

City of Ann Arbor

301 E. Huron St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, May 18, 2026

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:01 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

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 Jon Mallek

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, 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 the information of Council:

AC-1 [26-0836](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - May 18, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-2 [26-0871](#) City Administrator's Report - May 18, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-3 [26-0874](#) Memorandum in Response to R-26-042 - Resolution Reaffirming and Expanding the City of Ann Arbor's Policy Regarding Civil Immigration Enforcement and Mitigating Erratic Lawless Tactics with Intentional City Efforts - May 18, 2026

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [26-0772](#) Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

DDA Executive Director Maura Thomson provided her monthly update to City Council.

Received and Filed

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

***WHEN MORE THAN 30 SPEAKERS HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK AT A COUNCIL MEETING, EACH SPEAKER SHALL BE GIVEN 2 MINUTES TO SPEAK AT THAT MEETING**

*** (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

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

1. Adam Grant - Support for Rising Hope for Housing (DS-5) (in person)

Adam Grant, Ypsilanti resident, spoke in support of a proposed budget amendment to fund the Rising Hope for Housing program. He spoke in support of the use of marijuana excise tax funds for this purpose.

2. Sam Homan - Electric Vehicle Rebate Initiative (DC-6) (in person)

Sam Homan, resident, spoke in opposition to DC-6 regarding rebates for electric vehicle purchases, stating the program is a transfer of wealth from all taxpayers to the wealthiest.

3. LaQuan Hill - Rising Hope (DS-5) (in person)

LaQuan Hill, Ypsilanti resident, spoke in support of the Rising Hope for Housing program.

4. Jeremy Haley - Ann Arbor South and Concordia (DC-7) (in person)

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township resident, spoke about the proposed acquisition of Concordia University by the University of Michigan. He questioned U-M's intentions for the purchase of the property, including whether a data center could be placed on the site.

5. David Kastner - AFSCME Union Contract (in person)

David Kastner, AFSCME Union President, expressed concern about the disparity of union wages compared to the salary of the City Administrator, noting the raises and bonuses received by the City Administrator over the last two years. He stated union employees haven't had a contractual raise in over 24 months. He urged Council to be progressive in their support of City employees.

6. Logan Stolly - AFSCME Contract Negotiations (in person)

Logan Stolly, AFSCME union member and City employee from the Forestry Department, spoke about the Union's concerns regarding the current contract and wages. He spoke about the dedicated work of the City's front-line workers and urged Council to support them, stating it is difficult to recruit new employees in his department as the current wages are not competitive.

7. Timothy Hull - Detours and Their Impacts on Bus Routes (phone)

Timothy Hull, Pittsfield Township resident, was not able to speak on Zoom due to technical difficulties. (The technical difficulties were on the part of the speaker, not the City.)

8. Paul Seyfarth - AFSCME Contract Negotiations (in person)

Paul Seyfarth, AFSCME employee, expressed concern about the current union contract negotiations, stating employees can no longer afford to live in the City with their current wages.

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

Blaine Coleman, resident, urged Council to support a resolution against military aid to Israel.

Councilmember Cornell arrived at 7:33 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

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER EYER*

Councilmember Eyer thanked AFSCME union members for speaking. For the benefit of the public, she addressed some of the history of the decisions made regarding the last AFSCME contract, including a decision by the Union to postpone pandemic wage concessions to the end of the current contract.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison invited the public to attend an upcoming symposium hosted by the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission and featuring guest speaker Police Chief Andre Anderson. She stated the symposium will highlight lessons learned from the Police-involved shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina thanked the AFSCME Union members for attending the Council meeting and speaking to Council about their concerns.

Councilmember Radina also highlighted the installation of solar panels this week in the Bryant neighborhood, the first installations of the new Sustainable Energy Utility.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs thanked AFSCME members for their participation in tonight's meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell announced to the public the upcoming A2Zero Week, stating activities will take place in celebration from May 31 to June 6.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [26-0748](#) Reappointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following reappointments that were presented at the May 4, 2026 Regular Session of Council:

*Airport Advisory Committee
Greg Farris
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*Ann Arbor Public Art Commission
Allison Neal
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*Building Board of Appeals
Kevin T Cox
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

*City Planning Commission
Donnell Wyche
Term Ending: June 30, 2029*

*Julie P Weatherbee
Term Ending: June 30, 2029*

*Richard Norton
Term Ending: June 30, 2029*

*Commission on Disability Issues
Robert G Packard
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*Matthew Solomon
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*Downtown Development Authority
Mike J Michelin
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

*Tyler Kinley
Term Ending: May 31, 2029*

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

Richard C Wieland
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Kimberley D Sundy
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Robertson Davenport
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Historic District Commission
Chip Smith
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Stephan P Kaplan
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Housing Board of Appeals
Todd Ciesielski
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Housing Commission
Lee Meadows
Term Ending: May 4, 2031

Human Rights Commission
Judah B Garber
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Vanesa Hernandez-Jackson
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Huron River Watershed Council
Janis A Bobrin
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Park Advisory Commission
Therese M Perlowski
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Alexa Bush
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Public Market Advisory Commission

Emma R Hardy
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Recreation Advisory Commission
Ciara Witt
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Renters Commission
Toya S Pace
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Michelle R Liao
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Hanna Larcinese
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Jordan E Else
Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Transportation Commission
Rachel Jacobson
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

Kate E Flewelling
Term Ending: May 31, 2029

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

MC-2 **[26-0762](#)** Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented at the May 4, 2026 Regular Session of Council:

Human Rights Commission
William Bryan-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2027

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Appointment 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 Mallek, 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-10, CA-11, and CA-12.

CA-1 [26-0763](#) Enactment No: R-26-174 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Closing of Streets for the 2026 Glacier Highlands Neighborhood Association Annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2026

CA-2 [26-0764](#) Enactment No: R-26-175 **Approved**

Resolution to Close N. Fourth Avenue and E. Ann Street for the 29th Annual African-American Downtown Festival, Friday, June 5, 2026 to Saturday, June 6, 2026

CA-3 [26-0765](#) Enactment No: R-26-176 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Closing of Streets for the In Step with Sam 5K on Sunday, June 7, 2026 from 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.

CA-4 [26-0788](#) Enactment No: R-26-177 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closing for The Event on Main from 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 through 6:00 A.M. on Friday, June 19, 2026

CA-6 [26-0708](#) Enactment No: R-26-178 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) for the East Medical Center Drive Bridge

CA-7 [26-0675](#) Enactment No: R-26-179 **Approved**

Resolution to Amend a General Services Contract with Farmer & Underwood Trucking, LTD. for Aggregate Materials and Hauling Services for Excavation and Street Sweeping Waste, (\$49,841.00 Increase, Total

Contract Not to Exceed \$399,841.00 Annually)

CA-8 [26-0713](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-180** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order with Cogsdale Corporation for Annual Software Maintenance and Support for FY 2027 (\$176,283.21)

CA-9 [26-0736](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-181** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Public Defender Services Contract with Washtenaw County (\$207,517.16)

CA-10 [26-0804](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-182** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Sidewalk Easement at 333 E. William Street from Core Ann Arbor William, LLC (8 Votes Required)

CA-11 [26-0805](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-183** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Public Access Easement at 333 E. William Street from Core Ann Arbor William, LLC (8 Votes Required)

CA-12 [26-0807](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-184** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Grant Agreement with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and to Approve and Authorize Execution of Sub-Grant Agreements with the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority and Appropriate Grant Funding (\$4,300,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-5 [26-0687](#) **Enactment No:** **Deleted from Agenda**

Deleted from Agenda

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Fonson Company, Inc for the Packard Water Main at Malletts Creek Project (RFP 26-20; \$821,178.15)

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** [26-0642](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:402, 2:408, and 2:410 and to Add Section 2:413 (Rate Schedules) to Chapter 35 (Sustainable Energy Utility) of Title II (Utilities and Services) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-13)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:402, 2:408, and 2:410 and to Add Section 2:413 (Rate Schedules) to Chapter 35 (Sustainable Energy Utility) of Title II (Utilities and Services) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-13). Notice of public hearing was published May 14, 2026.

Luis Vasquez, resident, expressed concern about the ability of the SEU to offer enough sustainability energy to the community. He did state he was supportive of the proposed rates.

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

Held and Closed

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- A-1** [26-0750](#) Work Session of April 27 and Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Work Session of April 27 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-1** [26-0642](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:402, 2:408, and 2:410 and to Add Section 2:413 (Rate Schedules) to Chapter 35 (Sustainable Energy Utility) of Title II (Utilities and Services) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-13)

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

DC-2 [26-0723](#) Enactment No: R-26-186 Approved

Sponsors: Cornell and Mallek

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 unanimously, thus satisfying the seven-vote requirement.

Resolution to Reappoint Jonathan Overpeck, Sarah Nedrich, Brooks Curtis, Mobin Mazloomian, Mallika Kothari, and to Appoint Gillian Miller and Anuja Rajendra to the Sustainability Commission (7 Votes Required)

DC-3 [26-0728](#) Enactment No: R-26-187 Approved

Sponsors: Eyer, Harrison and Watson

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 Patricia Manley and Erica Liu to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission

DC-4 [26-0749](#) Enactment No: R-26-188 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 New Business - Council:

DC-5 [26-0831](#) Enactment No: R-26-189 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor, Radina, Cornell, Harrison, Mallek and Ghazi Edwin

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

Resolution to Confirm Support for the City's Ongoing Interventions in DTE Electric and DTE Gas Rate Cases and Other Key Cases Before the MPSC Impacting Ann Arbor Residents

DC-6 [26-0800](#) Enactment No: R-26-190 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor, Cornell, Harrison, Eyer and Radina

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

Resolution to Support Launch of Limited-Time Electric Vehicle Rebate Initiative to Help Abate Rising Fuel Costs (8 Votes Required)

DC-7 [26-0832](#) Enactment No: R-26-191 Approved

Sponsors: Mallek, Watson, Radina, Taylor, Cornell and Briggs

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

Resolution Expressing Concern with the University of Michigan's Potential Acquisition of Concordia University Property

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 [26-0312](#) Enactment No: R-26-192 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Adjustments for the Ann Arbor Fire Department

DS-2 [26-0521](#) Enactment No: R-26-193 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Fee Adjustments for the Public Services Area

DS-3 [26-0569](#) Enactment No: R-26-194 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 Approve FY 2027 Fee Adjustments for the Community Services Area

DS-4 [26-0690](#) Enactment No: R-26-195 Approved

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

Resolution to Approve New Fees for Fairview Cemetery

DS-5 [26-0598](#) Enactment No: R-26-196

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 2027

[26-0598](#) Enactment No: R-26-196 Amended

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

Amendment #1 - Amendment to add 2.0 FTE Firefighter positions to the Fire Services Unit and Eliminate the 1.0 FTE Vacant Human Resources Manager Position and Appropriate \$27,546 to the Fire General Fund FY 2027 Budget from the General Fund Unobligated Fund Balance (\$27,546.00)

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

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2027

Amendment to add 2.0 FTE Firefighter positions to the Fire Services Unit and Eliminate the 1.0 FTE Vacant Human Resources Manager Position and Appropriate \$27,546 to the Fire General Fund FY 2027 Budget from the General Fund Unobligated Fund Balance (\$27,546.00)

Whereas, Since FY21 The Ann Arbor Fire Department has consistently exceeded their overtime budget;

Whereas, To-date in FY26 more than 18,000 hours of overtime have been incurred in The City of Ann Arbor Fire Department to meet minimum staffing requirements;

Whereas, In recent years necessary overtime has been covered through use of the General Fund Unobligated Fund Balance and budgeting for three additional FTEs is anticipated to mitigate overtime expenditures and reduce reliance on year-end fund balance appropriations to cover such overages;

Whereas, The City Council recognizes and deeply appreciates the extraordinary service, professionalism, and sacrifice of the members of the Ann Arbor Fire Department, who respond each day to emergencies, fires, medical crises, hazardous conditions, and moments of profound trauma in order to protect the lives and maintain safety in our community;

Whereas, The City Council acknowledges that sustained mandated overtime can impose significant physical, mental, and emotional strain on firefighters and first responders, contributing to fatigue, increased risk of injury, stress-related health impacts, and reduced time with family and loved ones, and therefore recognizes the importance of achieving staffing levels and workplace conditions that support the long-term health, wellness, retention, and effectiveness of Ann Arbor's fire service personnel;

Whereas, Assuming use of leave continues at the rate of usage experienced over the last four fiscal years and we are able to fill the newly added positions at the onset of the fiscal year, it is estimated that each additional Firefighter position would result in the elimination of approximately 2,400 overtime hours, leading to a projected total reduction of 7,200 hours across three positions;

Whereas, Human Resources currently has a vacant Human Resources Services Manager position;

Whereas, Human Resources is currently undergoing a reorganization and can delay filling the vacancy; and

Whereas, Should FY 27 General Fund revenues exceed budget, the City Administrator has the authority to utilize the approved over hire FTE's to

authorize the hire of the Human Resources position as part of the reorganization;

RESOLVED, That the 1.0 FTE Vacant Human Resources Services Manager position be eliminated;

RESOLVED, That 2.0 FTE firefighter positions be added to the FY27 Fire Services budget on a recurring basis;

RESOLVED, That a total of 894 full-time equivalent positions be adopted in the FY27 budget;

RESOLVED, That as part of the workforce planning initiative, Council is authorizing staff to exceed the authorized 894 FTEs by 10 on a temporary basis;

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$27,546 to the General Fund Fire Service expenditure budget from the General Fund Unobligated Fund Balance

Sponsors: Mayor Taylor, Radina, Eyer, Mallek, Harrison

26-0598

Enactment No: R-26-196

Amended

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

Amendment #2 - Amendment to Appropriate \$300,000 from the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate and \$400,000 from Opioid Settlement Funds (\$700,000 total) to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation for the Rising Hope Housing Program and Approved Uses and Strategies of Opioid Settlement Funds

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

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2027

Amendment to Appropriate \$300,000 from the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate and \$400,000 from Opioid Settlement Funds (\$700,000 total) to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation for the Rising Hope Housing Program and Approved Uses and Strategies of Opioid Settlement Funds

Whereas, Cannabis and drug laws have disproportionately targeted people of color and lower-income communities, creating generations of systemic harm including barriers to housing, employment, financial aid, child custody, and immigration status, as recognized by City Council in R-21-098;

Whereas, Opioid Settlement funds are intended to address substance use treatment, recovery support, harm reduction, and evidence-informed interventions that improve health outcomes and community stability;

Whereas, Returning citizens and justice-impacted individuals continue to face compounding barriers to stable housing, employment, health care, and economic mobility as a direct result of prior incarceration, criminalization, trauma, discrimination, and systemic inequity, barriers that do not end upon release but follow people and their families for years;

Whereas, Obtaining a housing voucher alone does not ensure housing stability. Many justice-impacted individuals and families continue to face landlord screening barriers, documentation requirements, stigma, limited transportation, digital access challenges, and the difficulty of navigating fragmented health and human service systems without coordinated support;

Whereas, Standard service systems can inadvertently retraumatize participants through rigid requirements, surveillance-oriented approaches, and punitive responses to setbacks, reducing engagement, trust, and long-term outcomes, which is why trauma-informed care is not a preference but a necessity for this population;

Whereas, Individuals impacted by the criminal legal system experience disproportionately high rates of substance use disorders, with a majority of incarcerated individuals nationally meeting criteria for a substance use disorder; and the period immediately following release from jail or prison carries significantly elevated overdose mortality risk, particularly in the first weeks after release;

Whereas, Evidence-based medications for opioid use disorder, including buprenorphine, significantly reduce mortality and support recovery; yet access remains limited due to fragmented care coordination, insurance disruptions, and limited linkage to treatment during reentry, barriers that trauma-informed case management is specifically designed to help navigate;

Whereas, Uninsured, underinsured, and Medicaid-eligible individuals in Washtenaw County seeking substance use treatment are connected through a centralized screening and referral process coordinated by Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, and trauma-informed case managers play a critical role in helping justice-impacted individuals disclose treatment needs and successfully access that system;

Whereas, Rising Hope for Housing was first approved in the 2023 budget cycle as a collaborative, community-built response to these interconnected needs; not a single-provider program but a deliberately constructed partnership among A Brighter Way, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, and SOS Community Services, with overall coordination provided by the Washtenaw Housing Alliance in partnership with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission;

Whereas, This collaborative model reflects a shared recognition that no single agency can address the full range of barriers facing justice-impacted individuals and families; lasting housing stability requires coordinated, cross-system support that meets people where they are;

Whereas, Program data from July–December 2025 demonstrates both deep need and meaningful impact: approximately 80% of participants were directly justice-involved and an additional 19% were justice-impacted through a spouse, partner, or child; approximately 70% identified as Black; 57% identified as female; 37% were heads of single-parent households; and 43% had children under 18 in the home;

Whereas, The Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness provided trauma-informed care and case management training to the Rising Hope collaborative in 2026, including reusable onboarding and refresher materials designed to strengthen best practices, reduce retraumatization for staff and participants alike, and support long-term workforce wellness;

Whereas, The program's demonstrated success helped the Washtenaw Housing Alliance secure additional state funding through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity to expand services; reflecting growing external recognition of Rising Hope's effectiveness and the strength of its collaborative model;

Whereas, The Michigan State Housing Development Authority reopened both the Housing Choice Voucher Homeless Preference Wait List and the Reentry Voucher Wait List in 2025, increasing the number of individuals

and families eligible for housing assistance and directly increasing demand for the kind of trauma-informed housing stabilization and wraparound support that Rising Hope for Housing provides;

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$300,000 of the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2027 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget and appropriate \$400,000 of the National Opioid Settlement funding from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2027 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget on a one-time basis for the Rising Hope Housing Program;

RESOLVED, That these funds shall support services including, but not limited to, mental health counseling, peer support, substance use and recovery services, harm reduction, behavioral health navigation, transportation, housing advocacy, landlord-tenant mediation, legal assistance, and trauma-informed case management;

RESOLVED, That the National Opioid Settlement Funds will be used to support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies, pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements' list of approved uses and core strategies, as well as the guidance published by the State of Michigan for said approved uses and strategies;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation may use up to five percent (5%) of the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds for administrative costs associated with the program;

RESOLVED, That the amounts authorized herein may be used without regard to fiscal year.

Sponsors: Harrison, Watson, Ghazi Edwin, Cornell, Eyer, and Mayor Taylor

26-0598

Enactment No: R-26-196

Approved as Amended

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 unanimously.

Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax

Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2027

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 (8) (1) (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

None.

E & F CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS

E The following communications were referred as indicated:

Passed on consent agenda

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

- E-1 [26-0802](#) Risk Funds Claims Report - April 2026**

- E-2 [26-0806](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. MIG760104 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability**

- E-3 [26-0848](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. WRP048825 v.1 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability**

F The following minutes were received for filing:

- F-1 [26-0386](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026**

- F-2 [26-0641](#) Renters Commission Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026**

F-3 [26-0695](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2026

F-4 [26-0737](#) Council Policy Agenda Committee Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2026

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

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

***THIS SECTION IS FOR SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENTARY BUT WERE UNABLE TO SPEAK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING DUE TO THE 45-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.**

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(Not necessary.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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