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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, November 17, 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 Briggs, 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 the information of Council:

AC-1 25-1964 Agenda Response Memo and eComments - November 17, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-2 25-2008 City Administrator's Report - November 17, 2025

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 25-1898 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

Maura Thomson, Executive Director of the DDA, presented the monthly update from the DDA. A copy of her presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENTARY (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER, 45 MINUTES TOTAL)*

- *WHEN MORE THAN 30 SPEAKERS HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AT A COUNCIL MEETING, EACH SPEAKER SHALL BE GIVEN 2 MINUTES TO SPEAK AT THAT MEETING
- * (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)
- * ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

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

1. Robert Malcolm, Sr. - Arbor South Project (DS-2) (in person)

Rachel Malcolm, Sr., resident, stated he is in support of the Arbor South project, stating it will provide many good union jobs.

2. Alex Lowe - Arbor South Project (DS-2) (in person)

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in opposition to DS-2.

3. Eric Ivancich - Arbor South Project (DS-2) (Zoom)

Evan Ivancich, resident, spoke about the Arbor South project. He stated the project needs to be reworked.

4. Kathy Griswold - Pedestrian safety, TikTok, and reality (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about pedestrian safety in Ann Arbor.

5. Pwon Bailey - Why I am for more neighbors (in person)

Pwon Bailey, resident, spoke about racial profiling and policing in Ann Arbor. He spoke about how this has affected him.

6. Abubakar Ibrahim - Commercial zoning (phone)

Abubakar Ibrahim was not present.

7. Blaine Coleman - We are against military aid to Israel (in person)

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke about the war in Gaza.

8. Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We are against military aid to Israel (in person)

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about the war in Gaza and Ann Arbor politics.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch spoke about the Arbor South project that was deleted from tonight's agenda. She spoke about the reasons she was planning to support the project.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison thanked community members for attending the premiere of "A ripple in Ann Arbor."

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs provided an update regarding traffic projects, including the work on Seventh Street and Miller Road.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin spoke about SNAP benefits and the community's needs. She urged residents in need to reach out to providers like Food Gatherers and Barrier Busters.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 25-1892 Appointment to the Local Officers Compensation Commission

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the November 6, 2025 Regular Session of Council:

Local Officers Compensation Commission Bryan Weinart-Partial Term Term Ending: September 30, 2029

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

MC-2 <u>25-1903</u> Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the November 6, 2025 Regular Session of Council:

Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees K.C. Walbridge

Term Ending: December 31, 2028

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

MC-3 25-2023 Appointments - Confirmations

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

Renters Commission Sheila Rasouli

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Referred to the City Council due back on 12/1/2025

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-8 Resolution to Exercise a Right of First Refusal to Purchase and Resell the Affordable Unit at 105 Ashley Mews and Appropriate Funds (8 Votes Required)

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, 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-6.

CA-1 25-1793 Enactment No: R-25-406 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Process Piping & Equipment, Inc. for the Screw Pump Replacement Project (RFP #25-38, \$2,769,400.00)

CA-2 25-1840 Enactment No: R-25-407 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 2025 Traffic Signal Upgrade Project (\$1,337,900.00)

CA-3 25-1817 Enactment No: R-25-408 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Grant Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Engineering and Construction Services for the Pavement Maintenance on a Section of Pavement in the Northwest Hangar Area at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (\$448,242.00)

CA-4 25-1818 Enactment No: R-25-409 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Grant Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Engineering Services for the Upgrade of Navigation Aids at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport for Runway 6/24 (\$74,724.00)

CA-5 25-1816 Enactment No: R-25-410 Approved

Resolution to Approve Extension of Support Agreement for Pure Storage from CDW Government, LLC (\$232,349.40)

CA-6 25-1850 Enactment No: R-25-411 Approved

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 2500 Keystone Lane and 2500 Breckenridge Drive from Surrey Park Investors LLC (8 Votes Required)

CA-7 <u>25-1888</u> Enactment No: R-25-412 Approved

Resolution to Approve Amendment Number 1 to the Legal Services Agreement with Hallahan & Associates P.C. Relative to Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal MTT 21-000829, Mall at Briarwood, LLC vs City of Ann Arbor (\$140,000.00)

CA-8 <u>25-1825</u> Enactment No: R-25-413 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 unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.

Resolution to Exercise a Right of First Refusal to Purchase and Resell the Affordable Unit at 105 Ashley Mews and Appropriate Funds (8 Votes Required)

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 25-1652 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code),

Rezoning of 1 Acre from TWP (Township) to R1A (Single-Family Dwelling), Tai Zoning, 1155 Arlington Boulevard (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-25-31)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, Tai Rezoning, 1.0 acre from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single-Family Dwelling District), Tai property, located at 1155 Arlington Blvd. Notice of public hearing was published October 30, 2025.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Jeff Hayner, Ward 1, spoke about the cancellation of PH-5, stating concerns about the Open Meetings Act.
Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support.

There being no further comment, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Held and Closed

PH-2 25-1656

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 5.7 Acres from TWP (Township) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), The Village of Ann Arbor III, 2600 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yes and 0 No) (ORD-25-32)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of Village of Ann Arbor III, 5.7 acre from TWP (Township District) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), located at 2600 Pontiac Trail. Notice of public hearing was published October 30, 2025.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Jeff Hayner, Ward 1, stated the residents in Arrowwood Hills Co-operative had concerns about this project. He also noted that the project does not include any geothermal heating.

Adam Jaskiewicz, Ward 4, spoke in support, stating the City has a housing crisis.

There being no further comment, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Held and Closed

PH-3 25-1746

An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.16.3.F of Chapter 55 Unified Development Code of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Marijuana Business School Buffer Removal) CPC Recommendation: Approval (7 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-25-33)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 5.16.3.F of Chapter 55 Unified Development Code of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Marijuana Business School Buffer Removal). Notice of public hearing was published October 30, 2025.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Jeff Hayner, Ward 1, spoke about changes to Michigan's cannabis laws, stating he was opposed to this change.

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support.

There being no further comment, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

Held and Closed

PH-4 25-1696

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-25-34)

Sponsors: Akmon, Briggs, Cornell, Disch and Watson

A public hearing was continued on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. Notice of public hearing was published November 13, 2025.

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

Held and Closed

PH-5 25-1847 Enactment No:

Deleted from Agenda

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve a Brownfield Plan for the Arbor South Project - 2845 South State Street

This public hearing was deleted from the agenda.

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 25-1900 Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

B-1 25-1652

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 1 Acre from TWP (Township) to R1A (Single-Family Dwelling), Tai Zoning, 1155 Arlington Boulevard (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-25-31)

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

B-2 <u>25-1656</u>

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 5.7 Acres from TWP (Township) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), The Village of Ann Arbor III, 2600 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yes and 0 No) (ORD-25-32)

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.

B-3 <u>25-1746</u>

An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.16.3.F of Chapter 55 Unified Development Code of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Marijuana Business School Buffer Removal) CPC Recommendation: Approval (7 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-25-33)

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

B-4 <u>25-1696</u>

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-25-34)

Sponsors: Akmon, Briggs, Cornell, Disch and Watson

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading.

Councilmember Akmon presented a proposed substitute ordinance for consideration. The proposed amendment was seconded by Councilmember Cornell.

The proposed substitute ordinance amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

Amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Ordinance be approved as amended on First Reading to the City Council and should be returned by 12/1/2025. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-25-34

- C ORDINANCES FIRST READING
- D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS
- DC Unfinished Business Council:
- DC-1 25-1828 Enactment No: R-25-414 Approved

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

Resolution to Appoint Wayne Powell to the Airport Advisory Committee as a Non-registered Elector (7 Votes Required)

- DC New Business Council:
- **DB** New Business Boards and Commissions:
- DS Unfinished Business Staff:
- DS-1 25-1847 Enactment No: Deleted from Agenda

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve a Brownfield Plan for the Arbor South Project - 2845 South State Street

DS-2 <u>25-1846</u> Enactment No: Deleted from Agenda

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve a Public-Private Development Agreement for the Arbor South Project and Authorize the Purchase of up to Three Parking Structures Subject to Availability of Funding (8 Votes Required)

DS New Business - Staff:

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None.

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 Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- E-1 25-1923 Risk Fund Claims Review Report October 2025
- E-2 Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Notice of a Pre-Hearing for Washtenaw Solar Energy, LLC Notice of Intent to Construct a Solar Energy Facility: Case No. U-21962 Scheduled for November 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM Sustainability, City Attorney
- F The following minutes were received for filing:

F-1 25-1600	September 3	. 2025 Cit	y Planning	Commission	Meeting Minutes
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- F-2 25-1607 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2025
- F-3 25-1703 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes of September 2025

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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(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 8:19 p.m.

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