

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 16, 2026

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 Cornell arrived at 7:02 p.m. and Councilmember Watson arrived at 7:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, 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 the information of Council:

AC-1 [26-0442](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - March 16, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-2 [26-0484](#) City Administrator's Report - March 16, 2026

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [26-0377](#) Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

DDA Executive Director Maura Thomson provided her monthly update to City Council.

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**

*** (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

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1. Felicia Brabec - Crisis Response (DC 1) (in person)

Felicia Brabec, Chair of Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, spoke in support of DC-1, regarding mental health and crisis response.

2. Alex Lowe - Arbor South Development (CA-3) (in person)

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in opposition to CA-3, the development agreement for Arbor South.

3. Tom Stulberg - Communications from Renters Commission (E-1 & E-3) (in person)

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke about two items from the Renters Commission, E-1 and E-3, and how the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan affects renters.

4. Ellie Algase - Housing Affordability (in person)

Ellie Algase, Saline City resident, spoke about affordable housing and the effects of Proposal A on new homeowners.

5. Richard Dokas - Gelman Plume Pollution (in person)

Richard Dokas, resident, spoke about the Gelman Plume and the history of the clean-up process. He stated he was surprised that Mayor Taylor is taking credit for the recent Superfund designation.

6. Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke about the war in Iran, noting his wife is currently in Tehran in the middle of the war. He urged Council to pass a resolution stating its opposition to military aid to Israel.

7. Jeremy Haley - The Dean High-Rise (in person)

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township resident, spoke about housing and employment opportunities in the City of Ann Arbor. He stated most of Ann Arbor's recent new housing projects have been marketed to students, not to attract new residents to the City.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS*

Councilmember Briggs encouraged residents to engage with the City on a variety of issues at engage.a2gov.org.

COUNCILMEMBER MALLEK

Councilmember Mallek provided an update on the upcoming Ward 2 Listening Session he is hosting with Councilmember Watson. Dr. Missy Stults of the Office of Sustainability and Innovations will be the featured guest.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch provided an update on the City's free tree giveaway. She also provided an update on the upcoming No Kings Rally.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson stated engage.a2gov.org has a survey open regarding the renaming of Hanson Nature Area. He stated the name and former deed covenants on the site are tied to the City's racist history and a new name would move forward from that history and better reflect today's Ann Arbor.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison thanked her peers for their support during her recent leave of absence. She also provided updates on two ordinances she plans to sponsor in the coming weeks, regarding to policing and face mask policies for law enforcement.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

CA CONSENT AGENDA**Passed on consent agenda**

A motion was made 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-1, CA-4, and CA-5.

CA-1 [26-0313](#) Enactment No: **R-26-097 **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Change Order #2 to the Construction Contract with T&M Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the Bicentennial Park - Phase II Improvements and Appropriate Funding (\$230,106.31 Increase; \$796,979.76 Total Contract) (8 Votes Required)

CA-2 [26-0316](#) Enactment No: **R-26-098 **Approved****

Resolution to Approve a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grants Management for the Replacement of the South Barton Pedestrian Bridge

CA-3 [26-0349](#) Enactment No: **R-26-099 **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Amended Arbor South Development Agreement, 2845 S. State St. Site Plan (SP24-0011)

CA-4 [26-0357](#) Enactment No: **R-26-100 **Approved****

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Park Consulting Group for Consultant Services to Evaluate the City's Use of Energov and Appropriate Funds (\$300,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-5 [26-0351](#) Enactment No: **R-26-101 **Approved****

Resolution to Approve an Agreement with the Downtown Development Authority for the Fourth Avenue Reconstruction Project and to Appropriate \$2,188,032.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-6 [26-0035](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-102** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Revised Bylaws of the Renters Commission

CA-7 [26-0337](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-103** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Renewal of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with DIRECTV, LLC

CA-8 [26-0398](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-104** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Nancy Wang as Magistrate of the 15th Judicial District Court

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

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PH-1 [26-0297](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-105** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve the 615 Riverview Drive Annexation, 0.33 Acres

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve the 615 Riverview Drive Annexation, 0.33 Acres. Notice of public hearing was published March 12, 2026.

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

PH-2 [26-0367](#) **Enactment No:** **R-26-107** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Adopt the City of Ann Arbor's Comprehensive Land Use Plan - 2050 (Adopted and Recommended by the CPC on February 18, 2026 - 7 yeas, 0 nays)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan (DS-3). Notice of public hearing was published February 26 and March 12, 2026.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

An unknown speaker expressed concerns about the elimination of zoning classifications for industry, stating Ann Arbor shouldn't be just for housing. Michelle Cooker, Fifth Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed plan, stating she is disappointed in the plan and more creative solutions for zoning are needed.

Adam McCue, resident, spoke in support, stating more housing is needed to address the current housing crisis.

An unidentified resident spoke about affordable housing concerns. He stated removing zoning regulations will benefit only the wealthiest. He urged Council to make Ann Arbor accessible for regular people.

Chuck Ream, Ward 3, urged Council to vote no. He stated he is running for Council because of this plan. He also expressed concern about the lack of protection in the plan for trees.

Peter Houck, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Jeff Crockett, resident, spoke about his new organization to support historic preservation. He spoke in opposition to the proposed Plan due to its lack of consideration for historic neighborhoods.

A UM student and recent Pioneer High School graduate spoke in support of the proposed Plan, stating affordable housing is needed for working class people to live in Ann Arbor.

Joe Zylka, 1920 Woodbury, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Jonathan Levine, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Elizabeth Kurtz, resident, spoke in support of the Plan and spoke about her housing struggles in the City over the years.

An unknown speaker talked about his experience finding housing in several U.S. cities and his concerns about affordability. He urged Council to support the Plan and move in the right direction.

Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Erich Zechar, Ward 2, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Claire Tobin, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Plan, speaking about her lifelong experience in Ann Arbor. She stated she does not see how this plan will help renters like her.

Elena Barham, resident, spoke about Ann Arbor's affordability issues.

A Ward 1 resident spoke in support of the proposed Plan. He spoke about the history of exclusionary zoning.

Greg Matthews, Ward 4, spoke in support of the proposed Plan. He urged Council to repeal exclusionary zoning.

Mark Madonna, resident, spoke in support.

Trisha Hackney, Ward 1, spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp Plan. She stated older residents are being pushed out and the plan is designed for a wealthy city.

A downtown property owner spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp

Plan.

Greg Monroe, Ward 5, stated the proposed Plan does not have broad community support.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township, spoke about the proposed Comp Plan. He also talked about UM being a major land owner.

Kirk Westphal, Ward 2, spoke in support of the proposed Plan. He urged Council to continue the process with higher-density zoning.

Staci Haarer, Ward 3, expressed concerns about the proposed Plan.

A Ward 2 resident spoke about her housing concerns. She stated she is currently living in a co-op housing for graduate students. She urged Council to support the Plan.

An unidentified speaker talked about affordable housing, but stated the proposed Plan is a top-down solution.

Richard Dokas, resident, expressed concern that Council is not representing the voters and the public.

A resident on Brockman Boulevard spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp Plan.

Peter Eckstein, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp Plan. He expressed concern about the destruction of existing neighborhoods to make space for Airbnb, fraternity houses, and saloons.

Clare Kolevar, resident, spoke in opposition, expressing concern about the community outreach.

Anne Bannister, former City Councilmember, spoke in opposition, urging Council to "Pause the Plan."

Ellie Algase, Saline resident, spoke in support of the proposed Comp Plan.

Annika Mohan, resident, spoke in support.

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Plan.

Donna Babcock, Ward 1, spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp Plan. She provided the history of her neighborhood on Upland Drive.

A downtown resident expressed concern that the proposed plan will encourage more short-term rentals.

An Old Fourth Ward resident spoke about the influence of wealth on City Council.

Lisa Jevens, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed Plan. She stated the Plan is not addressing affordability.

An unidentified resident urged Council to approve the proposed Plan. She stated the Plan is not perfect, but it is a start.

John Floyd, resident, expressed concerns about the proposed Plan. He also expressed concern about the ageist comments by some speakers.

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke about his experience as a landlord in Ann Arbor. He spoke in support of "gentle density." He stated the proposed Plan will not encourage more affordable housing, but more gentrification.

Brian Chambers, Ward 3, spoke about his experience with housing affordability. He spoke in support of the adoption of the Plan.

Eric Shalayko, resident, spoke in support.

Adam Goodman, Ward 5, spoke in support, stating the need for more affordable housing.

Eleanor Jones, Ward 3, urged Council to listen to residents. She stated the City's trees need to be protected.

Kity Kahn, resident, spoke in opposition.

Luiz Vazquez, resident, spoke in support. He stated the Plan doesn't go far enough, but is a start.

Kathy Boris, resident, spoke in opposition, stating lower income residents are being pushed out.

Jean Leverich, resident, thanked Council and urged them to vote in favor.

An unidentified speaker spoke about the Land Trust. She spoke in opposition to the proposed Comp Plan.

Eric Ivancich, resident, spoke in support, encouraging the end to exclusionary zoning.

Brandon Dimcheff, resident, spoke in support.

A caller named Ross spoke in support, stating the plan is not perfect.

Wendy Carmen, resident, spoke in opposition, stating there was not enough public input.

Ralph McKee, resident, spoke in opposition.

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

RECESS

Mayor Taylor called a recess at 10:08 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m.

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [26-0379](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2026 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

yeas, 0 nays)

DC New Business - Council:

DC-1 [26-0281](#) **Enactment No: R-26-108** **Approved**

Sponsors: Harrison

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

Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Discuss Crisis Response with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health to Determine Whether Partnership Opportunities Exist

DC-2 [26-0426](#) **Enactment No: R-26-109** **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Resolution to Authorize a Purchase Order with FranklinWH Energy Storage Inc. for Battery Energy Storage System Equipment for the Sustainable Energy Utility (\$1,500,000.00)

DC-3 [26-0427](#) **Enactment No: R-26-110** **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 to Authorize a Purchase Order with Michigan Solar Solutions, Inc. for Solar Photovoltaic Equipment for the Sustainable Energy Utility (\$500,000.00)

DC-4 [26-0452](#) **Enactment No: R-26-111** **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Resolution to Amend 2026 Council Calendar

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

- E-1** [26-0392](#) Communication from Renters Commission - Resolution in Support of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

- E-2** [26-0396](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. WRP048132 v1 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability

- E-3** [26-0401](#) Communication from Renters Commission - Resolution Requesting a Right to Organize Ordinance

- E-4** [26-0422](#) Risk Funds Claims Report - 02/2026

F The following minutes were received for filing:

- F-1** [26-0023](#) December 11, 2025 Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes

- F-2 [26-0137](#) Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 2025

- F-3 [26-0260](#) Budget and Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026

- F-4 [26-0323](#) Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2026

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

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 Ghazi Edwin, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

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