, 2025

Historic District Commission

Anna Epperson-Reappointment

734 Miller Ave.

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending May 31, 2023

Robert White-Reappointment

1849 Saxon Rd.

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending May 31, 2023

Transportation Commission

Areli Balderrama-Filling remaining term of Deanna Lernihan (resigned)

1810 Stadium Place

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Ending May 31, 2021

Referred to the City Council due back on 12/7/2020

CA CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED

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

CA-1 Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on the North Side of Scio Church Road between South Maple Road and Greenview Drive

CA-10 Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Agreement with Julie Roth, for Support Related to Administering the Ann Arbor Solarize Program (\$30,000)

Mayor Taylor noted that item CA-9 had previously been deleted from the Agenda.

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the following Consent Items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement of CA-3, CA-4 and CA-5.

CA-2 20-1578 Enactment No: R-20-428 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for the Annual Geographic Information System Software Maintenance and License Agreement (\$51,600.00)

CA-3 20-1610 Enactment No: R-20-429 Approved

Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office Drug Court Grant Funds and Approve Grant Contract (\$117,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-4 20-1612 Enactment No: R-20-430 Approved

Resolution to Accept and Allocate Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Award and Approve Grant Contract (\$35,313.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-5 20-1615 Enactment No: R-20-431 Approved

Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Michigan Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office Mental Health Court Grant Award and Approve Grant Contract (\$167,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-6 20-1621 Enactment No: R-20-432 Approved

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Police Vehicles from Signature Ford (Macomb County Cooperative Purchasing - \$293,552.00)

CA-7 20-1622 Enactment No: R-20-433 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Grant Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Work Related to the Environmental Assessment Study for the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$109,517.00)

CA-8 20-1623 Enactment No: R-20-434 Approved

Resolution to Approve the First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement between the City and Mead & Hunt Inc. for Work Related to the Environmental Assessment Study for the Safety Extension of Runway 6/24 at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$109,516.88)

CA-9 20-1628 Enactment No: Deleted from Agenda

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Two Vehicles from Tesla Inc. (Sole Source - \$93,470.00)

CA-11 20-1673 Enactment No: R-20-435 Approved

Resolution to Re-Authorize the City Administrator to Direct Purchase Natural Gas and Choice Electric for all Relevant City Facilities

CA-1 20-1547 Enactment No: R-20-436 Approved

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

Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on the North Side of Scio Church Road between South Maple Road and Greenview Drive

CA-10 20-1662 Enactment No: R-20-437 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Agreement with Julie Roth, for Support Related to Administering the Ann Arbor Solarize Program (\$30,000).

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

None.

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [20-1755](#) Work Session of October 13 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Ramlawi, that the Work Session of October 13 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020 be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

C New Business - Staff:

C-1 [20-1309](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16.6 and 5.18.4 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Solar Energy Systems; Exceptions to Height Limits)

A motion was made by Councilmember Hayner, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading to the City Council, due back on December 21. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-20-30

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

DC-1 20-1675 Enactment No: **R-20-438** **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor and Grand

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

Yeas: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Ramlawi, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 1 - Councilmember Hayner

Resolution to Approve 2021 Council Committee Appointments

New Business - Council:

DC-2 20-1676 Enactment No:

Sponsors: Taylor and Grand

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Create a Transit Supported Development District

20-1676 Enactment No:

Amended

Sponsors: Taylor and Grand

Amended

Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Create a Transit Supported Development District

Councilmember Briggs moved the following amendment, supported by Councilmember Radina:

Add New 2nd RESOLVED Clause:

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council requests that the City Planning Commission develop additional public engagement opportunities that are both educational in nature and solicit feedback from residents, particularly those often underrepresented in the planning process, about the proposed transit-supported district;

The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

Yeas: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Griswold and Councilmember Ramlawi

Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Study and Update the South State Street Corridor Plan (adopted by City Council July 15, 2013) Including Examining the Feasibility to Accommodate a Future Transit Supported Development Zoning District

RECESS

Mayor Taylor called a recess at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

20-1754 Enactment No: Lay on the table

Sponsors: Hayner

A motion was made by Councilmember Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Resolution be tabled, due to its late addition on the agenda. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion defeated:

Yeas: 4 - Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Ramlawi

Nays: 7 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Study and Update the South State Street Corridor Plan (adopted by City Council July 15, 2013) Including Examining the Feasibility to Accommodate a Future Transit Supported Development Zoning District

20-1754 Enactment No: Approved

The question being, the motion as originally made by Councilmember Hayner, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Resolution be approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion defeated:

Yeas: 3 - Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold and Councilmember Ramlawi

Nays: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Resolution Directing the Planning Commission to Study and Update the South State Street Corridor Plan (adopted by City Council July 15, 2013) Including Examining the Feasibility to Accommodate a Future Transit Supported Development Zoning District

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

E COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Stephen Postema provided his well wishes to Kristen Larcom, Assistant City Attorney, who is retiring after 30 years with the City.

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 Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, 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 [20-1563](#) Scio Church (S. Maple to S. Seventh) Parking Removal Resolution

F-2 [20-1709](#) City Planning Commission FY2021 - 2020 Work Program

G The following minutes were received for filing:

G-1 [20-1404](#) September 1, 2020 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- G-2 [20-1538](#) CODI September Meeting Minutes

- G-3 [20-1559](#) September 2020 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

- G-4 [20-1579](#) LDFA Board Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2020

- G-5 [20-1581](#) The City of Ann Arbor Employee's Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020

- G-6 [20-1586](#) September 15, 2020 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- G-7 [20-1587](#) October 6, 2020 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- G-8 [20-1651](#) City/School Committee Minutes - September 23, 2020

- G-9 [20-1671](#) Insurance Board Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Ralph McKee, resident, spoke about transit-oriented development policies.

Joe Spaulding, Oakland, California resident, spoke about housing affordability.

Kai Petainen, resident, offered his congratulations to the new Councilmembers.

Edward Vielmetti, resident, thanked Councilmember Eyer for calling the question after a lengthy debate.

Zachary Storey, resident, expressed concerns with the AAPD.

Alan Haber, resident, welcomed the new members to City Council.

Michelle Hughes, resident, spoke in support of transit-oriented development policies.

Eric Sturgis, resident, thanked Council for their vote on DC-3, and welcomed the new members.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina applauded the appointment of Naomi Goldberg to the Mayor's liaison for LGBTQ issues, noting her excellent work in this field.

COUNCILMEMBER HAYNER

Councilmember Hayner spoke about the concerns regarding meeting length. He noted that public debate is needed, and he stated he plans to speak on any item that he has interest.

COUNCILMEMBER RAMLAWI

Councilmember Ramlawi also addressed meeting length and urged his colleagues not to stymie debate.

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).

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Hayner, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act for land acquisition and attorney/client privileged communication, as set forth in MCLA 15.268 (D) and (H). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 11:12 p.m.:

Yeas: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Ramlawi, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 0

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Ramlawi, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 11:43 p.m.

OPEN THE AGENDA

*A motion was made by Councilmember Hayner, seconded by Councilmember Grand, to re-open the agenda.
On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Hayner, to add the following resolution to the agenda:

Resolution to Approve Exercise of a Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Botsford Property in Partnership with Washtenaw County and Authorize a Contribution of up to \$202,500.00 (3015 Miller Road) (8 Votes Required)

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

DC-5 20-1759 Enactment No: R-20-441 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Hayner, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.

Resolution to Approve Exercise of a Right of First Refusal to Purchase the Botsford Property in Partnership with Washtenaw County and Authorize a Contribution of up to \$202,500.00 (3015 Miller Road) (8 Votes Required)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

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