

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Present: 11 - 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 Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon and Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, 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 reports for information of Council:

AC-1 [24-0686](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - April 15, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-0716](#) City Administrator's Report - April 15, 2024

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [24-0462](#) Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) Update

Matt Carpenter, CEO of AAATA, provided an update to City Council from the AAATA.

Received and Filed

INT-2 [24-0361](#) City Administrator's Presentation of Proposed FY25 Budget

City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the FY 2025 budget recommendation from the City Administrator's Office to City Council. A copy of the 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. Allan Newman - Support of Rising Hope for Housing in Regards to the FY25 Budget (INT-2) (in person)

Allan Newman, Board Member of Avalon Housing, spoke in support of Rising Hope for Housing programs and asked for support for the programs in the upcoming City budget.

2. Brian Geiringer - A2ZERO and the Phase 2 Feasibility Study in the FY25 Budget (INT-2) (in person)

Brian Geiringer, Ypsilanti resident, spoke about Ann Arbor for Public Power and his role in the organization. He urged Ann Arbor to move to municipal power.

3. Adam Grant - Funding for Rising Hope for Housing and the FY25 Budget (INT-2) (in person)

Adam Grant, resident of Lansing, urged Council to support the Rising Hope for Housing program in the FY25 budget.

4. Matt Bossart - Proposed Question for SEU (in person)

Matt Bossart, resident and PhD student, spoke about the proposed plans for an SEU and a municipal-owned utility. He expressed opposition to the proposed City Charter amendment language as written.

5. Karl Barton - Non-Agenda Item (in person)

Karl Barton, resident, was not present.

6. Henry Herskovitz - Holocaust Education in AAPS (in person)

Henry Herskovitz, resident, spoke about the Holocaust education taking place in the public schools.

7. Roger Kerson - Municipal Electric Utility (in person)

Roger Kerson, resident, spoke about a proposed municipal-owned utility in the City.

8. Marisa Mercurio - Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) (phone)

Marisa Mercurio, resident, spoke in support of a municipal-owned utility. She stated the current proposed City Charter amendment is not acceptable to supporters.

9. Milton Baker - SEU Ballot Proposal (in person)

Milton Baker, resident, spoke about the proposed City Charter amendment for an SEU. He expressed concern about the proposed amendment prohibiting an MEU.

10. Kathy Griswold - Dangerous Conditions Due to Overgrown Vegetation at School Crosswalks (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, was not present.

11. Greg Woodring - Comments Related to Public Power (in person)

Greg Woodring, resident of Ypsilanti, stated he was excited to see the Phase 2 Study in the City's FY25 budget. He also talked about the City Charter amendment language, stating the Ann Arbor for Public Power group wants to be able to support the amendment, but currently have concerns with the proposed language.

12. John Walker - Rising Hope for Housing Project (in person)

John Walker, resident, spoke about A Brighter Way, an organization that supports returning citizens. He urged Council to continue to support Rising Hope for Housing projects.

13. Margaret Goodly - Proposed Development at 2525 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. (phone)

Margaret Goodly, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning of 2525 Ann Arbor Saline Road. She asked Council to vote no on this rezoning due to traffic congestion in the area.

14. James Osborn - City Composting Yard and Website (in person)

James Osborn, resident, thanked Council for waiving the drop-off fees at the compost station after a storm in 2023. He wanted Council to know that the website regarding compost drop-off is misleading and out-of-date. He previously asked staff to update the information and after one year, it still has not been updated. He stated he does enjoy City Parks.

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

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about her campaign for Ann Arbor City Council Ward 4. She also urged Council to support a resolution opposing military aid to Israel.

16. 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.

17. Ellen Johnson - Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers (in person)

Ellen Johnson, resident and member of the Pittsfield Village Condominium Association, spoke in favor of the ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers. However, she stated implementation and costs associated with the ordinance need to be addressed, suggesting a variance for small businesses.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER RADINA**

Councilmember Radina responded to the public comments regarding the inaccuracies on the website regarding compost.

He also provided an update on the next Ward 3 coffee hour.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell announced Balloon Fest coming to downtown. The event will be a celebration of Spring.

Councilmember Cornell noted that a football game will be taking place at Michigan Stadium this weekend, as well as a Science Olympiad at Pioneer High School at the same time.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin addressed the public comments made regarding the ban on gas-powered lawn equipment.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs announced the upcoming Ward 5 coffee hour.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison stated she attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new community center and affordable housing project on Catherine Street over the weekend.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch provided an update regarding her upcoming coffee hour for Ward 1 residents.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson announced his upcoming coffee hour, stating Ward 2 Council candidate Jon Mallek will be joining him.

Councilmember Watson also expressed his gratitude for the project on Catherine Street.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer spoke about the project at Ann Arbor Saline Road and stated she has heard from many concerned residents. She stated the project is a long way from Council approval and hope that public engagement opportunities would occur when more information is available.

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song spoke about the budget shortfalls at AAPS, noting that a public meeting was being held this week on the matter.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**MC-1 [24-0449](#) Appointments - Confirmations**

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented at the April 1, 2024 Regular Session of Council:

*Downtown Development Authority
Elisabeth Berry-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, 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 Radina, 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 [24-0542](#) Enactment No: R-24-116

Resolution to Approve the Closing of Streets for the 2024 Glacier Highlands Neighborhood Association Annual Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, 2024

CA-2 [24-0298](#) Enactment No: R-24-117 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech of Michigan, P.C. to Complete a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan and SWMM Stormwater Model Migration, RFP No. 23-63 (\$538,054.00)

CA-3 [24-0457](#) Enactment No: R-24-118 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Washtenaw and Grant \$200,000.00 to the County to Expand Weatherization Assistance Programs in the City

CA-4 [24-0358](#) Enactment No: R-24-119 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with GHD Services Inc. RFP No. 23-64 (\$118,514.00)

CA-5 [24-0509](#) Enactment No: R-24-120 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Agreement to Purchase Parking Technology and Related Services with IPS Group, Inc. (\$1,209,442.28)

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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PH-1 [24-0466](#) Enactment No: R-24-121 Held and Closed

Held and Closed

Resolution to Release Roadway Rights at 2845 South State Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (8 Votes Required)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Release Roadway Rights at 2845 South State Street. Notice of public hearing was published April 4, 2024.

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

PH-2 [24-0467](#) Enactment No: R-24-122 Held and Closed

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve Vacation of a Portion of East Eisenhower Parkway at 2845 South State Street and Conveyance to the Adjacent Property Owner Subject to Public Utility and Sidewalk Easements (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (8 Votes Required)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve Vacation of a Portion of East Eisenhower Parkway at 2845 South State Street and Conveyance to the Adjacent Property Owner Subject to Public Utility and Sidewalk Easements. Notice of public hearing was published April 4, 2024.

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

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [24-0574](#) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024 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** [24-0438](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 (Water Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-07)

A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/6/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-07

- C-2** [24-0439](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-08)

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/6/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-08

- C-3** [24-0442](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:64 of Chapter 29 (Sewer Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-09)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/6/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-09

- C-4** [24-0458](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.65 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3701-3713 Riverside Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-10)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/20/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-10

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 [24-0466](#) **Enactment No: R-24-121** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Release Roadway Rights at 2845 South State Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (8 Votes Required)

DS-2 [24-0467](#) **Enactment No: R-24-122** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve Vacation of a Portion of East Eisenhower Parkway at 2845 South State Street and Conveyance to the Adjacent Property Owner Subject to Public Utility and Sidewalk Easements (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (8 Votes Required)

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 [24-0428](#) **Enactment No: R-24-123** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to Uplift Ann Arbor, LLC, Located at 210 S. First St.

DC-2 [24-0494](#) **Enactment No: R-24-124** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Revise and Amend List of Approved Participating

Establishments in the Main Street Ann Arbor Social District

DC-3 [24-0595](#) Enactment No: R-24-125 **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Resolution to Authorize Acquisition of Easements for the Nixon Corridor Improvement Project (8 Votes Required)

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

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 MCLA 15.268 (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

E & F **CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS**

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, Petitions and Referrals be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

E-1 [24-0483](#) Communication from Comcast Regarding Changes to the Channel Lineup

E-2 [24-0527](#) Risk Fund Claims Review - February 2024

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

- F-1 [24-0170](#) February 6, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

- F-2 [24-0227](#) January 24, 2024 ZBA Meeting Minutes

- F-3 [24-0261](#) LDFA Special Meeting Minutes 02-19-2024

- F-4 [24-0286](#) ICPOC February 2024 Meeting Minutes

- F-5 [24-0288](#) January 16, 2024 PAC Meeting Minutes

- F-6 [24-0395](#) Minutes of the 2-15-2024 Renters Commission Meeting

- F-7 [24-0398](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Minutes November 15, 2023

- F-8 [24-0411](#) Building Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023

- F-9 [24-0501](#) Council Policy Agenda Committee Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2024

- F-10 [24-0386](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes - March 13, 2024

- F-11 [24-0472](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 2-22-24

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 Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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