

City of Ann Arbor

301 E. Huron St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor 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 Watson arrived at 7:10 p.m. and Councilmember Harrison arrived at 7:16 p.m.

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 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 [25-1001](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - May 19, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-2 [25-1040](#) City Administrator's Report - May 19, 2025

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [25-0953](#) 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)

*** (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. Eric Ivancich - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (Zoom)

Eric Ivancich, resident, thanked Councilmembers Briggs, Akmon, and Cornell for proposing Amendment 2 to the budget regarding roadway safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

2. John Walker - Rising Hope for Housing (DS-8) (in person)

John Walker, resident, spoke in support of funding for Rising Hope for Housing.

3. Margaret McCall - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (in person)

Margaret McCall, resident, spoke in support of a budget amendment for Vision Zero and safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

4. Joseph Meyer - Rising Hope for Housing (DS-8) (in person)

Joseph Meyer, Augusta Township resident, was not present.

5. Adam Jaskiewicz - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (Zoom)

Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support of funding for Vision Zero, including the proposed Amendment 2 to the City budget.

6. Annika Moran - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (in person)

Annika Moran, Ann Arbor Township resident, spoke in support of funding for Vision Zero, including the proposed Amendment 2 to the City budget.

7. Jan Davies McDermott - Reappointment to the Ann Arbor Economic Development Board (MC-1) (in person)

Jan Davies McDermott, resident, provided an update on the work of the Economic Development Board.

8. Adam Grant - Rising Hope for Housing (DS-8) (in person)

Adam Grant, Lansing resident, spoke in support of funding for Rising Hope for Housing.

9. Jennifer St. John - Rising Hope for Housing (DS-8) (in person)

Jennifer St. John, Ypsilanti City resident, spoke in support of funding for A Brighter Way and the Rising Hope for Housing program.

10. Tina Topalian - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (phone)

Tina Topalian, resident, was not present.

11. Kitty Kahn - Budget Amendment #5 (DS-8) (phone)

Kitty Kahn, Ward 4 resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed budget amendment for Council Communications to the Community, stating the communications are political in nature.

12. Jessica Henry - Rising Hope for Housing (DS-8) (in person)

Jessica Henry, Spring Arbor Township resident, spoke in support of funding for the Rising Hope for Housing program.

13. Alex Lowe - Budget Adoption (DS-8) (in person)

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support of funding for Vision Zero, including the proposed Amendment 2 to the City budget.

14. Peter Houk - Budget Amendment #3 (DS-8) (in person)

Peter Houk, resident, spoke in support of funding for Vision Zero, including the proposed Trunkline Transfer of Huron Street. He also spoke in support of proposed budget Amendment 2.

15. Kathy Griswold - Shared Street Grant (CA-2) & Record High Crash Rate (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about CA-2 and the high cost of the project. She also spoke about the City's transportation safety problem.

16. Sam Homan - Comprehensive Plan (in person)

Sam Homan, Ward 4 resident, spoke about transition districts and business flex districts within the proposed Comprehensive Plan. He stated the Planning Commission is only focused on housing, not other types of needed districts, such as business and industrial.

17. Marieta McGraw - Ann Arbor Land Trust Townhomes (phone)

Marieta McGraw, resident, stated she was selected through the Land Trust lottery to buy a home in the new land trust development. She urged Council to move this project forward.

18. Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, addressed public comments made regarding affordable housing. She also spoke about military aid to Israel and urged Council to support the people of Palestine.

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

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke in support of a resolution opposing military aid to Israel.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER DISCH**

Councilmember Disch spoke about the recent Ward 1 coffee hour and the conversation they had regarding the proposed Comp Plan.

She also provided an update about the upcoming A2Zero Week, encouraging the community to participate in the scheduled events.

Councilmember Disch spoke about a New York Times article highlighting the Argus Farm Stop, a local farm to table grocery in Ann Arbor.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison thanked Police Chief Anderson for updating the AAPD policy regarding preemptive traffic stops, noting the new policy is in better alignment with Council policy.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer provided an update on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan and spoke about the need to eliminate exclusionary zoning.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon provided an update regarding discounts on electric lawn equipment for City residents.

Councilmember Akmon provided clarification regarding the status of some bike lane projects that were paused due to funding questions.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their shared open houses, stating they were a big success for the

community and families.

Councilmember Cornell provided an update on Taste of Ann Arbor scheduled for the first weekend in June.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson provided an update on the County's listening session to discuss a proposed senior millage ballot question.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Passed on consent agenda

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

MC-1 [25-0931](#) Reappointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following reappointments that were presented at the May 5, 2025 Regular Session of Council:

*Airport Advisory Committee
B Melanie McNicholas
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

*Frederick M Hall
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

*Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board
Mike Allemang
Term Ending: May 1, 2030*

*Ann Arbor Public Art Commission
Peggy J Wier-Leonard
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

*Building Board of Appeals
Robert Hart*

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Hugh Flack, Jr.

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

David Arnsdorf

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Cable Communications Commission

Zachary Damon

Term Ending: May 31, 2030

City Planning Commission

Wonwoo Lee

Term Ending: June 30, 2028

Sara Hammerschmidt

Term Ending: June 30, 2028

Ellie Abrons

Term Ending: June 30, 2028

Commission on Disability Issues

Kathleen M Mozak

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Larry D Keeler

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Alex Gossage

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Downtown Development Authority

Thressa Nichols

Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Angela L Jackson

Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Elisabeth Berry

Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

Lynn M Nybell
Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Brooks A Curtis
Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Samuel Rosewig
Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
Mark N Foster
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Energy Commission
Mike Berkowitz
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Historic District Commission
David Rochlen
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Kathryn J Fortener
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Housing Board of Appeals
Jerry P Schulte
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Tim Durham
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Human Rights Commission
Linda Winkler
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Hannah G Lane
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Keta J Cowan
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Huron River Watershed Council
Richard Norton

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Park Advisory Commission

Teesha Montague

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Recreation Advisory Commission

Hannah Cary

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Renters Commission

Chris E Boddy

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Rosanita Ratcliff

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Kimberly A Pitts

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Transportation Commission

Wonwoo Lee

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Bret Hautamaki

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Zoning Board of Appeals

Patricia Laskowsky

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Todd W Grant

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

MC-2 **25-0935** Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the May 5, 2025 Regular Session of Council:

Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

John Kotarski-Partial Term

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

*Downtown Development Area Resident Consultancy Council
Julian Mayes-Burnett-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Housing Commission
Devin Kilpatrick
Term Ending: May 31, 2030*

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.

CA-1 [25-0927](#) Enactment No: R-25-159 **Approved**

Resolution to Close West Washington Street for the Ann Arbor YMCA Community Block Party on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

CA-2 [25-0936](#) Enactment No: R-25-160 **Approved**

Resolution to Accept Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Funds and Approve an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Fourth Avenue Street and Transit Improvements Project (\$200,000.00)

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 [25-0836](#) Enactment No: R-25-170 **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve the 1155 Arlington Boulevard Annexation, 0.9 Acres, 1155 Arlington Boulevard (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve the 1155 Arlington Boulevard Annexation, 0.9 Acres, 1155 Arlington

Boulevard. Notice of public hearing was published in the Ann Arbor News on May 18, 2025.

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

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [25-0966](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

C New Business - Staff:

C-1 [25-0838](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.29.9.B of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Land Divisions) CPC Recommendation: Approval (7 yes, 0 no) (ORD-25-20)

A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 6/16/2025. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-25-20

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

D Unfinished Business:

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

DC-1 [25-0877](#) Enactment No: R-25-161

Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Mallek, seconded by Councilmember Disch, 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 Rosanne Bloomer, Kate Laramie, and Deaver Armstrong to the Greenbelt Advisory Commission **(7 Votes Required)**

DC-2 [25-0928](#) Enactment No: R-25-162 Approved

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

Resolution to Reappoint Stephen Brown to the Environmental Commission

DC-3 [25-0944](#) Enactment No: R-25-163 Approved

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

Resolution to Reappoint Erica Liu and Randy Milgrom to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission

DC-4 [25-0932](#) Enactment No: R-25-164 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Radina, 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-5 [25-0933](#) Enactment No: R-25-165 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 Sarah Fuller to the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission as a Non-registered Elector **(7 Votes Required)**

DC New Business - Council:

DC-6 [25-1006](#) Enactment No: R-25-166 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.

Resolution to Allocate Funds for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Intervention Programs

DC-7 [25-1007](#) Enactment No: R-25-167 Approved

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

Resolution to Allocate Funds for Expanding Food Access and Supporting Local Food Distribution

DC-8 [25-1008](#) Enactment No: R-25-168 Approved

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

Resolution to Allocate Funds for Shelter Diversion, Eviction Prevention, and Programming in Under-Resourced Communities

DC-9 [25-1016](#) Enactment No: R-25-169 Approved

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

Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Explore a Replacement Records Management System (RMS) for the City of Ann Arbor

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

DB-1 [25-0836](#) Enactment No: R-25-170 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve the 1155 Arlington Boulevard Annexation, 0.9 Acres, 1155 Arlington Boulevard (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and

0 Nays)

DS Unfinished Business - Staff:

DS-1 [25-0848](#) Enactment No: Deleted from Agenda

Deleted from Agenda

~~Resolution to Approve the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate Fund Grant Agreement Between the City of Ann Arbor and the Home of New Vision and Appropriate Funding (\$85,000.00) (8 Votes Required)~~

DS-2 [25-0884](#) Enactment No: R-25-171 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously with ten members present, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement. (Councilmember Eyer was absent from the table.)

Resolution to Accept a Sanitary Sewer Easement at 1400 S. Maple Road from Midtown Ann Arbor LLC (8 Votes Required)

DS-3 [25-0885](#) Enactment No: R-25-172 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 Accept a Water Main Easement at 1400 S. Maple Road from Midtown Ann Arbor LLC (8 Votes Required)

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-4 [25-0702](#) Enactment No: R-25-173 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Adjustments for the Ann Arbor Fire Department

DS-5 [25-0726](#) Enactment No: R-25-174 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Adjustments for the Ann Arbor Police Department

DS-6 [25-0749](#) Enactment No: R-25-175 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Adjustments for the Public Services Area - Engineering, Systems Planning, Public Works, Water Treatment Units and the Fleet and Facilities - Airport Unit of the City Administrator's Office

DS-7 [25-0750](#) Enactment No: R-25-176 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Adjustments for the Community Services Area

DS-8 [25-0757](#) Enactment No: R-25-177

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

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2026

[25-0757](#) Enactment No: R-25-177

Councilmember Harrison moved Amendment 1 to the budget, seconded by Councilmember Disch.

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2026

Amendment 1

Resolution to Appropriate \$616,000 from the Marijuana Excise Tax

Rebate to the Rising Hope for Housing Program

Whereas, The State of Michigan’s Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate to the City of Ann Arbor for FY 2026 is \$1,455,594, and \$616,000 is available for discretionary allocation by City Council from previously unspent Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funding;

Whereas, The majority of the excise tax revenue has been invested in a portfolio of restorative initiatives, including unarmed crisis response, shelter and diversion services, supervised crisis intervention, and behavioral health and substance use programs grounded in community-based care;

Whereas, Cannabis prohibition and enforcement policies have historically and disproportionately harmed Black, Brown, and low-income communities—contributing to housing instability, incarceration, family separation, employment discrimination, and educational exclusion;

Whereas, Legalization alone does not repair the deep, systemic harm caused by the War on Drugs, and reinvestment of marijuana excise tax revenue is a necessary vehicle for equity and restitution that prioritizes the people and communities most impacted;

Whereas, In alignment with this restorative mandate, the City of Ann Arbor launched the Rising Hope for Housing Program in 2023 to support returning citizens and others impacted by the criminal legal system, with a focus on housing retention, trauma-informed services, and long-term stabilization;

Whereas, Since its inception, the program has assisted over 200 households (including families with children) by preventing eviction, stabilizing tenancies, preserving Housing Choice Vouchers, and addressing urgent needs that, if left unaddressed, often lead to homelessness or system reentry;

Whereas, This support has included flexible responses to real-world barriers, such as lack of transportation, utility shut-offs, childcare needs, car repairs, and other practical challenges that traditional programs often overlook but that can swiftly unravel a household’s stability;

Whereas, Community partners and service providers have consistently praised the program’s trust-building approach, its holistic delivery model, and its ability to engage individuals who have historically been excluded

or retraumatized by traditional social service systems;

Whereas, The program's impact has been strengthened through intentional partnerships with both grassroots organizations and mainstream providers, offering visible pathways to reduce stigma, rebuild trust, and demonstrate that justice-involved residents are not only welcome in Ann Arbor but are an explicit priority in our pursuit of housing justice;

Whereas, The program currently operates in collaboration with six contracted organizations, and has built a growing referral network involving numerous nonprofits and public agencies, establishing a unique, community-rooted infrastructure that is scalable and highly responsive;

Whereas, Federal and state support systems have recently been reduced or eliminated, placing increased strain on local safety nets and threatening the viability of services for justice-impacted residents;

Whereas, Without additional funding, the Rising Hope for Housing Program will face a significant shortfall in FY 2026, jeopardizing its ability to serve some of the city's most vulnerable residents and risking the collapse of a program that has proven essential to reducing recidivism, preserving family unity, promoting public safety, and advancing equity in the wake of historic injustice;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council appropriates \$616,000 of the FY 2026 Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2026 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget on a one-time basis as follows:

\$616,000 for the Rising Hope for Housing Program, including trauma-informed eviction prevention, housing stabilization, and other flexible, needs-based supports for returning citizens and individuals impacted by the criminal legal system;

RESOLVED, That these funds may be used without regard to fiscal year;

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to distribute the funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation, allowing coordination with partner organizations for the most effective delivery of services, and to enter into a Grant Agreement that outlines distribution criteria, reporting mechanisms, and program accountability;

RESOLVED, That program funds may be used for a broad range of essential and dignity-supporting services and items, including but not limited to: housing assistance, car repairs, transportation costs, childcare necessities, diapers and car seats, utility assistance, debt relief, legal advocacy, mental and behavioral health services, peer support, and case management, provided they support the overall stability and reintegration of returning citizens and their families;

RESOLVED, That up to five percent (5%) of the total allocation may be used by the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation for administrative purposes associated with trauma-informed service provision;

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to identify potential opportunities for recurring or multi-year funding, in order to preserve and grow the Rising Hope for Housing Program as part of Ann Arbor's long-term commitment to equity, restorative justice, and public safety; and

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor reaffirms its commitment to reinvesting in those most impacted by the criminal legal system, recognizing that true justice requires not only legal reform but also sustained, tangible support for reentry, recovery, and human dignity.

Sponsor: Harrison

25-0757

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Amendment be further amended as follows:

Amend 1st RESOLVED Clause: Change \$616,000 to \$565,000.

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

Yeas: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 0

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2026

25-0757

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Harrison, 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: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 0

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Amendment 1

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RESOLVED, That program funds may be used for a broad range of essential and dignity-supporting services and items, including but not limited to: housing assistance, car repairs, transportation costs, childcare necessities, diapers and car seats, utility assistance, debt relief, legal advocacy, mental and behavioral health services, peer support, and case management, provided they support the overall stability and reintegration of returning citizens and their families;

RESOLVED, That up to five percent (5%) of the total allocation may be used by the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation for administrative purposes associated with trauma-informed service provision;

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to identify potential opportunities for recurring or multi-year funding, in order to preserve and grow the Rising Hope for Housing Program as part of Ann Arbor's long-term commitment to equity, restorative justice, and public safety; and

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor reaffirms its commitment to reinvesting in those most impacted by the criminal legal system,

recognizing that true justice requires not only legal reform but also sustained, tangible support for reentry, recovery, and human dignity.

Sponsor: Harrison

As Amended

25-0757

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

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

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Amendment 2

Resolution to Prevent Roadway Fatalities and Serious Injuries on Major Streets

Whereas, Ann Arbor has failed to meet our Vision Zero goal to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries resulting from traffic crashes by 2025;

Whereas, Major streets are 25% of total streets in Ann Arbor and witness 89% of the severe and fatal traffic crashes;

Whereas, Speed is a major factor in influencing how severe and deadly a crash will be, therefore slowing vehicles down is an important strategy towards reaching Vision Zero;

Whereas, On April 7th 2025, Council unanimously approved an engineering analysis with Toole Design (R-25-117) to determine how to reconfigure roadway space on ten multilane roads to advance safety, lower vehicle speeds, improve transit operations, and create connected, comfortable walking and cycling infrastructure;

Whereas, On April 7th 2025, Council unanimously approved a resolution (R-25-120) directing the City Administrator to align annual budget proposals to explicitly reflect and support the Vision Zero Plan and VMT reduction;

Whereas, the Major Street Fund has no proposed funding to design and implement roadway reconfigurations on multilane roads in accordance with Toole design recommendations;

Whereas, \$5,8 million was allocated for capital preventive maintenance in FY 2025;

Whereas, \$8 million is proposed for capital preventive maintenance in FY 2026, with \$6 million being utilized from the Major Street Fund Balance;

Whereas, A reallocation of \$500,000.00 from Capital Preventive Maintenance in FY 2026 will still enable the City to dramatically increase funding for street capital maintenance while simultaneously advancing critical safety improvements on major streets;

RESOLVED, That Major Street Fund Capital Preventative Maintenance proposed capital budget for FY 2026 be reduced by \$500,000.00 and reallocated to a Quick Build Safety capital project.

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

25-0757

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

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

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Councilmember Watson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the proposed amendment be further amended as follows:

Change \$116,000 to \$136,000.

The amendment to the amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

Amendment 3

Amendment to Appropriate \$136,000 from the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate to Eviction Prevention

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission allocate funding for eviction prevention and housing stability support to prevent individuals and families from experiencing homelessness;

Whereas, There is \$616,000 in unallocated revenue from Marijuana

Excise Tax Rebate funds in the General Fund fund balance;

Whereas, In 2021, City Council resolved (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 in the City, felt acutely by low income and BIPOC communities;

Whereas, The City has allocated money to eviction prevention in the FY 2023 (\$305,000), FY 2024 (\$250,000), and FY 2025 (\$250,000) budgets;

Whereas, Eviction prevention funds were used to assist with past due rent, legal fees, utilities, and any other overdue payments for households in danger of losing their housing through eviction;

Whereas, Eviction prevention funds are spent down rapidly: between March 7, 2023 and September 16, 2024, a total of 455 households received City eviction prevention funding, averaging \$1,791/household, for a total of \$814,812 spent by the City and the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation ;

Whereas, The program has had proven results; It has covered 94% of total past due rent owed by all applicants, with 96% of accepted applicants having all their past due rent covered by the City of Ann Arbor disbursement ;

Whereas, There is no recurring money set aside for the eviction prevention program in the City budget;

Whereas, Based on the average payment per household for the entire eviction prevention program to date, \$136,000 would provide eviction prevention funds to at least 75 households; and

Whereas, The City seeks to build on efforts of the previous 3 fiscal years, providing further funding for eviction prevention;

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$136,000 of Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2026 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget on a one-time basis for FY 2026 for eviction prevention;

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; and

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;

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

Friendly Amendment to Reflect \$136,000 Appropriation.

25-0757

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

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

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Amendment 4

Amendment to Prohibit the Purchase of Drones with FY 2026 Funds Until a Drone Usage Policy has been Approved by City Council

Whereas, the American Civil Liberties Union recommends that “usage policy on drones should be decided by the public’s representatives...and the policies should be clear, written, and open to the public;” and

Whereas, the City Administrator has committed to presenting to Council for its approval a citywide policy on the acceptable and appropriate use of drone technology by the City of Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, No funding from the FY 2026 budget shall be expended for the purchase or use of drone technology until such a time when City Council approves through an affirmative vote a citywide policy on the acceptable use of drones by the City.

Sponsors: Radina, Harrison, Mallek, Eyer and Ghazi Edwin

[25-0757](#)

Enactment No: R-25-177

Amended

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

Yeas: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Watson

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Amendment 5

Amendment to Appropriate \$50,000 to the FY 2026 General Fund Budget and Carry Forward Remaining Funds for Equitable Communications to the Community

Whereas, City Council sent communications to the community in FY 2025;

RESOLVED, That any unspent Equitable Communications to the Community funding in the General Fund Mayor and Council service unit budget carry forward to FY 2026; and

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2026 General Fund Mayor and Council budget on a one-time basis for print and mail from City Council communications to the community.

Sponsor: Eyer

[25-0757](#)

Enactment No: R-25-177

Approved as Amended

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Resolution/Public Hearing 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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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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

- E-1** [25-0760](#) Ann Arbor Public Art Commission 2024 Annual Report

- E-2** [25-0940](#) Risk Funds Claim Report - April 2025

- E-3** [25-0963](#) Communication from Comcast Regarding Fox Multicast Channel Changes, Effective June 25, 2025 - CTN, City Attorney

- E-4** [25-0990](#) Communications from Secretary of State Benson and the League of Women Voters of Washtenaw County Regarding the Ann Arbor City Clerk's Office 2024 Clearinghouse ("Clearie") Award in the "Exemplary Contingency Planning and Emergency Response Efforts" Category for "More Days, More Ways - Planning a Safe and Secure Election in Ann Arbor, Michigan"

- E-5** [25-0983](#) Renters Commission Resolution Supporting a Phased Implementation of the Green Rental Ordinance with Targeted Assistance

- E-6** [25-1011](#) Renters Commission Resolution to Expand Rental Inspection Staff

E-7 [25-1012](#) Renters Commission Resolution in Support of Full FY26 Funding for the Rising Hope Program

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

F-1 [25-0228](#) January 9, 2025 HDC Meeting Minutes

F-2 [25-0548](#) March 4, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-3 [25-0579](#) February 26, 2025 ZBA Meeting Minutes

F-4 [25-0656](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - March 19, 2025

F-5 [25-0735](#) Local Development Finance Authority Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025

F-6 [25-0773](#) Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes 12-18-2024

F-7 [25-0918](#) Greenbelt Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025

G **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

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

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20. **Alan Haber - Community Commons (in person)**

Alan Haber, resident, was not present.

21. **Jeremy Haley - The Overall Character of Ann Arbor (in person)**

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township resident, spoke about housing issues.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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