

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, July 29, 2021

6:00 PM

Special Session

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City Council

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Julie Grand called the electronic Special Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. in accordance with State and local health orders.

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry read the Order and Notice of Call of Special Session:

Notice is hereby given that an electronic special session of the City of Ann Arbor City Council will be held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Closed Session Under the Michigan Open Meetings Act 15.268 (H) for attorney-client written communication of legal advice.*

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council stood for a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Grand led Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

All participating remotely from the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, with the following exceptions:

Councilmember Disch participating remotely from Chicago, IL.

Mayor Taylor was not present for Roll Call and arrived at 6:13 p.m. after the start of Closed Session, calling on the phone from Wexford County, Michigan.

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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS AS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCLA 15.268 (H).

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss Attorney/client privileged communications as set forth in MCLA 15.268 (h). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor Pro Tem declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.:

- Yeas:** 9 - Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Ramlawi, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina
- Nays:** 1 - Councilmember Hayner
- Absent:** 1 - Mayor Taylor

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:19 p.m.

(Councilmember Hayner and Mayor Taylor left at this time.)

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Molly Kleinman, resident, spoke about the City's DEI initiatives. She stated it will be critical for the new City Administrator to be anti-racist.

A resident from Ward 1 spoke about his concerns regarding the City's commitment to DEI. He stated Mr. Crawford made awkward statements and should not be fired. Employees should feel safe and that there is a learning environment.

An unknown speaker spoke in support of Mr. Crawford and urged Council not to terminate him.

Erich Zechbar, Ward 2, expressed disappointment in the City Administrator. He stated it is not appropriate for Mr. Crawford to remain in a leadership role.

Tom Stulberg, resident, called for Mayor Taylor's resignation, stating there is a collapse in City leadership.

The violin monster spoke about the City Administrator situation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER SONG**

Councilmember Song gave an update regarding child-care efforts in the community, including work being done by the public schools and the County.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs spoke about the current situation with the City Administrator. She thanked staff members for being brave and coming forward with concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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