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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 2, 2026

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Regular 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: 9 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Travis Radina, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon, Councilmember Jennifer Cornell and Councilmember Jon Mallek

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Lisa Disch and Councilmember Cynthia Harrison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Agenda be approved as presented. 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 **26-0358** Agenda Response Memo and eComments - March 2, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-2 **26-0364** Response to R-24-166 - Resolution to Adopt an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Ann Arbor Parks 2025 Update

Received and Filed

AC-3 **26-0363** Memorandum from City Administrator - Response to Resolution R-18-291 - FY26Q2 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report - March 2, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-4 **26-0365** City Administrator's Report - March 2, 2026

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 **26-0293** Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (ICPOC) Update

Mohammad Othman, representing the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, provided the monthly update from the Commission.

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**

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1. Tom Stulberg - Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for the Ann Street Improvement Project (CA-13) (phone)

Tom Stulberg, resident, expressed concern about the contract award process for CA-13, stating unnecessary preference is being given to a union bidder without any real benefit to the City. He also questioned the City's policies regarding affordable housing.

2. Henry Herskovitz - Holocaust education in AAPS (in person)

Henry Herskovitz, resident, spoke about Holocaust education in the public schools. He noted that many members of Council do not listen to him despite his First Amendment right to speak. He stated he will stop speaking in front of Council when Council passes a resolution against military aid to Israel.

3. Ryan Brase - City ambulance contract (in person)

Ryan Brase, resident, spoke about the City's recent RFP for ALS ambulance services. He urged Council to consider the ownership structure of the contract bidders when awarding the contract.

4. Delaney Dunnavant - Romulus ICE camp (in person)

Delaney Dunnavant, of Pittsfield Township, spoke about the proposed ICE facility in Romulus and provided strategies on how to prevent them from coming to Ann Arbor.

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

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke about the bombings in Iran. He also urged Council to pass the resolution opposing military aid to Israel.

6. Jeremy Haley - South State development and Concordia University land (in person)

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about the South State development project and suggested a welcome center there would be appropriate. He also talked about the potential development of the Concordia University property.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson announced the upcoming Ward 2 listening session he is hosting with Councilmember Mallek. He stated the next session will feature Dr. Missy Stults of the City's OSI unit.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin highlighted Item AC-2 on the agenda regarding the City's ADA transition plan for the City's parks.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs wished Councilmember Cornell a happy birthday and acknowledged that Councilmember Cornell has filed petitions to serve another term on City Council.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell spoke about the City's current public survey regarding the potential decommissioning of the City's outdoor warning sirens. She urged residents to participate.

Councilmember Cornell spoke about the City's eWaste event. She stated a recycle bin for electronic products will be available at various locations throughout the month of March.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Taylor provided an update regarding the City's response to ICE agents in the community. He stated the City will also consider an ordinance regarding officer masking and the requirement to identify agents.

CA CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED

With unanimous consent of Council, the following Consent Agenda items were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of same:

CA-7 Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Agency Landscape + Planning, LLC for Development of the 2028-2032 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (RFP #25-51) ($443,000.00)

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CA-1 26-0311 **Enactment No:** **R-26-070** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2025 Take Back the Night/Standing Tough Against Rape (Rally and March) - Thursday, April 3, 2025

CA-2 26-0307 **Enactment No:** **R-26-071** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for Fool Moon on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight

CA-3 26-0308 **Enactment No:** **R-26-072** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for FestiFools Parade - Sunday, April 12, 2026

CA-4 26-0310 **Enactment No:** **R-26-073** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the University of Michigan Big House 5K on Sunday, April 12, 2026

CA-5 26-0202 **Enactment No:** **R-26-074** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Brencal Contractors, Inc. for the South Maple Park and Dexter Park Improvements Project ($1,711,338.91)

CA-6 26-0245 **Enactment No: R-26-075** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Progressive Companies for Design and Engineering Services for the Ice Arena Improvements Project ($256,500.00)

CA-8 26-0105 **Enactment No: R-26-076** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Renewed Construction Contract with Cadillac Asphalt, LLC for the 2026 Annual Street Resurfacing Project $6,711,054.60, and to Appropriate $3,120,000.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-9 26-0106 **Enactment No: R-26-077** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Renewed Construction Contract with Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC for the 2026 Annual Street Preventative Maintenance Project ($1,281,078.98), and to Appropriate Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-10 26-0183 **Enactment No: R-26-078** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Toebe Construction LLC for the East Huron River Retaining Wall Replacement and Road Reconstruction Project (RFP 26-02; $711,959.00)

CA-11 26-0282 **Enactment No: R-26-079** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Toebe Construction, LLC for the Needham, Medford, and Buckingham Water Main and Resurfacing Project (RFP 26-07; $4,146,231.80) and to Appropriate $2,623,000.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-12 26-0187 **Enactment No: R-26-080** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Packard Street Improvements Project (25-5688) and Appropriate $2,470,213.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-13 26-0273 **Enactment No: R-26-081** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for the Ann Street Improvements Project ($6,312,780.85) and to Appropriate $2,000,000.00 from the Street, Bridge, Sidewalk Millage Fund, $1,580,000.00 from the Stormwater Fund, $1,961,000.00 of Funding from

the Downtown Development Authority (8 Votes Required)

CA-14 26-0262 **Enactment No: R-26-082** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreements with Intertek - Professional Service Industries, Inc. for $450,000.00; Materials Testing Consultants, Inc. for $820,000.00; NTH Consultants, Ltd. for $800,000.00; and Somat Engineering, Inc. for $220,000.00 for Construction Materials Testing Services

CA-15 26-0237 **Enactment No: R-26-083** **Approved**

Resolution to Increase the Purchase Order with The Detroit Salt Company, L.C. for the Purchase of Seasonal Backup Supply Ice Control Salt through the Michigan Delivering Extended Agreements Locally (MiDEAL) ($65,972.00 increase, Total $281,212.00)

CA-16 26-0151 **Enactment No: R-26-084** **Approved**

Resolution to Increase Sole Source Purchasing Authority with Idexx Distribution, Inc. (Idexx) for Bacteriological Testing Media and Associated Supplies for FY26 ($5,000.00 Increase, Total Purchase Value $41,000.00)

CA-17 26-0179 **Enactment No: R-26-085** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Sole Source Purchase Order with McNaughton-McKay Electric Company for a New Variable Frequency Drive ($33,364.57)

CA-18 26-0198 **Enactment No: R-26-086** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 3 with Fonson Company, Inc. for the Water Treatment Plant Lime Residual Removal Contract No. 1 - Site Modifications ($310,491.75 Increase, Total Contract Amount $731,308.60)

CA-19 26-0156 **Enactment No: R-26-087** **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Five Vehicles from Lunghamer Ford (State of Michigan MiDeal - $534,922.00)

CA-20 26-0166 **Enactment No: R-26-088** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Ajax Paving Industries, Inc. for the Airport Box Hangar Taxilane and Apron Reconstruction Project (ITB No. 4780) ($389,880.00)

CA-21 26-0315 **Enactment No: R-26-089** **Approved**

Resolution to Appropriate Fund and to Amend the Public Services Area Transportation Unit General Fund Operations and Maintenance Budget to Procure and Install Signage Related to Federal Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities ($20,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-22 26-0215 **Enactment No: R-26-090** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Amended (2016) Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement

CA-23 26-0295 **Enactment No: R-26-091** **Approved**

Resolution to Rescind Previous Recommendation of Issuance of New Full-Year Class C Quota Liquor License in the City of Ann Arbor to Jibarito A2, LLC

CA-24 26-0296 **Enactment No: R-26-092** **Approved**

Resolution to Rescind Previous Recommendation of Issuance of New Full-Year Class C Quota Liquor Licenses in the City of Ann Arbor to A2WINEMAN, LLC

CA-25 26-0304 **Enactment No: R-26-093** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept an Sidewalk Easement at 2805 Burton Road from Glorycrest Burton Road Inc. (8 Votes Required)

CA-26 26-0305 **Enactment No: R-26-094** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Stormwater Easement at 2805 Burton Road from Glorycrest Burton Road Inc. (8 Votes Required)

CA-27 26-0306 **Enactment No: R-26-095** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept a Water Main Easement at 2805 Burton Road from Glorycrest Burton Road Inc. (8 Votes Required)

CA-7 26-0228 **Enactment No: R-26-096** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Agency Landscape + Planning, LLC for Development of the 2028-2032 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (RFP #25-51) ($443,000.00)

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 **26-0061** An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.95 Acres from R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling) and M1 (Limited Industrial) to D1 (Downtown Core), Midtown Character Overlay, Secondary Street Frontage with Conditions, The Dean, 558 S Fifth Ave (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-26-06) (8 Votes Required)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 0.95 acre from R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling) and M1 (Limited Industrial) to D1 (Downtown Core) base, The Dean property, located at 558 S. Fifth Avenue. Notice of public hearing was published February 11, 2026.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Dennis Burke, resident, spoke in opposition.
A resident on S. Fifth Avenue spoke in opposition.
A resident at 545 S. Fifth Avenue spoke in opposition, noting that a similar project, The Meridian, was previously defeated by City Council.
Richard Jacobson, the owner of 538 S. Fifth Avenue, spoke in opposition, expressing concern about the effect on his property values.
A representative of the Germantown Neighborhood spoke in opposition, calling this project spot rezoning.
An unidentified resident asked why this project would be considered ahead of the Comp Plan approval.
Jeff Hayner, Ward 1, spoke in opposition. He also expressed concern that his Council representatives from Ward 1 were not in attendance to hear his comments.
Adam Jaskiewicz, Ward 4, spoke in support.
Tom Stulberg, resident, expressed concern about the lack of affordable units.
Bradley Moore, architect representing the project, was available to answer any questions of Council.

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

Held and Closed

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 26-0321 Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2026 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

B-1 26-0061 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.95 Acres from R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling) and M1 (Limited Industrial) to D1 (Downtown Core), Midtown Character Overlay, Secondary Street Frontage with Conditions, The Dean, 558 S Fifth Ave (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yes, 0 No) (ORD-26-06) (8 Votes Required)

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, 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:

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

E-1 26-0322 Communications from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Regarding Their Resolution Exempting Ad Valorem Property Taxes from Capture

E-3 26-0339 James Booge - Resignation from the Public Market Advisory Commission

F The following minutes were received for filing:

F-1 26-0056 January 6, 2026 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-2 26-0082 December 3, 2025 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes

F-3 26-0102 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025

F-4 26-0169 Council Policy Agenda Committee Minutes of November 24, 2025

F-5 26-0181 Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - January 21, 2026

F-6 26-0208 Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 2026

F-7 26-0218 Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes of January 2026

F-8 **26-0247** Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2026

F-9 **26-0319** The City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026

F-10 **26-0320** The City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026

E-2 **26-0348** Ellie Abrons Resignation from the City Planning Commission

Deleted from Agenda

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 Eyer, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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