

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 16, 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 7:01 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 Ghazi Edwin announced that she was participating virtually due to a temporary disability. She was participating virtually from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Present: 10 - 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 and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Linh Song

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Agenda be approved with the following changes:

Councilmember Radina moved the following changes:

Move INT-2 before INT-1.

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 [24-1630](#) Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - Financial Services FY25

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-1666](#) Response to R-23-232 - Resolution to Ensure Transparency, Non-discrimination, and Equal Opportunity in Municipal Contracting and Procurement Practices - Revised September 12, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-3 [24-1663](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - September 16, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-4 [24-1687](#) City Administrator's Report - September 16, 2024

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-2 [24-1679](#) Proclamation Welcoming Visitors from Our Sister City, Tübingen, Germany

Mayor Taylor read a proclamation welcoming visitors from Ann Arbor's Sister City, Tübingen, Germany.

Representatives from Tubingen, Germany were on hand to accept the proclamation. Members of the delegation presented the Mayor and City Administrator with gifts from Tubingen.

Received and Filed

INT-1 [24-1627](#) Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

Maura Thompson, DDA Executive Director, provided Council with the monthly update from the DDA. A copy of her presentation is on file with 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. Jennifer Hall - Resolution for County Millage Rebate Use (DC-3) (in person)

Jennifer Hall, Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, spoke about DC-3 and the current allocation of funding for the City's Housing Commission.

2. **Matthew Weber - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (in person)**

Matthew Weber, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

3. **Kendra Markle - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (in person)**

Kendra Markle, resident of Belleville, MI, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

4. **Jessica Riley - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (in person)**

Jessica Riley, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

5. **Cydney Heed - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (in person)**

Cydney Heed, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

6. **Ian Robinson - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (in person)**

Ian Robinson, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

7. **Beth Ping - HERD Ordinance Amendment (C-3) (in person)**

Beth Ping, representing the local Board of Realtors, spoke in opposition to the proposed changes to the HERD Ordinance. She asked that industry folks be considered in the decision-making process.

8. **Zach Damon - Right to Sit (DC-1) (C-4) (phone)**

Zach Damon, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Right to Sit ordinance.

- 9. **Alex Lowe - General Services Agreement for Technology for the Emergency Operations Center (CA-3); Sidewalk Easement at 2111 Packard Rd. (CA-10); and Other Non-Agenda Item (phone)**

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke about CA-5, regarding the proposed parking changes on Pauline. He expressed concern about the current proposal. He also spoke about CA-10.

- 10. **Leticia Horry - Announcing Bridge Team Program for Washtenaw Intermediate School District (in person)**

Leticia Horry, resident of Scio Township, spoke about the Washtenaw ISD's Bridge Program.

- 11. **Kathy Griswold - We Are Not In Compliance with Vision Zero (in person)**

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about the implementation of Vision Zero. She stated the City is not currently in compliance with this program.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch welcomed the Tubingen delegation to Ann Arbor.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina also welcomed the delegation from Tubingen.

Councilmember Radina announced his upcoming coffee hour.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson provided an update regarding public meetings to discuss the Nixon Road improvement project.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Taylor talked about the ongoing protests at Beth Israel synagogue. He stated he personally attended and viewed the protests recently, stating it is a stain on the Ann Arbor community.

Mayor Taylor also addressed the recent anti-Semitic violence near campus, stating it is intolerable.

MC-1 [24-1600](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented to City Council on September 3, 2024:

*Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee
Robert Davenport
Term Ends: May 31, 2026*

*Zoning Board of Appeals
Drew Denzin
Term Ends: May 31, 2027*

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Radina, 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 Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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-4, CA-6, CA-10 and CA-11.

CA-1 [24-1623](#) Enactment No: R-24-372 Approved

Resolution to Approve Street Closing for the Out of the Darkness Walk on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 6:00 AM until 4:00 PM

CA-3 [24-1614](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-373** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a General Services Agreement with Metro Detroit Integrated Systems LLC for Installation of Video Wall and Related Technology in the Emergency Operations Center (\$105,795.75)

CA-4 [24-1622](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-374**

Resolution to Approve the Grant Agreement Between the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the City of Ann Arbor, Accept the LEO Firefighters Turnout Gear Grant and Appropriate Funding in the Amount of \$234,500.00 (8 Votes Required)

CA-5 [24-1545](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-375** **Approved**

Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on the North Side of Pauline Boulevard from South Main Street to South Seventh Street

CA-6 [24-0189](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-376** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Arella Blvd (Stadium Blvd to Pauline Blvd) (\$52,000.00) and to Appropriate \$52,000.00 from the County Health Millage Fund, Fund Balance (8 Votes Required)

CA-7 [24-1542](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-377** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Quality Counts, LLC for As-Needed Traffic Count Services (RFP# 24-37; \$50,000.00 per year for three years, \$150,000.00 total)

CA-8 [24-1513](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-378** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 2024 Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) Project (\$624,500.00)

CA-9 [24-1487](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-379** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Two (2) Year Construction Contract with Watertap, Inc. for Watermain Line Stops and Insertable Valves (Not-to-Exceed \$350,000.00, RFP 24-42)

CA-10 [24-1603](#) **Enactment No: R-24-380** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept an Easement for Sidewalk at 2111 Packard Road from Packard ROW Owner, LLC (8 Votes Required)

CA-11 [24-1615](#) **Enactment No: R-24-381** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve an Amended Sewer Easement Agreement with Chin Investments One L.L.C. d/b/a Sunnyside Park (8 Votes Required)

CA-2 [24-1555](#) **Enactment No:** **Deleted from Agenda**

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Robin Crest and Robin Crest II - 2040 and 2060 West Stadium Blvd

CA-2 was deleted from the Agenda.

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 [24-1443](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.20.3 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Vehicular Use Area Buffer) CPC Recommendation: Approval (6 years, 0 nays) (ORD-24-17)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.20.3 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Vehicular Use Area Buffer). Notice of public hearing was published August 29, 2024.

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

Held and Closed

PH-2 [24-1599](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) of Title VI of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-18)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) of Title VI of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor. Notice of public hearing was published September 12, 2024.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Ken Garber, resident, thanked Council for the previous ordinance. He expressed concerns about the proposed changes.

Alex Lowe, resident, concurred with the previous speaker.

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

Held and Closed

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [24-1631](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

B-1 [24-1443](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.20.3 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Vehicular Use Area Buffer) CPC Recommendation: Approval (6 years, 0 nays) (ORD-24-17)

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

- B-2** [24-1599](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 75 (Leaf Blowers) of Title VI of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-18)

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

Councilmember Cornell moved, supported by Councilmember Briggs, that the Ordinance be postponed until October 7, 2024. The motion to postpone was withdrawn.

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

Add the following language to 6:704 (1) c:

PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2026.

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

Yeas: 5 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Cornell

Nays: 5 - Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Akmon

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Song

The question being, the motion that was originally made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yeas: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Akmon

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Cornell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Song

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

C New Business - Staff:

C-1 [24-1470](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.51 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), Loo Property, 444 Huntington Place (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-21)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 10/21/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-21

C-2 [24-1471](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of .05 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family District), Brixmor Property, 110 Algebe Way (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-22)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 10/21/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-22

C-3 [24-1618](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 102 (Home Energy Rating Disclosure) of Title VIII (ORD-24-23)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 10/7/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-23

C-4 [24-1664](#) An Ordinance to Add a New Section 9.155.1 of Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination) of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

Sponsors: Ghazi Edwin, Watson, Radina and Harrison

Councilmember Disch moved, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be postponed at First Reading until 10/7/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 [24-1665](#) **Enactment No:**

Sponsors: Ghazi Edwin, Watson, Radina and Harrison

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

Resolution in Support of Ordinance to Add a New Section 9.155.1 to Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination) (Right to Sit)

[24-1665](#) **Enactment No:** **Postponed**

A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Resolution be postponed until 10/7/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution in Support of Ordinance to Add a New Section 9.155.1 to Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination) (Right to Sit)

DC-2 [24-1662](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-382** **Approved**

Sponsors: Akmon

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

Resolution Recognizing Creative Washtenaw as a Civic Nonprofit

Organization Operating in Ann Arbor for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

DC-3 [24-1667](#) Enactment No:

Sponsors: Taylor, Akmon, Harrison, Song and Watson

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

Resolution for County Millage Rebate Use

[24-1667](#) Enactment No: **Postponed**

A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Resolution be postponed until 10/7/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution for County Millage Rebate Use

It was considered friendly by the Body to remove the bracketed language on the title prior to its return to the Council agenda on October 7.

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

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

- E-1** [24-1656](#) Communications from the State of Michigan Department of Attorney General Regarding the Charter Amendment Proposed by Citizen-Initiated Petition to Amend Sections 13.4, 13.8, and 13.11 of the Ann Arbor City Charter for the November 2024 Ballot
- E-2** [24-1657](#) Communications from the State of Michigan Department of Attorney General Regarding the Charter Amendment Proposed by Citizen-Initiated Petition to Add Section 13.17 to the Ann Arbor City Charter for the November 2024 Ballot
- E-3** [24-1658](#) Communication from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes Regarding Revised Rules for the Michigan Part 8 Electrical, Michigan Part 9A Mechanical, and Michigan Part 7 Plumbing Code - Building, Engineering, Public Works
- E-4** [24-1669](#) Cherish Smith- Resignation from the Energy Commission
- E-5** [24-1668](#) Caryn Charter- Resignation from the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA)
- E-6** [24-1710](#) Communications from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Regarding the Two Charter Amendments to Amend the Ann Arbor City Charter, Proposed by Citizen-Initiated Petitions, for the November 2024 Ballot
- F** **The following minutes were received for filing:**
- F-1** [24-0933](#) Minutes of the April 18, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting

- F-2 [24-1227](#) Minutes of the May 16, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting

- F-3 [24-1298](#) June 26, 2024 ZBA Meeting Minutes

- F-4 [24-1315](#) June 13, 2024 HDC Meeting Minutes

- F-5 [24-1360](#) June 20, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- F-6 [24-1437](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 06-27-24

- F-7 [24-1579](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 07-25-24

- F-8 [24-1563](#) Election Commission Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2024

- F-9 [24-1605](#) Council Administration Committee Minutes - July 9, 2024

- F-10 [24-1361](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes -July 10, 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 Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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