

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, October 2, 2023

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

**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 Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

#### AC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

*Deputy City Administrator John Fournier presented the following written reports for information of City Council:*

**AC-1**     [23-1634](#)     Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) - Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - Financial Services FY24

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [23-1642](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - October 2, 2023

**Received and Filed**

**AC-3**     [23-1656](#)     City Administrator's Report - October 2, 2023

**Received and Filed**

**AC-4**     [23-1661](#)     Response to R-23-293 - Resolution to Analyze Ann Arbor's Emergency Response During Severe Weather Events and Related Widespread Power Outages

**Received and Filed**

**INT     INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [23-1551](#)     Independent Community Police Oversight Commission (ICPOC) Monthly Update

*Stefani Carter, Chair of the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, provided her monthly update to City Council.*

**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)**

**\* ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

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- 1. Edward Vielmetti - Stone School Rd. Special Assessment (CA-7); Easements at 402 E. Stadium Blvd for the South Main St. Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project (CA-15) (in person)**

*Edward Vielmetti, resident, spoke about sidewalk gaps in the City's sidewalk network and problems with ADA accessibility on some paths.*

- 2. Sarah Lorenz - Housing (phone)**

*Sarah Lorenz, resident, spoke about affordable housing for middle and low income workers. She spoke about a community land trust as a possible solution to the crisis.*

- 3. Thomas Wieder - Council Decorum (in person)**

*Thomas Wieder, Ann Arbor Township resident, spoke about Council decorum and individual Council Members' lack of response to public speakers who are disorderly.*

- 4. Kathy Griswold - 50-Year-Old King School Crosswalk (in person)**

*Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about the King Elementary School crosswalk, stating she will continue to talk about the crosswalk until the appropriate repairs are made.*

5. **Kirk Westphal - Plymouth and Washtenaw Moratorium (phone)**

*Kirk Westphal, resident, requested a three-month moratorium on developments in the TC-1 zoned areas of Plymouth and Washtenaw.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL****COUNCILMEMBER SONG**

*Councilmember Song stated the application process is open for the Universal Basic Income pilot program, noting that 100 Ann Arbor residents will be chosen for the pilot.*

**COUNCILMEMBER DISCH**

*Councilmember Disch gave an update on the City's comprehensive plan process and urged members of the community to consider applying to be a steering committee member.*

*Councilmember Disch provided an update on her upcoming listening session at the downtown library.*

**COUNCILMEMBER EYER**

*Councilmember Eyer announced her upcoming listening session at Morgan and York.*

**COUNCILMEMBER AKMON**

*Councilmember Akmon highlighted item AC-4 on the agenda related to recent DTE power outages.*

**COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON**

*Councilmember Harrison provided information about the application process for Rising Hope Assistance. This program provides housing assistance vouchers to those who have been impacted by the justice system, she stated.*

**CC-1**     [23-1627](#)     Resolution to Appoint Jess Francis to the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission

**Sponsors:**     Harrison, Song and Ghazi Edwin

*The Resolution of appointment was presented for approval at a later date.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/16/2023**

**MC     COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1**     [23-1611](#)     Appointments - Confirmations

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

*Historic District Commission*

*Chip Smith*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Steve Kaplan*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Housing and Human Services Advisory Board*

*Faith Redwine-Otieno, Non-profit/Consumer Representative - Partial*

*Term*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

*Downtown Development Authority*

*Angela Jackson-Partial Term*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

*Council on Disability Issues*

*Elena Chambers*

*Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/16/2023**

**MC-2**     [23-1622](#)     Resolution to Appoint Non-resident Electors to Council on Disability Issues and Airport Advisory Committee (7 Votes Required)

*Mayor Taylor presented the following Resolution of appointment for approval at a later date:*

*Council on Disability Issues  
Robert Packard  
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

*Airport Advisory Committee  
Alexander Arts  
Term Ending: May 31, 2026*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 10/16/2023**

**CA     CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, 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 unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement of CA-3, CA-4, CA-14, CA-15, CA-17 and CA-19.**

**CA-1     [23-1608](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-349     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve a Street Closure of Washington Street between Fletcher and Thayer Streets for the Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan’s 2023 Spook-a-Thon on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM

**CA-2     [23-1589](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-350     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Amendment Number 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with ROWE Professional Services Company for Engineering Consulting Services (RFP #20-26) (\$331,000.00) (Total Contract \$781,000.00)



**CA-3**     [23-1607](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-351**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Wade Trim Associates, Inc. for Gallup Park Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Design (RFP No. 22-51) and Appropriate Funding (\$537,593.52, Total Contract \$878,720.60) (8 Votes Required)

**CA-4**     [23-1493](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-352**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Anlaan Corporation for the Gallup Park Vehicle and Pedestrian Bridge Project and Appropriate Funding (\$4,184,015.40) (8 Votes Required)

**CA-5**     [23-1531](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-353**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 1 and Ratify Emergency Purchase Order with Z Contractors, Inc. for the 2190 South State Street Retaining Wall Replacement Project, RFP 23-11; (\$29,697.48 Increase, Total Contract Amount \$209,443.53)

**CA-6**     [23-1450](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-354**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for Engineering Design Services for the Pittsfield Village Improvements Project (\$1,140,971.00) (RFP 23-34)

**CA-7**     [23-1343](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-355**     **Approved**

Resolution No. 1 - Prepare Plans and Specifications for the Stone School Road - Special Assessment (District #64)

**CA-8**     [23-1285](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-356**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a General Services Agreement with Premier Power Maintenance Corporation (Premier Power) for Electrical Preventive Maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, RFP No. 23-33 (\$111,778.40)

**CA-9**     [23-1397](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-23-357**     **Approved**

Resolution Authorizing Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Recovery Charges for 2118 Victoria Circle

**CA-10**   [23-1398](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-358**   **Approved**

Resolution Authorizing Water and Sanitary Sewer Capital Recovery Charges for 2318 Newport Road

**CA-11**   [23-1560](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-359**   **Approved**

Resolution to Assess Certain Delinquent Municipal Utility Charges as a Tax and Ordering Collection Thereof

**CA-12**   [23-1564](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-360**   **Approved**

Resolution Levying Certain Delinquent Municipal Solid Waste, Board Up, Clean Up, Vacant Property Inspection Fees, Housing Inspection Fees, False Alarm Fees, and Fire Inspection Fees as Special Assessments and Ordering Collection Thereof

**CA-13**   [23-1511](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-361**   **Approved**

Resolution to Transfer Management Responsibilities for City of Ann Arbor's 401(a) Executive Plan to the City of Ann Arbor Employees Retirement System

**CA-14**   [23-1480](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-362**   **Approved**

Resolution to Appropriate and Increase the FY 24 Planning Department General Fund Budget by \$699,110.00 (8 Votes Required)

**CA-15**   [23-1590](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-363**   **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize Acquisition of Easements at 402 E. Stadium Blvd for the South Main Street Sidewalk Gap Elimination Project (8 Votes Required)

**CA-16**   [23-1605](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-364**   **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of AB A16S Shallow Water Aluminum Rigid Inflatable Boat from First Responder Boats LLC for \$53,560.00

**CA-17**   [23-1414](#)   **Enactment No:**   **R-23-365**   **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Purchase of One Mini Rear Load Refuse Truck on a Ford F-550 chassis from Lunghamer Ford and to Appropriate Funding from the Solid Waste Fund Balance (State of Michigan - \$155,392.00) (8

Votes Required)

**CA-18**    [23-1500](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-23-366**    **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Two Automated Side Load Refuse Trucks on Autocar Chassis' from Fredrickson Supply (Sourcewell - \$846,406.00)

**CA-19**    [23-1492](#)    **Enactment No:**    **R-23-367**    **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles from Lunghamer Ford and to Appropriate Funding from the General Fund Balance, Sewage Disposal System Fund Balance, Water Supply System Fund Balance, Major Street Fund Balance, Stormwater Fund Balance, Project Management Fund Balance, (State of Michigan MIDeal - \$853,825.00) (8 Votes Required)

**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.**

**A    APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**A-1    [23-1610](#)    Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**B    ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

**C    ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**D    MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DC    New Business - Council:**

DC-1     [23-1651](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-368     Approved

**Sponsors:**     Radina, Taylor, Ghazi Edwin, Briggs, Cornell, Disch,  
Harrison and Watson

**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 to Encourage DTE to Develop a Process for Burying Power Lines, Investing in Energy Infrastructure, and Improving Grid Reliability and Resilience

DB     New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS     New Business - Staff:

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**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     [23-1366](#)     Transportation Commission Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Baldwin Avenue (Packard to Stadium) (\$35,000)**

- E-2     [23-1367](#)     Transportation Commission Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Manchester Road (Buckingham to Needham) (\$35,000)
  
- E-3     [23-1368](#)     Transportation Commission Resolution to Adopt an Improved Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
  
- E-4     [23-1533](#)     Communication from Comcast Regarding Changes to Xfinity TV Services - CTN, City Attorney
  
- E-5     [23-1587](#)     Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Proposed Reissuance for Expired Permit of NPDES COC No. MIG250549 to the Dahlmann Apartments Ltd for the Bell Tower Hotel - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
  
- E-6     [23-1595](#)     Communication from Sandra S. Clark of the Michigan History Center regarding the City's application to the Michigan Historical Marker Program
  
- E-7     [23-1639](#)     Molly Brookshire- Resignation from the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee
  
- E-8     [23-1640](#)     Aidan Sova- Resignation from the Human Rights Commission
  
- E-9     [23-1646](#)     Skylar Woodman- Resignation from the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

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

- F-1     [23-1364](#)     Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes Aug-2023
  
- F-2     [23-1371](#)     July 18, 2023 PAC Meeting Minutes
  
- F-3     [23-1378](#)     Building Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 20, 2023

- F-4      [23-1520](#)      8/8/23 Energy Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-5      [23-1538](#)      Council Administration Committee Minutes - August 23, 2023
- F-6      [23-1614](#)      City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023
- F-7      [23-1615](#)      Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust (VEBA) Board Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023
- F-8      [23-1628](#)      August 28, 2023 Council Policy Agenda Committee Meeting Minutes

**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 Song, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

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