

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, May 20, 2024

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

*(Councilmember Eyer arrived at 7:07 p.m.)*

**Present:** 11 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Travis Radina, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, 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. invited Ann Arbor Housing Director Jennifer Hall and members of the Community Leadership Council to address City Council.*

*City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the following written reports for information of Council:*

**AC-1**     [24-0949](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - May 20, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [24-0978](#)     City Administrator’s Report - May 20, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**INT INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [24-0855](#)     Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

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

**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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**PHONE CALLERS CAN PRESS \*9 TO RAISE HANDS AND \*6 TO UNMUTE THEIR PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.**

1. **Ken Garber - City Budget (DS-5) (in person)**  
*Ken Garber, resident, spoke in support of the Council's inclusion of the phase two feasibility study for public power in the budget.*
  
2. **Jeane Ross - City Budget (DS-5) (in person)**  
*Jeane Ross, resident, asked Council to continue to support the Rising Hope in Housing program through A Brighter Way.*
  
3. **Kathy Griswold - City Budget (DS-5) (in person)**  
*Kathy Griswold, resident, discussed the lack of funding for crosswalk maintenance in the budget.*
  
4. **Jeff Hayner - Amendments to Council Rules (DC-6)**  
*Jeff Hayner, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Council Rule changes in DC-6.*
  
5. **Sean Higgins - City Budget (DS-5) (in person)**  
*Sean Higgins, secretary for Ann Arbor for Public Power, thanked City Council for funding the second phase of the feasibility study in the budget.*
  
6. **Michelle Hughes - City Budget (DS-5) (phone)**  
*Michelle Hughes, resident, spoke about the need for unarmed police response to be funded in the budget.*
  
7. **Tom Stulberg - City Budget (DS-5) (phone)**  
*Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment 5 to the budget.*
  
8. **Jeff Crockett - Bicentennial Celebration and Picnic on May 25th (in person)**  
*Jeff Crockett, resident, discussed the upcoming bicentennial celebration and picnic on May 25th.*

**9. Alan Haber - Ann Arbor's 200th Birthday Party (in person)**

*Alan Haber, resident, discussed the upcoming bicentennial celebration on the Library Lot.*

**10. Christine Crockett - Old 4th Ward Community Service Award (in person)**

*Christine Crockett, resident, shared that the Old Fourth Ward was presented the Community Award by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL****COUNCILMEMBER RADINA**

*Councilmember Radina reported that the AFC Ann Arbor soccer club plans to give back to the community by planting three trees for every goal it scores. The club will donate trees to Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation, planting a minimum of 200 trees as part of the city's A2Zero campaign and ongoing bicentennial celebrations.*

**COUNCILMEMBER WATSON**

*Councilmember Watson reported that the Nixon Road project information session was delayed and will now be held in June or July.*

*He also thanked the members of the Community Leadership Council for their work on the Dunbar Tower affordable housing project.*

**COUNCILMEMBER SONG**

*Councilmember Song stated she will be speaking to the Michigan Housing Commission about the housing crisis that the City faces. She praised the work of the Community Leadership Council for their work in addressing these challenges.*

*She also praised the work of the Old Fourth Ward Historic District for their recent Community Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. .*

**COUNCILMEMBER AKMON**

*Councilmember Akmon noted that on May 21st an Artspace Public Party would be held at Studio Studio. This event will allow everyone to learn about the progress and provide input to non-profit affordable housing developer Artspace for a new A2 project.*

**COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON**

*Councilmember Harrison discussed her visit to Atlanta for Police Week to view their diversion program. The Policing Alternatives & Diversion (PAD) Initiative in Atlanta works to reduce arrest and incarceration of people experiencing extreme poverty, problematic substance use, or mental health concerns through referrals instead of arrest.*

*She also thanked the AAPD for their work and commitment to the equity ordinance.*

**CC-1**     [24-0923](#)     Resolution to Appoint Erica Liu to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission

**Sponsors:**             Song, Harrison and Ghazi Edwin

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

*Independent Community Police Oversight Commission  
Erica Liu-Youth Commissioner  
Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/3/2024**

**MC     COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1**    [24-0745](#)    Appointments - Confirmations

*Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the May 6, 2024 Regular Session of Council:*

*Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee*

*David Penland*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Park Advisory Commission*

*Laurence O'Connell*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

*Julie Weatherbee-Partial Term*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

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



**MC-2**    [24-0755](#)    Nominations and Reappointments - Confirmations

*Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the May 6, 2024 Regular Session of Council:*

*Airport Advisory Committee  
Rosemary Nelini Faulkner  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Ann Arbor Public Art Commission  
Marianetta Porter  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Building Board of Appeals  
Paul Darling  
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Kevin T Cox  
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Cable Communications Commission  
David Pittman  
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*City Planning Commission  
Sarah Mills  
Term Ending: June 30, 2027*

*Commission on Disability Issues  
Rachel M Hawkins  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Rosanita Ratcliff  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Zachary Damon  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Design Review Board  
William D Kinley  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Lori Singleton*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)*  
*Stephen G Palms*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Downtown Development Authority*  
*Steven E Brummer*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

*Economic Development Corporation Board*  
*Henry L. McQueen*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2030*

*Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee*  
*Richard C Wieland*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Energy Commission*  
*Noah Levin*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*John Mirsky*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Historic District Commission*  
*Jennifer Ross*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Housing and Human Services Advisory Board*  
*Karen P Wanza*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Housing Board of Appeals*  
*Lisa Stelter*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Angela L Rasmussen*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Human Rights Commission*  
*Leslie K Stambaugh*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Huron River Watershed Council*

*Janis A Bobrin*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)*

*Michael Psarouthakis*

*Term Ending: June 30, 2028*

*Park Advisory Commission*

*Rachel A Skylis*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Public Market Advisory Commission*

*James E. Booge IV*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Recreation Advisory Commission*

*Mark W Brehob*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Renters Commission*

*Jordan E Else*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Geoffrey C Lowes*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Robert Droppleman*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Transportation Commission*

*Peter D Houk*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Zoning Board of Appeals*

*Candice Briere*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Michael Brent Daniel*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Christopher Madigan*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Kristina A Glusac*  
*Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

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

**CA CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**CA-1     [24-0853](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-156     **Approved****

Resolution to Close N. Fourth Avenue and E. Ann Street for the 27th Annual African-American Downtown Festival, Friday, May 31, 2024 to Saturday, June 1, 2024

**CA-2     [24-0866](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-157     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Firecracker 5K - Thursday, July 4, 2024

**CA-3     [24-0867](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-158     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2024 Ann Arbor Jaycees Fourth of July Parade - Thursday, July 4, 2024

**CA-4     [24-0802](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-159     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2024 Rolling Sculpture Car Show - Friday, July 12, 2024

**CA-5     [24-0852](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-160     **Approved****

Resolution to Close Streets for the Paint the Town Event on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 6:00 AM through 7:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024

**CA-6**    [24-0766](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-161**    **Approved**

Resolution to Close Streets for the Ann Arbor Mile-Dart for Art on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024

**CA-7**    [24-0847](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-162**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closing for the Electricians NTI Block Party - Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 1, 2024

**CA-8**    [24-0850](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-163**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the UA Block on Monday, August 12, 2024 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 AM on Tuesday, August 13, 2024

**CA-9**    [24-0846](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-164**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closure of North University between Thayer and Fletcher for the University of Michigan Center for Campus Involvement's Festifall Event on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM

**CA-10**    [24-0805](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-165**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the First Amendment to the Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Millage Fund Grant Agreement Between the City of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, and the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation

**CA-11**    [24-0817](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-24-166**    **Approved**

Resolution to Adopt an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Ann Arbor Parks

**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**     [24-0458](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.65 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3701-3713 Riverside Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-10)

*A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.65 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3701-3713 Riverside Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-10). Notice of public hearing was published April 18, 2024.*

*There being no one present for comment, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.*

**Held and Closed**

**A        APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

- A-1**     [24-0839](#)     Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**B        ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

- B-1**     [24-0458](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.65 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3701-3713 Riverside Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-10)

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

**C        ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

- C-1      [24-0826](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:60 and 4:61 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-12)

**Sponsors:**              Akmon, Briggs, Cornell and Ghazi Edwin

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned on June 3, 2024.**

Enactment No: ORD-24-12

*Councilmember Ghazi Edwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be amended as follows:*

*Add to Section 4:61 (1)*

*(2) The notice shall contain information directing residents with disability or other access needs to contact Community Standards for potential assistance, including from programs that pair residents with volunteers to assist them with snow removal.*

*The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.*

**Amended**

*A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Ordinance be further amended as follows:*

*Add to Section 4:60 (12) Penalties*

*(b) (iv) The fines for a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or townhouse dwelling unit located on a non-residential zoned parcel shall be the same as R1 residential property.*

*The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.*

**Amended**

**The question being, the motion made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Ordinance be approved as amended on First Reading and should be returned by 6/3/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

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Enactment No: ORD-24-12

**D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DC Unfinished Business - Council:**

**DC-1     [24-0383](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-167     **Approved****

**Sponsors:**     Radina

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

Resolution to Reappoint Sheila Schueller to the Greenbelt Advisory Commission

**DC-2     [24-0423](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-168     **Approved****

**Sponsors:**     Akmon

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

Resolution to Reappoint Maisie A Weyhing, Anya Dale, and Christopher Graham to the Environmental Commission (7 Votes Required)

**DC-3     [24-0576](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-169     **Approved****

**Sponsors:**     Ghazi Edwin, Harrison and Song

**A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the seven-vote requirement.**

Resolution to Appoint Janet Haynes, Rodrick Green, Mohammad Othman and Nathaniel Graulich to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (7 Votes Required)

**DC-4     [24-0753](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-170     **Approved****

**A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the seven-vote requirement.**



Resolution to Appoint Michelle Liao to the Renters Commission as a Non-registered Elector (7 Votes Required)

**DC-5     [24-0756](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-171     **Approved****

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the seven-vote requirement.**

Resolution to Reappoint Non-registered Electors to Ann Arbor Boards and Commissions (7 Votes Required)

**DC     New Business - Council:**

**DC-6     [24-0898](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-172     **Approved****

**Sponsors:     Council Administration Committee**

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

Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Council Rules

**DB     New Business - Boards and Commissions:**

**DS     New Business - Staff:**

**DS-1     [24-0794](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-173     **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 Authorizing Issuance of 2024 Capital Improvement Bonds for the 121 Catherine Street Affordable Housing Development (Not to Exceed \$9,000,000.00)(Limited Tax General Obligation - Taxable)

DC-6     [24-0898](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-172     Reconsidered

**Sponsors:**     Council Administration Committee

**A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Resolution to Approve Amendments to Council Rules be reconsidered. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Council Rules

DC-6     [24-0898](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-172     Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Amendments to the Council Rules

DS-2     [24-0849](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-177     Approved

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

Resolution to Approve the Creation of the Affordable Housing Capital Improvement Bonds fund and Appropriate Proceeds from the 2024 Capital Improvement Bond (\$9,000,000) (8 Votes Required)

DS-3     [24-0445](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-174     Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2025 Fee Adjustments of the Public Services Area - Engineering, Systems Planning, Public Works, Water Treatment, and Water Resource Recovery Units

DS-4     [24-0518](#)     Enactment No:     R-24-175     Approved

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

Resolution to Approve FY 2025 Fee Adjustments for the Community Services Area

DS-5      [24-0647](#)      Enactment No:      R-24-176      Approved

**A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Resolution be approved.**

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

[24-0647](#)      Enactment No:      R-24-176      Amended

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

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

*Amendment 1*

*Amendment to Appropriate \$100,000 to the FY 2025 General Fund Budget for Professional Services for Zoning Changes*

*Whereas, Housing affordability, sustainability in the built environment, and carbon neutrality are issues of extreme importance to the Ann Arbor community;*

*Whereas, On April 1, the Ann Arbor City Council approved a suite of Economic Development resolutions (R-24-108; R-24-109; R-24-110; R-24-111), to support housing affordability, support sustainability in the built environment, pursue improvements in the tax base, and create opportunities for placemaking, all of which are critical for bolstering the city's commitment to carbon neutrality and the high quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors to the Ann Arbor community;*

*Whereas, Implementing this suite of Economic Development resolutions will require extensive changes to City zoning and land use policy that the City Planning Department will need to hire outside consultants to deliver in a timely manner; and*

*Whereas, A one-time increase in professional services funds of \$100,000 would support timely delivery of zoning and land use changes pursuant to Economic Development resolutions R-24-108; R-24-109; R-24-110; R-24-111;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates one-time funding in FY 2025 in the amount of \$100,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the General Fund Planning Department expenditure budget for the purpose of professional services for zoning changes.*

*Sponsors: Disch, Cornell and Eyer*

**24-0647**

**Enactment No: R-24-176**

**Amended**

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

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

*Amendment 2*

*Amendment to Convert City Planner 1 Position to City Planner 5 and Appropriate \$20,812 to the General Fund FY 2025 Budget*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor is undergoing a review and update of its Comprehensive Land Use plan to advance highly-valued community priorities of housing affordability, sustainability in the built environment, and carbon neutrality;*

*Whereas, The Comprehensive Land Use plan update will recommend changes to City zoning and land use policy whose timely implementation will exceed the current staff capacity of the City Planning Department;*

*Whereas, In FY24 two experienced (Level 5) staff members retired from the Planning Department, and the City Administrator's proposed budget provides for a revenue-neutral replacement of these positions by three new FTEs at Level 1;*

*Whereas, Upgrading one of the three new FTEs provided to the Planning Department from Level I to Level V would provide necessary additional expertise to prepare Planning Staff to design and implement changes pursuant to the Comprehensive Land Use update; and*

*Whereas, The City Planner 5 position is anticipated to increase Planning revenues by \$20,812;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council approve converting an existing City Planner 1 position to a City Planner 5 position on a recurring basis in the*

*FY 2025 budget; and*

*RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$20,812 to the General Fund Planning Department revenue and expenditure budget with the source of revenue being an additional \$10,000 in site plan revenue, \$7,000 in zoning compliance permit revenue and \$3,812 in planned unit development revenue.*

*Sponsors: Disch, Cornell and Eyer*

**24-0647**

**Enactment No: R-24-176**

**Amended**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the Resolution be amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

*Amendment 3*

*Amendment to Appropriate \$500,000 from FY 2025 Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate to Eviction Prevention and Low-Income Youth Services*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission allocate funding to community-based organizations for the purpose of delivering important human services;*

*Whereas, There is \$1,000,000 in unallocated revenue from Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds in the General Fund fund balance;*

*Whereas, In 2021 City Council resolved in R-21-098 to allocate this revenue "for such purposes specifically related to restorative and alternative strategies for public safety and community support;"*;

*Whereas, There is an immediate and underfunded need for eviction protection and youth services in the City and County, felt acutely by low income and BIPOC communities;*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor dedicated \$1,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for housing our homeless and \$1,682,230 towards Washtenaw County's New Human Services Partnership for basic safety net services in April 2022 (R-22-096), to be spent by 2026;*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor is the only municipal partner contributing*

*general fund dollars to Washtenaw County's New Human Services Partnership despite increasing demands on social service agency providers;*

*Whereas, The City is engaged with Washtenaw County to allocate, through the New Human Services Partnership High Impact Grant program, up to \$330,000 in 5-year commitments, to organizations with the goals of impacting Poverty, Racism and Trauma; and*

*Whereas, The City seeks to build on that effort, providing further funding for eviction prevention and youth services;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$500,000 of Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2025 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget on a one-time basis for FY 2025 as follows:*

- \$250,000 for eviction prevention*
- \$250,000 for low-income youth services; and*

*RESOLVED, That the amounts authorized herein may be used without regard to fiscal year;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to distribute the funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and that subsequent to the distribution, the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and the City will enter into a Grant Agreement detailing the reporting mechanism for how the funds will be distributed;*

*RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation may use up to five percent (5%) of the aforementioned funds for administrative costs related to providing eviction prevention and low-income youth services; and*

*RESOLVED, That the City conduct a gap analysis report for Council that evaluates eviction prevention and youth services funding in light of County social services spending to determine future funding allocations.*

*Sponsors: Cornell, Briggs, Ghazi Edwin, Watson, Akmon, Eyer, Song, Radina, Disch, Harrison, and Mayor Taylor*

[24-0647](#)

Enactment No: R-24-176

Amended

**A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Resolution be amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

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*Amendment 4*

*Amendment to Appropriate \$500,000 from the Marijuana Excise Tax to the Rising Hope for Housing Program*

*Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor currently allocates \$400,000 of its Marijuana Excise Tax revenue to fund the Rising Hope for Housing program, which supports organizations in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County that assist returning citizens;*

*Whereas, The Rising Hope for Housing program has been instrumental in providing trauma-informed services, actively promoting public safety, decreasing recidivism and reducing long-term incarceration costs;*

*Whereas, The Rising Hope for Housing program effectively addresses the unique challenges faced by individuals exiting the criminal legal system, such as stigma, limited employment opportunities, and past traumas, thereby enhancing their integration into society;*

*Whereas, The effectiveness of the Rising Hope for Housing program in targeting high-risk individuals helps in maintaining a focused approach that maximizes the use of funds and prevents dilution of service impact;*

*Whereas, The Rising Hope for Housing program supports equity and justice by aiding those disproportionately affected by the criminal legal system and the War on Drugs, particularly communities of color and low-income individuals;*

*Whereas, The Washtenaw County Jail participates in a special program partnership with the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), receiving housing vouchers designated for inmates transitioning back into the community;*

*Whereas, There are plans to increase the number of voucher recipients*

*within this program;*

*Whereas, The anticipated increase in voucher recipients is expected to lead to a higher demand for comprehensive support services;*

*Whereas, The Rising Hope for Housing program's use of Marijuana Excise Tax funds represents a unique and sustainable funding opportunity to support underfunded organizations and services that are crucial for societal well-being;*

*Whereas, The high cost of housing within Ann Arbor and a limited number of affordable rental units make it challenging for many returning citizens to afford living in the city, yet their employment and economic activities in Ann Arbor contribute to the local economy and their wellbeing is tied to the City's prosperity;*

*Whereas, Historically, enforcement of drug-related laws by Ann Arbor's police force included arresting individuals who lived outside the city limits, which implicates the City in the responsibility to support their reintegration irrespective of their current residence;*

*Whereas, Supporting returning citizens who may reside in neighboring communities but work in Ann Arbor ensures a broader and more effective regional approach to public safety and economic stability, which benefits all communities involved, including Ann Arbor;*

*Whereas, The Rising Hope for Housing program is uniquely designed to address the specific needs and challenges faced by individuals directly impacted by the criminal legal system, who require specialized trauma-informed services to effectively reintegrate into society;*

*Whereas, Diluting the focus of the Rising Hope for Housing program to include a broader at-risk population could reduce the intensity and efficacy of services provided to returning citizens, thereby undermining the program's proven success in significantly reducing recidivism rates and aiding those most in need of support; and*

*Whereas, Concentrating resources on those who have been directly affected by the criminal legal system ensures that the Marijuana Excise Tax revenue is used in a targeted manner that aligns with the principles of restorative justice and maximizes the positive impacts of these funds on individual lives and community safety;*



*RESOLVED, That this additional funding will be used to expand and enhance the services provided to returning citizens, ensuring that the Rising Hope for Housing program can meet the increased demand anticipated from the new jail voucher program;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$500,000 of the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2025 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget on a one-time basis as follows:*

- \$500,000 for the Rising Hope for Housing Program and its Trauma Informed Supportive Services including Case Management Services prioritizing individuals impacted by the Criminal Legal System with Tenant-Based Housing Choice Vouchers, including returning citizens.*

*RESOLVED, That the amounts authorized herein may be used without regard to fiscal year;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to distribute the funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation, allowing coordination with other partner organizations to distribute the funds in the most effective manner possible and that subsequent to the distribution, the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and the City will enter into a Grant Agreement detailing the reporting mechanism for how the funds will be distributed;*

*RESOLVED, That these funds will be used to provide a range of supportive services through the Rising Hope for Housing program, including but not limited to, mental health counseling, peer support groups, substance abuse treatment, life skills training, financial counseling, educational opportunities, transportation assistance, legal assistance, housing advocacy, health care coordination, entrepreneurship training, and case management services, from providers trained in trauma-informed care;*

*RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation may use up to five percent (5%) of the aforementioned funds for administrative costs related to providing trauma informed supportive services with priority for returning citizens and individuals impacted by the criminal legal system;*

*RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to investigate options for funding the Rising Hope for Housing program on a*

*recurring basis in the next budget cycle; and*

*RESOLVED, That the City Council reaffirms its commitment to social justice, equity, and public safety by supporting programs that effectively assist returning citizens and contribute to a safer, more inclusive community.*

*Sponsors: Harrison, Radina, Cornell, Disch, Briggs, Ghazi Edwin, Watson, and Mayor Taylor*

**24-0647**

**Enactment No: R-24-176**

**Amended**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Resolution be amended. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:**

**Yeas:** 7 - Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin and Councilmember Cornell

**Nays:** 4 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Akmon

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*Amendment 5*

*Amendment to Appropriate \$100,000 to the FY 2025 General Fund Budget for Equitable Communications to the Community*

*Whereas, It is vital for Ann Arbor residents to receive information about their city government and to know how to contact their elected leaders for assistance;*

*Whereas, Not all residents have the ability to use digital communication;*

*Whereas, Research shows the digital divide adversely impacts low-income households, senior citizens, minority groups and people with disabilities;*

*Whereas, Printed materials are still a critical way to reach residents regardless of their Internet access or tech proficiency; and*

*Whereas, Council members have received requests from residents for some form of printed information to help them navigate city government;*

*RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2025 General Fund Mayor and Council budget on a one-time basis for print and mail from City Council communications to the community; and*

*RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to investigate options for funding communications to the community on a recurring basis in the next budget cycle.*

*Sponsors: Eyer, Harrison, Ghazi Edwin and Disch*

**24-0647**

**Enactment No: R-24-176**

**Amended**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Resolution be amended. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion defeated:**

**Yeas:** 2 - Councilmember Radina and Councilmember Ghazi Edwin

**Nays:** 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Cornell

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*Amendment 6*

*Amendment to Prioritize Crosswalk Upgrades on Stone School Road*

*Whereas, Stone School Road, between Eisenhower and Ellsworth, is an area of heavy pedestrian traffic with access to multiple City parks, Bryant Elementary School, the Jewish Community Center and associated Early Childhood Center, and the Jimmy Hill "Purple House" serving the homeless community;*

*Whereas, Existing crosswalks at the intersections of Stone School Road and Pheasant Run Circle and Stone School Road and Birch Hollow Drive, are heavily trafficked crossings critical to accessing these amenities and to the safe and effective use of public transit in the area;*

*Whereas, Due to the width of Stone School Road and visibility challenges at these crosswalks, vehicles regularly travel at higher-than-posted rates of speed and fail to yield for pedestrians waiting to cross the roadway;*

*Whereas, Based on engineering staff review of these locations, they qualify for additional improvements, including the addition of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs);*

*Whereas, There is currently \$250,000 set aside annually from the Street, Bridge, and Sidewalk Millage for crosswalk upgrades of this nature;*

*Whereas, Staff is currently working on a prioritization process for crosswalk upgrades, but that process is not complete; and*

*Whereas, Affected nearby residents have been requesting safety improvements to Stone School Road crosswalks for several years due to the danger posed by the crosswalks' placement immediately before/after the I-94 overpass, curves in the roadway which make visibility challenging, traffic speed and volume, and for safe access to public amenities and public transit;*

*RESOLVED, Crosswalk upgrades on at the intersections of Stone School Road and Pheasant Run Circle and Stone School Road and Birch Hollow Drive, including the installation of RRFBs, shall be prioritized in the FY25 Budget; and*

*RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to program the necessary funds for such improvements from the \$250,000 capital improvement budget already set aside from the Street, Bridge and Sidewalk Millage for Crosswalk Upgrades to implement these safety improvements.*

*Sponsors: Radina, Cornell, and Ghazi Edwin*

**24-0647**

**Enactment No: R-24-176**

**Approved as Amended**

**The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Resolution be approved as amended. On a voice vote the Mayor, declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the seven-vote requirement.**

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*None.*

**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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, 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**      [24-0827](#)      Sadira Clarke- Resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals
  
- E-2**      [24-0831](#)      Communication from Comcast Regarding Bally Sports Channel Changes, Effective April 30, 2024 - CTN, City Attorney
  
- E-3**      [24-0856](#)      Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. WRP041197 v1.0 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
  
- E-4**      [24-0900](#)      Communications from the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Regarding Public Comment Period and Public Hearing for the Draft Multiple Discharger Variance for Mercury - Public Works, Office of Sustainability and Innovation, City Attorney
  
- E-5**      [24-0908](#)      Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Notice of a Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company in Case No. U-21482 Scheduled for May 23, 2024 - Sustainability - City Attorney

E-6     [24-0959](#)     Steven Daniels- Resignation from the Housing Commission

E-7     [24-0961](#)     HHSAB - Annie Erickson Change in Role

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

F-1     [24-0366](#)     March 5, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-2     [24-0659](#)     Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 3-28-24

F-3     [24-0829](#)     City Election Commission Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024

G       **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*None.*

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

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*(Not necessary.)*

**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 9:59 p.m.**

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