

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 7, 2025

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 7:04 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: 11 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Travis Radina, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon, Councilmember Jennifer Cornell and Councilmember Jon Mallek

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Agenda be approved. 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 Council:

AC-1 [25-1281](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - July 7, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-2 [25-1303](#) City Administrator's Report - July 7, 2025

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

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. Ken Garber - Sustainability Commission bylaws (CA-9) (in person)

Ken Garber, resident, expressed concern about the approval of the new Sustainability Commission bylaws in CA-9. He noted the lack of opportunity for public comment under the new bylaws, compared to the previous Energy and Environmental Commissions.

2. Kathy Griswold - North Main Street Transportation Study (CA-3) & Backlog of pedestrian safety improvements (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke in opposition to CA-3, urging Council to stop hiring consultants.

3. Tom Stulberg - Bond issuance for the Arbor South Project (DC-1) (phone)

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke about DC-1 and expressed concern regarding the issuance of City bonds for the support of the Arbor South project.

4. Kitty Kahn - Bond issuance for the Arbor South Project (DC-1) (phone)

Kitty Kahn, resident, spoke in opposition to DC-1, calling it "Pay for Play."

5. Hannah Stanton-Gockel - Safety on Stadium Blvd (in person)

Hannah Stanton-Gockel, resident, spoke about bike safety on Stadium Boulevard. She spoke about her program, "Bubbles for Bike Lanes."

6. Alex Lowe - Comprehensive Plan (in person)

Alex Lowe, resident, provided comments regarding the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

7. Shannon Lau - Comprehensive Plan (in person)

Shannon Lau, Pittsfield Township resident, spoke about the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan, stating Ann Arbor has become unaffordable.

8. Patricia Austin - Announcing a new historical plaque (in person)

Patricia Austin, resident, announced a new plaque honoring Ann Arbor's history and the most recent bicentennial celebration. She stated the plaque also clarifies some of the facts regarding the naming of Ann Arbor.

9. Peter Eckstein - Arbor South Parking Decks (in person)

Peter Eckstein, resident, spoke about the financial commitment regarding the issuance of bonds for the proposed parking decks in DC-1.

11. Jeremy Haley - Property taxes (in person)

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti resident, spoke about property taxes and the uncapping of taxes that occurs after ownership changes.

10. Mark Hanss - City maintenance (phone)

Mark Hanss, resident, and former employee, expressed concern about the form answers provided by City staff in response to his A2FixIt requests. He specifically asked for attention regarding tree trimming requests near Green Road.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell responded to public comments regarding the tracking of crime rates in the downtown.

Councilmember Cornell also encouraged residents to attend the Rolling Sculpture Car Show this Friday on Main Street.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch announced her upcoming coffee hour with Councilmember Harrison, noting Police Chief Andersen will be in attendance.

Councilmember Disch also stated she has recently been canvassing Ward 1 to talk to residents. She stated she hopes residents are home and speak to her when she knocks on doors.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison spoke about the history of the City's driving equity ordinance.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina spoke about the success of the Jaycee's July 4th parade and the Ann Arbor Fire Department's spray park downtown. He thanked all who participated.

Councilmember Radina also announced the weekly AADL Summer Game Code, A2COMPPLAN.

Councilmember Radina reminded the public that the City has two ballot proposals on the August 5 ballot and encouraged residents to vote.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs spoke about upcoming federal legislation and the impact on Ann Arbor.

- CC-1** [25-1257](#) Resolution to Reappoint Jessica Francis to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission
- The resolution of reappointment was presented to Council for approval*

at a later date.

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/21/2025

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [25-1193](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented at the June 16, 2025 Regular Session of Council:

*Economic Development Corporation Board
Thressa Nichols
Term Ending: May 31, 2031*

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

MC-2 [25-1294](#) Appointments and Nominations for July 7, 2025

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

*Economic Development Corporation Board
Robin Hall
Term Ending: May 31, 2031*

*Brian Chambers
Term Ending: May 31, 2031*

*Transportation Commission
Lauren Dunlap
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/21/2025

MC-3 [25-1295](#) Resolution to Reappoint Michelle Merusi to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) as a Non-registered Elector (7 Votes Required**)**

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

*Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)
Michelle Merusi*

Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Referred to the City Council due back on 7/21/2025

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-9 Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Sustainability Commission

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, 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 requirements of CA-10, CA-11, and CA-12.

CA-1 [25-1069](#) Enactment No: R-25-243 Approved

Resolution to Approve 625 Church Development Agreement, Site Plan SP24-0017 (625 Church) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 yes, 0 no)

CA-2 [25-1101](#) Enactment No: R-25-244 Approved

Resolution to Approve 303 Detroit Street Development Agreement, 303 Detroit Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yes, 0 No)

CA-3 [25-1103](#) Enactment No: R-25-245 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Professional Service Agreement with Transportation Engineering Design, DPC for the North Main Street Transportation Study Project (\$599,871.00; RFP 25-08)

CA-4 [25-1107](#) Enactment No: R-25-246 Approved

Resolution to Approve Purchase of Servers from Dell Marketing L. P. (\$244,292.40)

CA-5 [25-1104](#) Enactment No: R-25-247 Approved

Resolution to Approve the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate Fund Grant Agreement Between the City of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, and the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation

CA-6 [25-1243](#) Enactment No: R-25-248 Approved

Resolution to Approve an Administrative Services Agreement with the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA for Administrative and Support Services (\$254,600.00 over a two-year period)

CA-7 [25-1097](#) Enactment No: R-25-249 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Grant Agreement with the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation in the Amount of \$180,000.00 to Support the Transition of the Green Baxter Court Community Center to a Resilience Hub (\$180,000.00)

CA-8 [25-1098](#) Enactment No: R-25-250 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Grant Agreement with Peace Neighborhood Center in the Amount of \$250,000.00 to Support Its Transition to a Resilience Hub (\$250,000.00)

CA-10 [25-1220](#) Enactment No: R-25-251 Approved

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 1100 Broadway from Morningside Maiden Lane, LLC (**8 Votes Required**)

CA-11 [25-1221](#) Enactment No: R-25-252 Approved

Resolution to Accept an Easement for Right-of-Way at 1100 Broadway from Morningside Maiden Lane, LLC (**8 Votes Required**)

CA-12 [25-1224](#) Enactment No: R-25-253 Approved

Resolution to Accept a Sidewalk Easement at 1937 Jackson Avenue from Glendale Orchard LLC (**8 Votes Required**)

CA-13 [25-1239](#) Enactment No: R-25-254 Approved

Resolution to Approve Amendment of Master Deed and Bylaws for Tally Hall Condominium

CA-14 [25-1172](#) **Enactment No: R-25-255** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Ann Arbor SPARK and the City of Ann Arbor for Economic Development Services (\$80,000.00)

CA-9 [25-1181](#) **Enactment No: R-25-256**

Councilmember Briggs moved, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Sustainability Commission

[25-1181](#) **Enactment No: R-25-256** **Amended**

Amended

Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Sustainability Commission

Councilmember Briggs moved the following amendment, seconded by Councilmember Cornell:

Amend the Bylaws as follows:

7.12 Public comment shall be allowed at all meetings. An individual may speak for up to [2] 3 minutes on any item open for public comment. Public comment may be reduced to 1 minute per person if there are a large number of speakers. Public comment on non-agenda items may be limited or placed separately from other public comment on the agenda.

[Brackets] indicate deleted language. (Change 2 minutes to 3 minutes).

The proposed amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

[25-1181](#) **Enactment No: R-25-256** **Amended**

A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Resolution be amended as follows:

Amend the proposed bylaws as follows:

8. 2 The order of business at regular meetings shall generally be as follows. However, when developing the agenda, the order of business may be adjusted at the determination of the staff liaison in consultation with the Chair. The order of business may also be suspended or modified at a meeting by a vote of the Commission.

- 7. Communications
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. Adjournment

ALL CAPS indicate new language.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 6 - Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 5 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina and Councilmember Harrison

Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Sustainability Commission

25-1181 **Enactment No: R-25-256** **Approved as Amended**

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Resolution be approved as amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Sustainability Commission

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 25-1236 Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 25-1297 Enactment No: R-25-257

Councilmember Disch moved, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the City Administrator for the Timing of Bond Issuance for the Arbor South Project

25-1297 **Enactment No:** **R-25-257** **Amended**

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Resolution be amended as follows:

[RESOLVED, That City Council approves the City Administrator's recommendation to issue bonds prior to construction of the public parking decks for the Arbor South Project;]

[RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to continue negotiations with the developer of Arbor South under the recommended financing structure;]

**WHEREAS, CITY COUNCIL RESPECTS STAFF EXPERTISE AND
ADVICE AND WISHES TO PROCEED WITH ADDITIONAL CAUTION.**

RESOLVED, THAT CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPER OF ARBOR SOUTH ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS, THAT THE CITY ISSUE BONDS AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE INITIAL PUBLIC PARKING DECK FOR THE ARBOR SOUTH PROJECT, BUT THAT THE CITY ISSUE BONDS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION FOR SUBSEQUENT DECKS, PROVIDED THAT THE CITY RETAIN THE OPTION TO ISSUE BONDS AFTER CONSTRUCTION BASED UPON THEN-CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS:

[Brackets] indicate deleted language.
ALL CAPS indicate new language.

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

Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the City Administrator for the Timing of Bond Issuance for the Arbor South Project

25-1297

Enactment No: R-25-257

Approved as Amended

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved as amended. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 7 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 4 - Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Cornell

Resolution Approving the Recommendation of the City Administrator for the Timing of Bond Issuance for the Arbor South Project

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

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Not necessary.

E & F CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS

E The following communications were referred as indicated:

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Mallek, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

E-1 25-0762 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission 2025 Plan and Goals

- E-2 [25-0822](#) Transportation Commission Policy Agenda
- E-3 [25-1145](#) Resolution to Support the Installation of "Murals That Bridge" Project by Mary Thiefels of TreeTown Murals Railroad Metal Overpasses and Concrete Underpass Project on North Main Street in Ann Arbor.
- E-4 [25-1244](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division Regarding a Public Notice of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Certificate of Coverage (COC) No. MIG760092 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
- E-5 [25-1248](#) Elena Chambers - Resignation from the Commission on Disability Issues
- E-6 [25-1260](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division Regarding a Public Notice of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Certificate of Coverage (COC) No. MIG760095 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
- E-7 [25-1301](#) Kathryn Fortener - Resignation from the Historic District Commission
- F **The following minutes were received for filing:**
- F-1 [25-0839](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes - April 9, 2025
- F-2 [25-0873](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025
- F-3 [25-0879](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2025
- F-4 [25-1021](#) Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025
- F-5 [25-1025](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025

- F-6 [25-1071](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes of May 21, 2025
- F-7 [25-1102](#) Independent Community Police Oversight Commission Meeting Minutes of May 2025
- F-8 [25-1120](#) Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025
- F-9 [25-1196](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025
- F-10 [25-1264](#) Council Policy Agenda Committee Minutes - April 11, 2025

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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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