

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, November 7, 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: 10 - 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 Dharma Akmon and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Chris Watson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Harrison moved, seconded by Councilmember Song, that the Agenda be approved.

Councilmember Radina moved, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the Agenda be amended as follows:

Move DC-1 after Closed Session.

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

The question being, the motion to approve the agenda as amended, 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 [24-1884](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - November 7, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-1915](#) City Administrator's Report - November 7, 2024

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. **Kathy Griswold - Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with 4 LEADERS, LLC for Interim Public Services Area Administrator (CA-7); Street Light Outages (in person)**
Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about CA-7 and the need for street light repairs for public safety.

2. **Aidan Sova - Thanking CM Song for her public service (in person)**
Aidan Sova, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

3. **Eric Ivancich - Thanking CM Song (phone)**
Eric Ivancich, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

4. **Fayiza Nabilsa - Appreciation for what CM Song has done for our organization (phone)**
Fayiza Nabilsa, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

5. **Sandy Aldrich - CM Song's service (in person)**
Sandy Aldrich, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

6. Decky Alexander - Honoring CM Song (in person)

Decky Alexander, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

7. Jean Henry - CM Song's last meeting (in person)

Jean Henry, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

8. Adam Goodman - Thanking CM Song (in person)

Adam Goodman, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

9. Susan Westhoff - Appreciation of CM Song's time on City Council (phone)

Susan Westhoff, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

10. Praveena Ramaswami - CM Song's service (in person)

Praveena Ramaswami, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

11. Jinny Potter - CM Song's time as Ward 2 City Councilmember (in person)

Jinny Potter, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

12. Quynh Song - CM Song's service (in person)

Quynh Song, resident, thanked her mother, Councilmember Song, for her service and for being a role model.

13. Stephanie Chang - CM Song's last meeting (phone)

Stephanie Chang, Detroit resident and State Representative, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

14. Kerene Moore - CM Song's last day on Council (in person)

Kerene Moore, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

15. Chip Smith - Compliments to the Clerk's Office and thanks to CM Song (in person)

Chip Smith, resident, thanked the City Clerk's Office for their work on the national election. He also wished Councilmember Song well and thanked her for her service.

16. Andy LaBarre - Comment on CM Song's service (phone)

Andy LaBarre, County Commissioner, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

17. Mira Sussman - Thank CM Song for her public service (phone)

Mira Sussman, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service, progressive advocacy, and wished her well.

18. Dug Song - Thank You, CM Song (in person)

Dug Song, resident, spoke about his wife, Councilmember Linh Song, and her service on City Council.

19. Michelle Groe - CM Song's service over the last four years (in person)

Michelle Groe, resident, thanked Councilmember Song for her service and wished her well.

SUSPEND THE RULES

Councilmember Radina moved, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that Council suspend the Rules to allow Public Comment to continue beyond the 45-minute time allotment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

20. Joan Lowenstein - Ann Arbor Cannabis Community Coalition (in person)

Joan Lowenstein, resident, spoke about the Ann Arbor Cannabis Community Coalition. She also thanked Councilmember Song for her service.

21. Brandon Dimcheff - CM Song's time on Council (in person)

Brandon Dimcheff, resident, spoke about Councilmember Song and wished her well.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER RADINA*

Councilmember Radina thanked the Clerk's Office and the community volunteers for their work on the national election. He urged community members to take care of each other as they process the election results.

Councilmember Radina wished Councilmember Song well.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison thanked the City Clerk and her team for their work on the national election. She also addressed the impacts of the outcome of the election.

Councilmember Harrison thanked Councilmember Song for her work and for her mentorship.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer also addressed the outcome of the national election.

Councilmember Eyer thanked and recognized the service of Councilmember Song.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin thanked the City Clerk's Office for their hard work on the national election. She also thanked Councilmember Song for her work on City Council and for being a mentor.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch spoke about the work of the Clerk's Office and the satellite office at UMMA, noting the national attention that it received on PBS and other outlets. She stated the City will continue their good work

despite the national election results. She thanked Councilmember Song for her leadership.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon thanked Councilmember Song for her service.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs thanked the Clerk's Office and other community partners for their work. She also thanked Councilmember Song for her work on City Council and wished her well.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell thanked Councilmember Song for all of her work, including with the arts.

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song thanked her colleagues and the public for their support. She stated she will continue her work on the State and national level. She thanked her family for their support.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Taylor addressed the outcome of the national election.

He thanked the Clerk's Office and all of the community partners for their work.

Mayor Taylor thanked Councilmember Song for her service on City Council.

MC-1 [24-1830](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented to City Council on October 21, 2024:

*Transportation Commission
Erich Zechar
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Kate Flewelling-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, with 10 members present, thus satisfying the eight vote requirement of CA-6.

CA-1 [24-1655](#) **Enactment No: R-24-410** **Approved**

Resolution to Amend City Administrator Authority to Sign Lien Discharges, Sign Subordinations, and Forgive Liens for Affordable Housing Single Family Owner Housing Programs

CA-2 [24-1794](#) **Enactment No: R-24-411** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Revised Bylaws of the Planning Commission

CA-3 [24-1721](#) **Enactment No: R-24-412** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with P.K. Contracting, LLC for Pavement Marking Maintenance - FY25 (\$505,187.50, RFP No. 24-45)

CA-4 [24-1722](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-413** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreements with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC (\$200,000.00) and Land Matters LLC (\$200,000.00) for Easement and Right of Way Acquisition Services (RFP 24-44)

CA-5 [24-1742](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-414** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with National Fiber Construction Co. for the As-Needed Directional Boring Project (RFP 24-47; \$274,388.25)

CA-6 [24-1822](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-415** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept Grant Funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Pollution Prevention at Food-Focused Businesses Program and Appropriate Funds to the Office of Sustainability and Innovations (\$150,360.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-7 [24-1860](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-416** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with 4 LEADERS, LLC for Interim Public Services Area Administrator (Amendment \$70,000.00, Contract Total \$250,000.00)

CA-8 [24-1868](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-417** **Approved**

Resolution Recognizing Home of New Vision as a Civic Nonprofit Organization Operating in Ann Arbor for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

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** [24-1729](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.66 Acres from Ann Arbor Township designation (TWP District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3474 E. Huron River Drive Rezoning (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-25)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 3474 E. Huron River Drive, 1.66 acres from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family Dwelling District), Evans-Maizy property, located at 3474 E. Huron River Drive. Notice of public hearing was published October 17, 2024.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-2** [24-1726](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:103 Of Chapter 111 (Fire Prevention) Of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-28)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 9:103 Of Chapter 111 (Fire Prevention) Of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-28). Notice of public hearing was published October 31, 2024.

Adam Goodman, resident, spoke in support of the changes.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-3** [24-1842](#) **Enactment No: R-24-418** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve the 1146 South Maple Annexation, 1.2 Acres, 1146 South Maple Road

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve the 1146 South Maple Annexation, 1.2 Acres, 1146 South Maple Road. Notice of public hearing was published October 31, 2024.

Wendy Carty-Saxon, of Avalon Housing, spoke in support of the annexation.

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

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [24-1900](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

B-1 [24-1729](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.66 Acres from Ann Arbor Township designation (TWP District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3474 E. Huron River Drive Rezoning (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-25)

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

B-2 [24-1726](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:103 Of Chapter 111 (Fire Prevention) Of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-28)

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

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 [24-1842](#) Enactment No: R-24-418 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 the 1146 South Maple Annexation, 1.2 Acres, 1146 South Maple Road

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY, PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCL 15.268 (1) (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the personnel evaluation of City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr, as outlined in MCL 15.268 (1) (a). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.:

Yeas: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Cornell

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Watson

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

DC-1 [24-1879](#) Enactment No: R-24-419

Sponsors: Council Administration Committee

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

Resolution to Finalize Evaluation Report and Amend the Employment Agreement for City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr.

24-1879 **Enactment No:** **R-24-419** **Amended**

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

\$30,000 increase in annual salary and 3% lump sum payment in the amount of \$8400.00.

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

Resolution to Finalize Evaluation Report and Amend the Employment Agreement for City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr.

24-1879 **Enactment No:** **R-24-419** **Approved as Amended**

Sponsors: Council Administration Committee

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

Resolution to Finalize Evaluation Report and Amend the Employment Agreement for City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr.

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 Briggs, 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 24-1647 Resolution in Support of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 105 of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to Support Greening of the Rental Market

- E-2 [24-0661](#) Environmental Commission Resolution in Support of a Phase 2 Feasibility Study of Municipalization

- E-3 [24-1880](#) Communication from the Water Resources Commissioner: Notice of Receipt of Petition Regarding the Malletts Creek Drain - Ellsworth Basin - Systems Planning, Office of Sustainability, City Attorney

- E-4 [24-1881](#) Communication from Bodman PLC Regarding Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium Project: Riverview Condos - Assessor, Planning & Development Services, Sustainability, City Attorney

F The following minutes were received for filing:

- F-1 [24-1692](#) PAC Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024

- F-2 [24-1785](#) September 10, 2024 Energy Commission Meeting Minutes

- F-3 [24-1812](#) Council Administration Committee Minutes - September 10, 2024

- F-4 [24-1857](#) The City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024

- F-5 [24-1858](#) The City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Atleen Kaur thanked Deputy City Attorney Kevin McDonald for his years of service to the City.

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 9:22 p.m.

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