

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 20, 2023

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:** 8 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

**Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Travis Radina and Councilmember Dharma Akmon

**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 City Council:*

**AC-1**     [23-1948](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - November 20, 2023

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [23-1963](#)     City Administrator's Report - November 20, 2023

**Received and Filed**

**INT     INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [23-1844](#)     Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

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

**Received and Filed**

**INT-2**     [23-1931](#)     Ann Arbor Public Art Commission 2023 Golden Paintbrush Award Winner

**Sponsors:**     Taylor

*Mayor Taylor presented the 2023 Golden Paintbrush Award to Nancy Margolis.*

**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. **Elizabeth Tolrud - Incentives for Electrification for New Construction (in person)**  
*Elizabeth Tolrud, resident, spoke in support of Ann Arbor's climate work. She urged Council to further policies that support electrification in new development.*
  
2. **Edward Trager - Ceasefire in the Israeli Massacre on Gaza (in person)**  
*Edward Trager, resident, spoke about the war in Gaza, stating it is a massacre of Palestinian people.*
  
3. **Farhad Ebrahim - Ceasefire and Humanitarian Aid Corridors for Gaza (phone)**  
*Farhad Ebrahim, of Pittsfield Township, urged Council to support the opening of humanitarian corridors in Gaza.*
  
4. **Shima Sadaghiyani - Ceasefire in the Israeli Massacre on Gaza (in person)**  
*Shima Sadaghiyani, resident, spoke in support of a ceasefire in Gaza.*
  
5. **Gisel Arriaga Barrios - Ceasefire in the Israeli Massacre on Gaza (in person)**  
*Gisel Arriaga Barrios, resident, spoke in support of a ceasefire in Gaza.*
  
6. **Rushdi Furrha - Voice Concern Regarding Gaza by Asking for a Ceasefire, Asking the City to Pressure Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for a Ceasefire (phone)**  
*Rushdi Furrha, resident, was not present.*
  
7. **Mary Garton - Incentives for Electrification for New Construction (in person)**  
*Mary Garton, resident, spoke in support of policies to encourage electrification in new construction projects.*
  
8. **Marcello Anwar - Police Corruption (in person)**  
*Retired Officer Roman Marcello Anwar Morrow, of Westland, spoke about his problems with the AAPD and concerns of corruption.*

9. **Madyn Litten - Ceasefire in the Israeli Massacre on Gaza (in person)**  
*Madyn Litten, resident, urged Council to pass a resolution regarding the massacre in Gaza.*
  
10. **Joseph Cernigla - Incentives for Electrification for New Construction (in person)**  
*Joseph Cernigla, resident, spoke about the benefits of electrification.*
  
11. **Rula Hashem - Requesting a Resolution for a Ceasefire in Gaza (in person)**  
*Rula Hashem, resident, urged Council to support a ceasefire in Gaza.*
  
12. **Bashar Hallak - Demanding a Resolution for a Ceasefire in Gaza (in person)**  
*Bashar Hallak, resident, spoke about his personal experiences in Lebanon and Syria. He urged Council to support a ceasefire in Gaza.*
  
13. **Rich Fein - Electrification of New Construction (in person)**  
*Rich Fein, resident, spoke in support of electrification in Ann Arbor.*
  
14. **Alex Caballero - Ceasefire in the Israeli Massacre on Gaza (in person)**  
*Alex Caballero, resident, urged Council to support a ceasefire in Gaza.*
  
15. **Gordon Smith - Housing Issues (in person)**  
*Gordon Smith, spoke about homelessness and housing issues in Ann Arbor.*
  
16. **Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel. Stop Funding Genocide. (in person)**  
*Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, urged Council to stop military aid to Israel.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

*COUNCILMEMBER SONG*

*Councilmember Song thanked members of the community for their comments this evening and for sharing their personal stories.*

*COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON*

*Councilmember Harrison announced when community Thanksgiving meals would be available on Thursday for those in need.*

*Councilmember Harrison provided an update regarding the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission and stated the public can reach out to ICPOC with complaints regarding Police.*

*COUNCILMEMBER DISCH*

*Councilmember Disch announced her upcoming Ward 1 coffee hour with Councilmember Harrison.*

**MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1**     [23-1789](#)     Appointments - Confirmations

*Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented to City Council at the November 6, 2023 Regular Session:*

*Retirement System Board  
Anthony J. DiGiovanni  
Term Ending: December 31, 2026*

*Jordan Schreier  
Term Ending: December 31, 2026*

*Public Market Advisory Commission  
Emma Hardy-Representative of the Surrounding Kerrytown Area  
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

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

**MC-2**     [23-1966](#)     Appointments - Confirmations

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

*Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA)  
Julie Grand  
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 12/4/2023**

**CA     CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED**

*With unanimous consent of Council, the following Consent Agenda item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of same:*

*CA-8 Resolution to Approve the City’s Participation in Proposed Class Settlements by 3M Company and DuPont to Resolve Claims by Public Water Systems Affected by PFAS Contamination in the matter In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, Multi-District Litigation No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG*

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, 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 requirement of CA-3, CA-4, CA-5, CA-6 ,CA-9, CA-11 and CA-13.**

**CA-1     [23-1707](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-416     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve a Two (2) Year Construction Contract with Saladino Construction Co., Inc. for As-Needed Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs RFP 23-45 (up to \$358,452.00 over two years)

**CA-2     [23-1713](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-417     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Amendment No.1 to the Annual Software Support, Maintenance and License Fees Agreement for AclaraONE with Aclara Technologies LLC (\$19,420.82, Total Contract not to exceed \$240,028.18)

**CA-3     [23-1774](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-418     **Approved****

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Seven Western Star Swap Loader Chassis with Underbody Snowplows and Eleven Swap Loader Bodies from D & K Truck Company and Appropriate Funding from the Stormwater Fund Balance (State of Michigan MiDeal - \$2,384,164.69) (8 Votes Required)

**CA-4     [23-1806](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-419     **Approved****

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 721 S. Forest Avenue from Ann Arbor Forest Ave Properties KP6, LLC (8 Votes Required)



**CA-5**     [23-1807](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-420**     **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 715 S. Forest Avenue from 715 S. Forest L.L.C. (8 Votes Required)

**CA-6**     [23-1820](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-421**     **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 2195 E. Ellsworth Road from Lockwood of Ann Arbor Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership (8 Votes Required)

**CA-7**     [23-1830](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-422**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve an Agreement with Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC for Bond and Disclosure Counsel Services, and General Municipal Finance Advice

**CA-9**     [23-1793](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-423**     **Approved**

Resolution to Rescind R-23-182 for a Single Construction Contract with Melink Solar, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of Solar at City Facilities and its Appropriations and to Approve Four Construction Contracts with Melink Solar, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of Solar at City Facilities, and to appropriate Necessary Funds (8 Votes Required)

**CA-10**     [23-1798](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-424**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Midwest Geothermal, LLC for Technical Support and Design Guidelines as Part of the Bryant District Geothermal Project (\$97,000)

**CA-11**     [23-1823](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-425**     **Approved**

Resolution to Accept and appropriate a Community Project Funding Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Enhancing Solar, Battery Storage, and Electric Vehicle Charging at Municipal Facilities (\$2,500,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

**CA-12**     [23-1855](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-426**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with NOVA Consulting, Inc. to Design Solar and Energy Storage Systems at Multiple City Facilities (\$135,000.00)

CA-13    [23-1858](#)    Enactment No:    R-23-427    **Approved**

Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Michigan Office of Highway Safety Grant Funds and Approve the Subcontract Grant Agreement with the State Court Administrative Office (\$99,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-14    [23-1901](#)    Enactment No:    R-23-428    **Approved**

Resolution to Adopt the Board of Review Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxation of Principal Residence Pursuant to MCL 211.7u

CA-8    [23-1864](#)    Enactment No:    R-23-430    **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve the City's Participation in Proposed Class Settlements by 3M Company and DuPont to Resolve Claims by Public Water Systems Affected by PFAS Contamination in the matter In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, Multi-District Litigation No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG

**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    [23-1475](#)    An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 5.23 Acres from TWP (Township) to PL (Public Land District), Vacant Traver Road (ORD-23-29)

*A public hearing was held on the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 5.23 Acres from TWP (Township) to PL (Public Land District), Vacant Traver Road (ORD-23-29). Notice of public hearing was published on November 2, 2023.*

*Seeing no one present for comment, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*

**Held and Closed**

**A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

- A-1**      [23-1867](#)      Work Session of October 23 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Work Session of October 23 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

- B-1**      [23-1475](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Zoning of 5.23 Acres from TWP (Township) to PL (Public Land District), Vacant Traver Road (ORD-23-29)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING****C New Business - Staff:**

- C-1**      [23-1696](#)      An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of The City of Ann Arbor, Zoning of 5.9 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), 2520 Pontiac Trail and 2540 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-34)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 12/18/2023. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Enactment No: ORD-23-34

**C-2**      [23-1930](#)    An Ordinance to Add Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) to Title VI of City Code

**Sponsors:**            Cornell, Akmon and Eyer

**Councilmember Cornell moved, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading.**

*Councilmember Briggs arrived at 8:26 p.m.*

**Present:**    9 -    Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

**Absent:**    2 -    Councilmember Travis Radina and Councilmember Dharma Akmon

[23-1930](#)    An Ordinance to Add Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) to Title VI of City Code

**Sponsors:**            Cornell, Akmon and Eyer

**A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Song, that the Ordinance be postponed at First Reading, due back on 12/4/2023. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:**

**Yeas:**    9 -    Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Cornell

**Nays:**    0

**Absent:**    2 -    Councilmember Radina and Councilmember Akmon

**D            MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DC          New Business - Council:**

DC-1     [23-1938](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-429     Approved

**Sponsors:**     Council Administration Committee

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

Resolution to Approve 2024 Council Calendar

DB     New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS     New Business - Staff:

**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 Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss attorney/client privileged communication as set forth in MCL 15.268 (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 8:40 p.m.:**

**Yeas:**    9 -    Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Cornell

**Nays:**    0

**Absent:**   2 -    Councilmember Radina and Councilmember Akmon

**MEETING RECONVENED**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 10:27 p.m.**

**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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, 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**      [23-1822](#)      Communication from the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA) Regarding Their 2023 Summary of Activities and Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget - Public Works
- E-2**      [23-1854](#)      Communications from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), Regarding a Public Notice for 81-Bandemer Barton Tunnel-Ann Arbor, Submission Number HPW-WZNZ-8D98W - Public Works - Office of Sustainability and Innovation
- E-3**      [23-1859](#)      Communication from T-Mobile Regarding Notification of Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Obligations - Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- E-4**      [23-1935](#)      Paige Morrison- Resignation from the Leslie Science and Nature Center Board of Directors

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

- F-1**      [23-1597](#)      Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023
- F-2**      [23-1744](#)      Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 09.28.2023

- F-3      [23-1752](#)      Minutes of the September 21, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting
- F-4      [23-1811](#)      Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - May 2023
- F-5      [23-1812](#)      Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - July 2023
- F-6      [23-1814](#)      Human Rights Commission Minutes - October 11, 2023
- F-7      [23-1840](#)      Downtown Development Authority Executive, Board, Work Session, and City/DDA Joint Work Session Minutes for July-October 2023.
- F-8      [23-1841](#)      Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2023

**G      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*None.*

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

**\*THIS SECTION IS FOR SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENTARY BUT WERE UNABLE TO SPEAK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING DUE TO THE 45-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.**

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17.      **Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel. Stop Funding Genocide. (in person)**

*Blaine Coleman, resident, urged Council to end military aid to Israel and to pass a resolution of support for Gaza.*

18. **Dr. Omer Abid - Resolution that Says, "We Are Against Military Aid to Israel." (in person)**

*Dr. Omer Abid, of Grand Blanc, urged Council to pass a resolution in support of Gaza and Palestine.*

19. **Ehsan Khan - Ceasefire in Gaza (in person)**

*Ehsan Khan, resident, spoke about the war in Gaza.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.**

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