

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 20, 2026

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor called the meeting 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 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

PROPOSED ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

26-0704 Resolution in Support of the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency

Sponsors: Taylor

26-0703 Resolution to Approve an Agreement for the Sale of Air Rights Over the Library Lot to the Ann Arbor District Library (8 Votes Required)

Sponsors: Taylor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Briggs moved to approve the Agenda, supported by Councilmember Eyer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add:

DC-4 Resolution in Support of the Mayor’s Declaration of a Local State of Emergency

DC-5 Resolution to Approve an Agreement for the Sale of Air Rights Over the Library Lot to the Ann Arbor District Library (8 Votes Required)

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the amended agenda was approved.

AC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the following written reports for the information of Council:

AC-1 [26-0662](#) Memorandum in Response to R-25-457 Resolution Directing the Removal of Neighborhood Watch Signs and Affirming the City's Commitment to Inclusive and Evidence-Based Public Safety

Received and Filed

AC-2 [26-0677](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - April 20, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-3 [26-0663](#) City Administrator’s Report - April 20, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-4 [26-0709](#) Memorandum from City Administrator Regarding Potential Kline's Lot Proceeds

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [26-0686](#) Proclamation Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Therapaws of Michigan and Recognizing the Volunteers and Therapy Dogs
Mayor Taylor presented a proclamation to Therapaws of Michigan in recognition of their 25th anniversary. Representatives of the organization, and their dogs, were present to accept the proclamation.

A copy of the proclamation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Received and Filed

INT-2 [26-0223](#) Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) Update
Matt Carpenter, CEO of AAATA, provided his regular update to Council regarding The Ride's operations and activities. His report included an update regarding construction in the area and the impact to the downtown terminal, as well as the AAATA's response to federal agents in the area.

Received and Filed

INT-3 [26-0608](#) City Administrator's Presentation of Proposed FY27 Budget
City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the City Administrator's proposed budget for FY2027.

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)*

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1. **Adam Jaskiewicz - Sale of Air Rights over Library Lot to AADL (Proposed Item) (in person)**

Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support of the resolution regarding the sale of air rights over the Library Lot. He also spoke in support of item CA-10.

2. **Kathy Griswold - Road-diet on Washtenaw and A2 Safe Transport (CA-10) (in person)**

Kathy Griswold, resident, was not present.

3. **Henry Herskovitz - Remarks directed towards me at the April 6th Meeting (CC) (in person)**

Henry Herskovitz, resident, addressed the comments made by Councilmembers regarding their response and action to his previous statements about the Holocaust. He stated Councilmembers are paid to listen even when they disagree with the comments being made.

4. **Susan Lutz - Crypto Currency Kiosk Fraud (in person)**

Susan Lutz, Pittsfield Township resident and AARP volunteer, spoke about crypto currency fraud. She stated criminals are targeting older citizens with crypto scams using crypto kiosks. She encouraged Council to learn more about crypto currency fraud.

5. Ramon Harris - Crypto Currency Kiosk (in person)

Ramon Harris, Southfield resident and Outreach Director for AARP Michigan, spoke about crypto currency fraud using crypto kiosks. He urged Council to take steps locally to help prevent fraud and abuse.

6. Anthony Winters - Crypto Machines (in person)

Anthony Winters, Ypsilanti Township resident and AARP member, spoke about the concerns with crypto currency kiosks. He urged Council to consider passing local restrictions and regulations regarding these kiosks.

7. Cortland Travis Bersee - We need to talk about gaslighting (in person)

Cortland Travis Bersee, resident, was not present.

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

Blaine Coleman, resident, presented a video of his wife who is currently in Tehran, Iran. He urged Council to support a resolution opposing military aid to Israel.

9. Erick Brown - Earth Day (in person)

Erick Brown, resident, was not present.

10. Andre Watson - Juneteenth Celebrations (in person)

Andre Watson, resident, spoke about the City's Juneteenth celebration. He urged all to attend the event.

11. Lynne Lande - Juneteenth Celebrations (in person)

Lynne Lande, Northfield Township resident, spoke about the City's history and support of the Juneteenth celebration in the City. She thanked the City Council and invited them to attend the celebration.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS*

Councilmember Briggs thanked the City staff who supported the City's storm response, stating she has only heard positive feedback from residents.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina announced that Washtenaw County Prosecutor Eli Savit was nominated by the Democratic Party for Attorney General.

Councilmember Radina also thanked City staff for their storm response.

Councilmember Radina denounced the comments made by Henry Herskovitz and stated Mr. Herskovitz is widely recognized as a Holocaust denier.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison spoke about the removal of Neighborhood Watch signs in the City, noting the racist history surrounding the signs.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**MC-1** [26-0594](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the April 6, 2026 Regular Session of Council:

*City Planning Commission
Sarah Bassiouni-Partial Term
Term Ending: June 30, 2028*

*Parks Advisory Commission
Josh Winslow-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2028*

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

MC-2 [26-0596](#) Appointment - Confirmation

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented at the April 6, 2026 Regular Session of Council:

*Economic Development Corporation Board
Joe Giant-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

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

MC-3 [26-0688](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor presented the following appointment and reappointment for approval at a later date:

*Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority Board
Susan Pollay-Reappointment
Term Ending: May 1, 2031*

*Sven Sawin-Appointment
Term Ending: May 1, 2031*

Referred to the City Council due back on 5/4/2026

CA **CONSENT AGENDA**

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, 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 requirements of CA-2, CA-3, and CA-4.

CA-1 [26-0570](#) **Enactment No: R-26-131** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a General Services Agreement with Legacy Land Conservancy for Conservation Easement Services (\$500,000.00)

CA-2 [26-0368](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-132** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company for the North University and Thayer Improvements Project (RFP 26-11; \$6,760,000.00) and to Appropriate \$7,673,000.00 in Contributing Funds and to Approve Cost Allocation Agreements (8 Votes Required)

CA-3 [26-0472](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-133** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for the Ingalls Kingsley Water Main Project (\$4,268,513.70) and to Appropriate \$3,116,219.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-4 [26-0506](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-134** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Eminent Excavating LLC for the South Maple, Arbordale and Sherwood Watermain Replacement and Improvements Project (RFP 26-17; \$4,499,212.00) and to Appropriate \$1,640,802.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-5 [26-0470](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-135** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract Renewal with Doan Construction Co. for the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Program (\$820,005.02)

CA-6 [26-0473](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-136** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract Renewal with Precision Concrete, Inc. for the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program (\$283,908.00)

CA-7 [26-0540](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-137** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order for Utility Infrastructure Materials from Core and Main, LP, (Not-to-Exceed \$998,324.27) for One Year (ITB- 4782)

CA-8 [26-0541](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-138** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) and Emulsion to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC. (Not to Exceed \$249,517.00; ITB 4783)

CA-9 [26-0614](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-139** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) for the State and Ellsworth Roundabout Project, Estimated Amount \$164,047.50

CA-10 [26-0545](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-140** **Approved**

Sponsors: Transportation Commission

Resolution to Approve Support of Michigan Department of Transportation Road Reconfiguration Repaving Plan for East Huron/Washtenaw

CA-11 [26-0433](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-141** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 4 to Extend the Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants of Michigan, Inc. for Hydroelectric Dams - FERC Title 18 Part 12, Subpart D (Part 12D) Inspections and Other Engineering Services in the Amount of \$556,000.00 (Total Contract Amount \$996,700.00)

CA-12 [26-0542](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-142** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve An Amendment to the Circular Economy Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to Amend the Budget to Lower the City's Required Match Amount

CA-13 [26-0597](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-143** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for Environmental Assessments Required for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Award and the Congressionally Directed Spending Award (\$120,000.00)

CA-14 [26-0572](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-144** **Approved**

Resolution Recognizing Non-Profit Enterprise at Work, Inc as a Civic Nonprofit Organization Operating in Ann Arbor for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

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 [26-0047](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:152, 1:154, 1:156, 1:158, 1:159 and 1:160 of Chapter 7 (Downtown Development Authority) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-05)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:152, 1:154, 1:156, 1:158, 1:159 and 1:160 of Chapter 7 (Downtown Development Authority) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-05). Notice of public hearing was published February 19, 2026 and March 19, 2026.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Jeff Crockett, downtown resident, expressed concerns about the proposed plan, noting it does not address historic districts. He also expressed concerns about ADA access to downtown under the new plan.

Diana Marsh, the owner of Thistle and Bess, spoke in support of the proposed plan and thanked the DDA for their support of downtown business owners.

Adam Jaskiewicz, Ward 4, spoke in support of the proposed DDA plan.

Joe O'Neal, owner of Kerrytown Market and Shoppes, spoke in support of the proposed DDA plan, citing their support of downtown businesses.

Curtis Davis, Ward 1 resident, spoke about the proposed DDA expansion and the impact on the residents in the area.

Angela Davis, resident, expressed concern about the impact of the DDA expansion to existing residents. She spoke about parking concerns for residents in downtown neighborhoods.

Nick Lemmer, of the State Street Area Association, spoke in support of the proposed plan.

Luiz Vazquez, resident, spoke in support of the proposed DDA expansion plan.

Karen Delhey, Director of the Guild of Artists and Artisans, spoke in support of the proposed DDA expansion plan.

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

Held and Closed

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**A-1 [26-0625](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026**

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**B-1 [26-0047](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:152, 1:154, 1:156, 1:158, 1:159 and 1:160 of Chapter 7 (Downtown Development Authority) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-26-05)**

DDA Director Maura Thomson presented an update to Council regarding the proposed DDA expansion plan.

A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**C New Business - Staff:****C-1 [26-0543](#) 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-26-08)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/4/2026. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-26-08

C-2 [26-0530](#) 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-26-09)

A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/4/2026. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-26-09

C-3 [26-0529](#) 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-26-10)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 5/4/2026. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: ORD-26-10

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 [26-0550](#) **Enactment No: R-26-145** **Approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Disch, 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 SUGO ANN ARBOR LLC

DC-2 [26-0586](#) **Enactment No: R-26-146** **Approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 Downtown Ann Arbor Social District

DC-3 [26-0674](#) Enactment No: R-26-147 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor, Harrison, Radina, Eyer, Akmon, Watson and Briggs

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

Resolution Directing the City to Conduct a Comprehensive Review of Temporary and Seasonal Position Classifications and Contracted Work

DC-4 [26-0704](#) Enactment No: R-26-148 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Resolution in Support of the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency

DC-5 [26-0703](#) Enactment No: R-26-149 Approved

Sponsors: Taylor

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 unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.

Resolution to Approve an Agreement for the Sale of Air Rights Over the Library Lot to the Ann Arbor District Library (8 Votes Required)

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

- E-1** [26-0300](#) Transportation Commission 2025 Annual Report

- E-2** [26-0616](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Public Notice and Comment Period for the Barton Shore Drive Project, Application Number HQJ-STB4-QRH78 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability

- E-3** [26-0639](#) Communications from the Ann Arbor District Library Regarding Their Resolution to Exempt All Library Taxes from Future Capture by Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority

- E-4** [26-0660](#) Risk Funds Claims Report - March 2026

- E-5** [26-0640](#) Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility Regulations

E-6 [26-0694](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. MIG760103 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability

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

F-1 [26-0290](#) Minutes of the January 22, 2026 Renters Commission

F-2 [26-0303](#) Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026

F-3 [26-0405](#) Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes - February 2026

F-4 [26-0446](#) Final Meeting Minutes for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee - February 10th, 2026

F-5 [26-0526](#) Council Policy Agenda Committee Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026

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 Mallek, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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