

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 4, 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

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 Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 [24-0172](#) Living Wage Increase Effective April 30, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-0208](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission 6-Month FY24 Program Expenditure Report \$1,375,000.00 Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate

Received and Filed

AC-3 [24-0303](#) Memorandum from City Administrator - Response to Resolution R-18-291 - FY23Q4, FY24Q1 & Q2 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Reports - March 4, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-4 [24-0304](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - March 4, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-5 [24-0313](#) City Administrator's Report - March 4, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-6 [24-0320](#) Memorandum in Response to R-23-232 - Resolution to Ensure Transparency, Nondiscrimination, and Equal Opportunity in Municipal Contracting and Procurement Practices - FY24 Q1 & Q2 Report

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [24-0196](#) Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (ICPOC) Monthly Update

Stefani Carter, Chair of the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, provided her monthly update to City Council. She presented the Commission's annual report to Council and also stated that the Commission is looking for additional data-sharing and statistics from the AAPD.

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. **Peter Houk - Resolution Regarding Golf Cart Leases (DC-2) (in person)**
Peter Houk, resident, spoke in opposition to the reconsideration of DC-2, the purchase of Golf Carts. He urged Council to let Huron Hills Golf Course return to a more natural park.

2. **Alan Haber - Palestine (in person)**
Alan Haber, resident, spoke about Palestine and U.S. aid to Israel.

3. **Valerie Snowdon - Enhanced Mufflers (in person)**
Valerie Snowdon, resident, was not present.

4. **Kirk Westphal - Vision Zero Means Zero (in person)**
Kirk Westphal, resident, spoke about pedestrian safety and vision zero.

5. **Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**
Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about the genocide in Gaza. She urged Council to take a stand against this action and to stand up for the environment.

6. **Kathy Griswold - Public Walkways Throughout Ann Arbor (in person)**
Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about pedestrian safety and public walkways in Ann Arbor.

7. **Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke against military aid to Israel.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song responded to public commentary regarding protests against Israel and demands for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Councilmember Song announced a fundraiser for young female skateboarders.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin addressed comments from public speakers regarding the war in Gaza.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson spoke about an upcoming Orchard Hills neighborhood meeting.

Councilmember Watson spoke about AC-2 regarding highlights from the Housing Commission's use of Marijuana Excise tax.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [24-0237](#) Appointment - Confirmation

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented to City Council for consideration at the February 20, 2024 Regular Session:

*Housing and Human Services Advisory Board
Robert Boley
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

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

MC-2 [24-0307](#) Appointments and Nominations for March 4, 2024

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

*Commission on Disability Issues
Sam Ankenbauer
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

Referred to the City Council due back on 3/18/2024

CA **CONSENT AGENDA****Passed on consent agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, 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-1, CA-2, CA-3 and CA-13.

CA-1 [24-0214](#) **Enactment No: R-24-060**

Resolution to Approve Participation in the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Fletcher Property in Scio Township, Approve a Participation Agreement with Scio Township, and Appropriate \$50,000.00 (8 Votes Required)

CA-2 [24-0215](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-061** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Participation in the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Heller Property in Webster Township, Approve a Participation Agreement with Webster Township, and Appropriate \$78,400.00 (8 Votes Required)

CA-3 [24-0216](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-062** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Participation in the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Heydon Property in Webster Township, Approve a Participation Agreement with Webster Township, and Appropriate \$128,250.00 (8 Votes Required)

CA-4 [24-0178](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-063** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a 2024 Land and Water Conservation Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for Improvements at the Buhr Park Ice Arena and Commit \$500,000.00 in Local Matching Funds if the Grant is Awarded

CA-5 [24-0161](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-064** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for a Restricted Nonresidential Remedial Action at 2000 S. Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor

CA-6 [24-0266](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-065** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Spence Brothers for the Supportive Connections Office Space Renovations Project (RFP 23-68) (\$135,000.00)

CA-7 [24-0160](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-066** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a One-Year Extension of the Contract with Washtenaw County for Police Dispatch Services (\$1,012,534.00)

CA-8 [24-0258](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-067** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2024 Take Back the Night/Standing Tough Against Rape (Rally and March) - Wednesday, April 3, 2024

CA-9 [24-0257](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-068** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Closing of Monroe and Tappan Streets for the Annual Monroe Street Fair, Saturday, April 6, 2024

CA-10 [24-0259](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-069** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Burns Park Run - Sunday, May 5, 2024 from 5:30 AM until 11:00 AM

CA-11 [24-0012](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-070** **Approved**

Resolution to Close Streets for the Time to Teal 5K and Fun Run to Benefit the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA) on Sunday, May 12, 2024

CA-12 [24-0235](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-071** **Approved**

Resolution To Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Geothermal Advisory and Design Services (\$689,200.00)

CA-13 [24-0283](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-072** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Grant of Easement for a Private Sanitary Sewer Lead at 519 Eighth Street (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 [24-0212](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 8:530 and 8:531 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-03)

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

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 8:530 and 8:531 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. Notice of public hearing was published on February 29, 2024.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Zachariah Farah, a member of the Ann Arbor Tenants Union and the City's Renters Commission, spoke in support. He also urged Council to continue efforts to protect renters, including with the elimination of junk fees and wait-list fees.

State Representative Carrie Rheingans spoke in support of the proposed ordinance, stating it protects families and seniors, in addition to student renters. She urged Council to continue to protect renters.

A Ward 5 resident spoke in support.

Aiden Ross, a student at Washtenaw Community College, stated he cannot currently afford to rent in Ann Arbor.

A member of the Ann Arbor Tenants Union spoke in support.

Seeing no one further present to speak, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.

Held and Closed

PH-2 [24-0083](#) **Enactment No: R-24-075** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve Fees for Fire Department Lift Assists

A public hearing was held on the proposed Resolution to Approve Fees for the Fire Department Ambulance Transport and Lift Assists And Appropriate Funding (8 Votes Required). Notice of public hearing was published on February 22, 2024.

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

PH-3 [24-0186](#) Enactment No: R-24-076 Held and Closed

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve Fees for the Fire Department Ambulance Transport and Appropriate Funding (8 Votes Required)

A public hearing was held on the proposed Resolution to Approve Fees for the Fire Department Ambulance Transport and Appropriate Funding (8 Votes Required). Notice of public hearing was published on February 22, 2024.

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

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [24-0284](#) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

B-1 [24-0212](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 8:530 and 8:531 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-03)

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, 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-1 [24-0219](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42 (Open Space and Parkland Preservation) of Title III of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-04)

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 3/18/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-04

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

- DC-1 [24-0239](#) Enactment No: R-24-073 Approved

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 Appoint Sean Duval to the Economic Development Corporation Board as a Non-resident Elector (7 Votes Required)

DC New Business - Council:

- DC-2 [24-0305](#) Motion to Reconsider the February 20, 2024 Vote that Defeated the Resolution to Approve a Golf Cart Lease and Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of Lawnmowers

Sponsors: Radina

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that Council reconsider the February 20, 2024 vote that defeated the Resolution to Approve a Golf Cart Lease and Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of Lawnmowers.

Councilmember Radina moved the motion, having voted on the prevailing side, which defeated the Resolution.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Resolution was reconsidered.

24-0109 **Enactment No: R-24-074** **Reconsidered**

Reconsidered to the City Council

Resolution to Appropriate Funds and Approve a Golf Cart Lease with Golf Cars Plus (\$796,050.00) and Appropriate Funding for the Purchase of Two Groundsmaster Mowers for Parks and Recreation (\$48,921.00) (8 Votes Required)

24-0109 **Enactment No: R-24-074**

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

Resolution to Appropriate Funds and Approve a Golf Cart Lease with Golf Cars Plus (\$796,050.00) and Appropriate Funding for the Purchase of Two Groundsmaster Mowers for Parks and Recreation (\$48,921.00) (8 Votes Required)

24-0109 **Enactment No: R-24-074** **Amended**

Amended

Resolution to Appropriate Funds and Approve a Golf Cart Lease with Golf Cars Plus (\$796,050.00) and Appropriate Funding for the Purchase of Two Groundsmaster Mowers for Parks and Recreation (\$48,921.00) (8 Votes Required)

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

Add New Whereas and New RESOLVED Clause:

Whereas, creating and implementing a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality – as stipulated in the City’s A2Zero Plan Strategy 2 – necessitates 100% decarbonized energy and accompanying electrified energy systems installed at all city facilities by 2030;

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to provide a comprehensive review of Parks Department capital needs to the Parks Advisory Commission and the City Council, inclusive of a plan to transition the City’s golf cart fleet to electric no later than the end of this lease agreement;

The proposed amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

24-0109 **Enactment No: R-24-074** **Approved as Amended**

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Radina, 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: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Akmon

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Cornell

Resolution to Appropriate Funds and Approve a Golf Cart Lease with Golf Cars Plus (\$796,050.00) and Appropriate Funding for the Purchase of Two Groundsmaster Mowers for Parks and Recreation (\$48,921.00) (8 Votes Required)

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS Unfinished Business - Staff:

DS-1 24-0083 Enactment No: R-24-075

A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution to Approve Fees for Fire Department Lift Assists

24-0083 Enactment No: R-24-075 **Amended**

Amended

Resolution to Approve Fees for Fire Department Lift Assists

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin moved the proposed substitute Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Radina.

The substitute resolution was considered friendly by the Body.

24-0083 Enactment No: **R-24-075** **Approved as Amended**

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

Resolution to Approve Fees for Fire Department Lift Assists

DS **New Business - Staff:**

DS-2 **24-0186** Enactment No: **R-24-076** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve Fees for the Fire Department Ambulance Transport and Appropriate Funding (8 Votes Required)

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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 Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 [24-0046](#) Transportation Commission 2023 Annual Report
- E-2 [24-0047](#) Transportation Commission FY2025 Policy Agenda
- E-3 [24-0308](#) Molly Kleinman- Resignation from the Transportation Commission
- E-4 [24-0306](#) Risk Fund Claims Review Report - January 2024
- F **The following minutes were received for filing:**
- F-1 [24-0045](#) December 2023 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-2 [24-0094](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - January 17, 2024
- F-3 [24-0126](#) AAPAC Meeting Minutes - September and November 2023
- F-4 [24-0128](#) ICPOC January 2024 Meeting Minutes
- F-5 [24-0181](#) 1/9/2024 Energy Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-6 [24-0217](#) Council Administration Committee Minutes - January 9, 2024
- F-7 [24-0224](#) The City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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