

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, October 21, 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

Councilmember Song arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Present: 10 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, 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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Erica Briggs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AC-1 [24-1845](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - October 21, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-1853](#) Memorandum from City Administrator - Response to Resolution R-18-291
FY24Q4 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report - October 21, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-3 [24-1861](#) Artspace Phase 11 Feasibility Report

Received and Filed

AC-4 [24-1859](#) City Administrator's Report - October 21, 2024

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [24-1796](#) Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) Update

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

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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PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.**

- 1. Tom Stulberg - UDC Ordinance Amendment Regarding Height Exceptions,
Stormwater Reviews, Development Approvals, Finished Grade (B-6) (phone)**

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke about height limits in flood plains in proposed ordinance ORD-24-20 (B-6) and spoke in support of City Proposals C and D.

2. Anne Bannister - Resolution to Approve the Low-Income Emergency Assistance Contract with Washtenaw County (CA-3) (in person)

Anne Bannister, resident, spoke in support of CA-3 and spoke in support of City Proposals C and D.

3. Kathy Griswold - Fire Prevention Ordinance (C-1), Exceptions to International Fire Code and Exceptions to State and Federal Laws (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke in opposition to C-1 and expressed safety concerns. She commented regarding the approachability of City Council and spoke in support of City Proposals C and D.

4. Karl Sikkenga - Local Performing Arts (in person)

Karl Sikkenga, Ypsilanti resident, spoke on the "Brevity Shakespeare" program and the importance of accessibility of the arts to all members of the community.

5. Upasne Kakroo - South Asia Inspired Community Organization: Peebagh (phone)

Upasane Kakroo, resident, spoke on behalf of the Peebagh non-profit organization, a South Asian-inspired community organization, and shared information regarding a recent children's storytelling event.

6. Kathleen Mozak - Parking in General (in person)

Kathleen Mozak, resident, spoke on accessible parking concerns, highlighting incidents of accessible parking challenges experienced at City Hall.

7. Ralph McKee - Proposals C & D (phone)

Ralph McKee, resident, spoke in support of City Proposals C and D.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song addressed a comment from a public commenter

that people are afraid to attend City Council meetings. Councilmember Song also addressed comments regarding dark money.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson spoke about community engagement opportunities and the importance of reducing barriers to increase diversity. Councilmember Watson also drew attention to the Gallup Park Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony planned for Thursday, October 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Gallup Park.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin addressed the public comment about accessible parking at City Hall. Councilmember Ghazi Edwin also addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch invited the community to attend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Public Workshop sessions to be held on October 23rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Downtown branch of the Ann Arbor District Library. Councilmember Disch also spoke on rank choice voting.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon spoke on the report regarding Art Space, appearing on the agenda as AC-3.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell spoke on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Public Workshop, highlighting that Downtown District Association representatives will be present at sessions. Councilmember Cornell invited the community to attend Halloween activities in the Main St. district on Sunday, October 27th, including a parade, trick-or-treating, and fun activities. Councilmember Cornell addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison invited the community to attend the Elks' Community Fun Day on Sunday, October 27th. Councilmember Harrison addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

MAYOR TAYLOR

Mayor Taylor addressed comments regarding Ballot Propositions C and D.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [24-1830](#) Appointments and Nominations for October 21, 2024

Mayor Taylor presented the following nominations for approval at a later date:

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

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

Referred to the City Council due back on 11/7/2024

CA CONSENT AGENDA

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, 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 [24-1707](#) Enactment No: R-24-399 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Sole Source Purchase Order with Spaans Babcock Inc. for the Purchase of Replacement Side Profiles on Screw Pumps #4 and #5 at the Water Resource Recovery Facility (\$29,000.00)

CA-2 [24-1751](#) Enactment No: R-24-400 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Sorensen Gross Company LLC in the amount of \$1,029,636.00 for the 2024 Water Treatment Plant Filter 18/20 Underdrain Improvements Project (ITB 4752)

CA-3 [24-1756](#) Enactment No: R-24-401 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Low-Income Emergency Assistance Contract with Washtenaw County (\$110,310.12)

CA-4 [24-1723](#) Enactment No: R-24-402 **Approved**

Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to Eat Thai Arbor, Inc.

CA-5 [24-1773](#) Enactment No: R-24-403 **Approved**

Resolution to Revise and Amend List of Approved Participating Establishments in the Downtown Ann Arbor Social District

CA-6 [24-1617](#) Enactment No: R-24-404 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve 1208 South University Development Agreement (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yes, 0 No)

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 [24-1470](#) 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 public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter

55, rezoning of 0.51 acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), Loo property, located at 444 Huntington Place. Notice of public hearing was published September 26, 2024.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-2** [24-1471](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.05 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 public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 0.05 acre from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District), Brixmor property, located at 110 Algebe Way. Notice of public hearing was published September 26, 2024.*

James D'Amour, resident, commented on City Planning Commission processes, citing the Brixmor project as an example.

Michelle Hughes, resident, commented on the project's R1B zoning in terms of housing density in Ann Arbor.

Adam Goodman, resident, commented on the project's zoning.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-3** [24-1654](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:120A of Chapter 9 (City Seal and Flag) of Title I of City Code (ORD-24-26)
- A public hearing was conducted on the proposed ordinance to amend section 1:120A of Chapter 9 (City Seal and Flag) of Title I of City Code (ORD-24-26). Notice of public hearing was published October 17, 2024.*

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

Held and Closed

- PH-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 (ORD-24-24)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed 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. Notice of public hearing was published October 17, 2024.

Ian Robinson, representing the Huron Valley Area Labor Federation which is comprised of approximately 50 unions, expressed the body's strong support of this proposed ordinance.

Zachary Damon, resident, thanked all those who support this proposed ordinance for their support.

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

Held and Closed

PH-5 [24-1719](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:17 (Code Violation Citations) of Chapter 1 of Title I and Section 8:458 of Chapter 104 (Energy and Water Benchmarking) of Title VIII (ORD-24-27)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed ordinance to amend Section 1:17 (Code Violation Citations) of Chapter 1 of Title I and Section 8:458 of Chapter 104 (Energy and Water Benchmarking) of Title VIII of City Code. Notice of public hearing was published October 17, 2024.

Ken Garber, resident, commented on the importance of this ordinance.

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

Held and Closed

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [24-1800](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024 be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.**
- B-2** [24-1471](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 0.05 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 Watson, seconded by Councilmember Song, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- B-3** [24-1654](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:120A of Chapter 9 (City Seal and Flag) of Title I of City Code (ORD-24-26)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- B-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 (ORD-24-24)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- B-5** [24-1719](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:17 (Code Violation Citations) of Chapter 1 of Title I and Section 8:458 of Chapter 104 (Energy and Water Benchmarking) of Title VIII (ORD-24-27)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

- B-6** [24-1448](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18, 5.22, 5.29 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Height Exceptions, Stormwater Reviews, Development Approvals, Finished Grade) CPC Recommendation: Approval (8 yes, 0 no) (ORD-24-20)

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

B Unfinished Business - Staff:

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

C New Business - Staff:

- C-1** [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 Ghazi Edwin, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 11/7/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-24-28

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

D Unfinished Business - Council:

- DC-1** [24-1705](#) Enactment No: **R-24-405** **Approved**

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

Resolution Authorizing Summary Publication of Ordinance 24-20 - An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18, 5.22, 5.29 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Height Exceptions, Stormwater Reviews, Development Approvals, Finished Grade)

DC New Business - Council:

DC-2 [24-1844](#) Enactment No: R-24-406 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Revise 2024 Council Calendar

DC-3 [24-1823](#) Enactment No: R-24-407 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve Closing of William Street between East William Street and East Madison Streets and East Jefferson and Maynard Streets on Friday, October 25, 2024 from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

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 Eyer, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 15.268 (1)(H) to discuss attorney/client privileged communications, specifically a confidential memorandum provided to City Council on October 17, 2024. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m.:

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

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Briggs

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:54 p.m.

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 Akmon, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

E-1 [24-1843](#) Communication from the City of Ann Arbor to the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Granting Approval to the Freedom Trail Commission to Use Fairview Cemetery as a Place-Based Educational Site

F The following minutes were received for filing:

F-1 [24-1673](#) Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - July 17, 2024

F-2 [24-1746](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes_08-22-24

F-3 [24-1755](#) Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2024

F-4 [24-1780](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Meeting Minutes of September 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 Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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