

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 6, 2025

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 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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, 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 [24-2144](#) Solid Waste Regulations for Bicycle Lanes and Bicycle Paths

Received and Filed

AC-2 [25-0018](#) City Administrator's Report - January 6, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-3 [25-0017](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - January 6, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-4 [25-0031](#) City Administrator Memorandum - Center of the City

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

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. Tom Stulberg - Resolution Regarding the Affordable Housing Agreement for 1140 Broadway (CA-3) (phone)**

Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke in support of B-3 regarding Rental Housing waitlist fees. He also spoke about CA-3, expressing concern about the affordable housing components of the development at 1140 Broadway.

2. Brian Geiringer - Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (CA-9) (in person)

Brian Geiringer, Executive Director of Ann Arbor for Public Power (A2P2), asked Council to table CA-9 until outstanding questions could be addressed.

3. Lauren Sargent - Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (CA-9) (in person)

Lauren Sargent, resident, spoke about A2P2 and their concerns with item CA-9, the Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study.

4. Greg Woodring - Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (CA-9) (in person)

Greg Woodring, Ypsilanti resident, spoke about A2P2 and their concerns with item CA-9, the Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study.

5. Ken Garber - Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (CA-9) (in person)

Ken Garber, resident, spoke about A2P2 and their concerns with item CA-9, the Resolution Regarding an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study.

6. Henry Herskovitz - Holocaust Education in Ann Arbor Public Schools (in person)

Henry Herskovitz, resident, spoke about Holocaust education in the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

7. Erich Zechar - Home Energy Rebates (phone)

Erich Zechar, resident, expressed concern about the Home Energy Rebate program, stating residents in multi-family housing developments are not eligible, including for rebates for e-bikes.

8. Mr. Barton - Subject Not Provided (in person)

Mr. Barton was not present.

9. Alan Haber - The Commons and the Budget (in person)

Alan Haber, resident, expressed disappointment that City Council members turned their backs on Mr. Herskovitz when he spoke. He stated Council Members are also ignoring the vote of the people regarding the Center of the City, stating that additional budget funds were available this year, yet nothing was allocated to the development of the Center of the City, despite the City Charter requirement.

10. Alex Lowe - Home Energy Rebates (Zoom)

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke about needed improvements to the Home Energy Rebate program.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER RADINA*

Councilmember Radina announced the upcoming Ward 3 coffee hour on January 24 with Fire Chief Mike Kennedy.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson announced his upcoming Listening Session with Councilmember Mallek on January 12 at 3pm at Sweetwaters on Plymouth Road.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer noted that the Anti-Defamation League has recognized Henry Herskovitz as a Holocaust denier. She stated Mr. Herskovitz spreads hate in the community and she will not listen to his comments.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon thanked the public speakers who raised the issues with the e-bike rebate program, stating the City will follow-up about program requirements. Councilmember Akmon also reminded the public about the upcoming Conquer the Cold getDowntown program.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell also spoke about the Conquer the Cold program. She also highlighted differences in the permitting process for parking lots versus permits to use City parks.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [24-2112](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the December 16, 2024 Regular Session of Council:

Renters Commission

Chris Boddy-Partial Term

Term Ending: May 31, 2025

Commission on Disability Issues

Annika Konrad

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

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

MC-2 [24-2155](#) Appointments - Confirmations

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

Transportation Commission

Rachel Jacobson-Partial Term

Term Ending: May 31, 2026

April Conway

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/21/2025

CA CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS REMOVED

With unanimous consent of Council, the following Consent Agenda items were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed at the end of same:

CA-9 Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, to Complete an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (\$1,728,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-3 Resolution to Approve the Amended City of Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Agreement for 1140 Broadway

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the following Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CA-1 [24-2107](#) Enactment No: R-25-001 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with ASTI Environmental for Gallup Bridge Mussel Relocation (\$16,000.00)

CA-2 [24-2103](#) Enactment No: R-25-002 **Approved**

Resolution Approving a Contract with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County for the 2024-2025 Winter Emergency Shelter and Warming Center (\$222,000.00)

CA-4 [24-2086](#) Enactment No: R-25-003 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the First Amendment to The 616 E. Washington Development Agreement (616 E. Washington Street)

CA-5 [24-2118](#) Enactment No: R-25-004 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve General Services Agreements with Kennedy Industries, Inc. (not-to-exceed \$270,000.00) and KSB Dubric, Inc. (not-to-exceed \$270,000.00) for Pump Maintenance and Repair Services (RFP No. 24-24)

CA-6 [24-1991](#) Enactment No: R-25-005 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company, Inc. (\$1,868,000.00, RFP 24-53) for the 2024 Valve Replacement Project

CA-7 [24-2012](#) Enactment No: R-25-006 Approved

Resolution to Increase Purchasing Authority on the Construction Contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company for the Huron River Drive Culvert Replacement Project, RFP 24-20; (\$15,765.62 Increase, Total Contract Amount \$650,241.62)

CA-8 [24-2049](#) Enactment No: R-25-007 Approved

Resolution to Approve Three-Year Support and Maintenance Contract with Hedrick Associates for UPS and CRAC Systems in the City's Data Centers (\$157,340.00)

CA-10 [24-1878](#) Enactment No: R-25-008 Approved

Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement between the City and the Regents of the University of Michigan for a Corporate Hangar Located at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport (8 Votes Required)

CA-9 [24-2102](#) Enactment No:

A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, to Complete an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (\$1,728,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

[24-2102](#) Enactment No: Postponed

A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Resolution be postponed until reviewed by the Council Administration Committee. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with NewGen Strategies and Solutions, LLC, to Complete an Electric Grid Asset Valuation and Municipalization Study (\$1,728,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-3 [24-2128](#) Enactment No: R-25-009 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve the Amended City of Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Agreement for 1140 Broadway

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 [24-1863](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.22, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Fences, Reimbursements, Public and Private Utilities) CPC Recommendation: Approval (Fences 7 yes/0 no; Reimbursements 6 yes/0 no; Utilities 7 yes/0 no) (ORD-24-31)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.22, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Fences, Reimbursements, Public and Private Utilities) (ORD-24-31). Notice of public hearing was published December 12, 2024.

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

Held and Closed

PH-2 [24-2092](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 10:143 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X (Traffic) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-24-32)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 10:143 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X (Traffic) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-24-32). Notice of public hearing was published December 26, 2024.

Alex Lowe, resident, expressed concern about the impact of the proposed ordinance on those residents who do not have off-street parking options.

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

Held and Closed

PH-3 **24-2106** An Ordinance to Add Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-33)

Sponsors: Radina, Harrison, Watson, Cornell, Briggs, Taylor, Akmon, Ghazi Edwin, Mallek, Disch and Eyer

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Add Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-33). Notice of public hearing was published December 26, 2025.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

Kevin Zing, Ward 4, spoke in support.

An unidentified graduate student spoke about the cost of waitlist fees.

An unidentified speaker spoke about housing equity.

James Nichols, Washtenaw Housing Organization, spoke in opposition, stating this ordinance along with the Early Leasing Ordinance are driving up demand and deterring new development.

Jordan Else spoke in support.

Nathan Kin, Ann Arbor Tenants Union, spoke in support.

A first-time renter named Sophia spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

An unknown speaker spoke in support.

An unknown Ward 3 renter spoke in support.

An unknown speaker spoke about waitlist fees.

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support.

Adam Jaskiewicz, resident

A social worker spoke about rental housing costs.

An unidentified caller on Zoom spoke in support.

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

Held and Closed

PH-4 **24-2154** **Enactment No: R-25-011** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution to Approve New Fees for the Public Sale of the City Flag

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve New Fees for the Public Sale of the City Flag. Notice of public hearing was published December 26, 2024.

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

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- A-1** [24-2143](#) Work Session of February 12, Planning Session of December 9, and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Work Session of February 12, Planning Session of December 9 and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-1** [24-1863](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.22, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30, and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Fences, Reimbursements, Public and Private Utilities) CPC Recommendation: Approval (Fences 7 yes/0 no; Reimbursements 6 yes/0 no; Utilities 7 yes/0 no) (ORD-24-31)

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

- B-2** [24-2092](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 10:143 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X (Traffic) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-24-32)

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

- B-3** [24-2106](#) An Ordinance to Add Section 8:532 to Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-33)

Sponsors: Radina, Harrison, Watson, Cornell, Briggs, Taylor, Akmon, Ghazi Edwin, Mallek, Disch and Eyer

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

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

- DC-1** [25-0008](#) Enactment No: **R-25-010** **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Resolution to Approve a Legal Services Agreement with Dykema Gossett, P.L.L.C. Relative to Jennifer Alexa, Jeff Malone, Tim Rugg v. City of Ann Arbor Litigation (\$300,000.00)

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

- DS-1** [24-2154](#) Enactment No: **R-25-011** **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve New Fees for the Public Sale of the City Flag

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

- E-1 [24-2105](#) Energy Commission 2025 Policy Recommendations**
- E-2 [24-2157](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Denial of Application No. HQ3-M9N0-5MQE8 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability**
- E-3 [24-2162](#) DDA Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 as Required by PA 57 of 2018**
- E-4 [25-0030](#) Communication from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson Regarding Receipt and Filing of the City of Ann Arbor Charter Amendment Approved by the Electorate at the General Election on November 6, 2024**

F The following minutes were received for filing:

- F-1 [24-1817](#) Minutes of the August 15, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting**

- F-2 [24-1818](#) Meeting of the September 19, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting
- F-3 [24-1952](#) Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - September 18, 2024
- F-4 [24-1966](#) Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting
- F-5 [24-1970](#) PAC Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024
- F-6 [24-2039](#) November 12, 2024 Energy Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-7 [24-2048](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2024
- F-8 [24-2008](#) Commission on Disability Issues Minutes - November 21, 2024
- F-9 [24-2158](#) The City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting
Minutes of November 21, 2024
- F-10 [24-2159](#) The City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board
Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2024
- F-11 [24-2132](#) Minutes of the November 21, 2024 Renters Commission Meeting

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES EACH - IF NECESSARY)

***THIS SECTION IS FOR SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENTARY BUT WERE UNABLE TO SPEAK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING DUE TO THE 45-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.**

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(Not necessary.)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, 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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