

City of Ann Arbor

301 E. Huron St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, August 7, 2025

7:00 PM

Rescheduled from 8/4/2025

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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: 10 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon, Councilmember Jennifer Cornell and Councilmember Jon Mallek

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Travis Radina

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Eyer, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, 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 presented the following written reports for information of Council:

AC-1 [25-1422](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - August 7, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-2 [25-1432](#) Ann Arbor SPARK Semi-Annual Report - January 1 - June 30, 2025

Received and Filed

AC-3 [25-1444](#) City Administrator's Report - August 7, 2025

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

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. Raymond Somich - Zoning Amendment (DC-3) (Zoom)

Raymond Somich, Ohio resident, stated he has been unable to open his Cannabis business due to an oversight in the City's Zoning Ordinance that he wasn't alerted to prior to buying a business and leasing a space. He urged support of Item DC-3 to start the process of fixing this error.

2. Michael Langnas - Zoning Amendment (DC-3) (in person)

Michael Langnas, West Bloomfield Township resident, spoke on behalf of his client, King's High. He urged approval of DC-3 and asked for an expedited Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow affected business to open soon.

3. Jessica Kelly - Mental health aid denial (in person)

Jessica Kelly, Pittsfield Township resident, spoke about her son's mental health needs and the lack of support her family has received from the Court system.

4. Henry Herskovitz - Holocaust education in AAPS (in person)

Henry Herskovitz, resident, spoke about the AAPS' Holocaust education.

5. Kathy Griswold - Increase in crash rate, prioritize visibility (in person)

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about her concerns regarding safety on Miller Road and the need for the City to collect and publicize crash data statistics.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN**

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin responded to public comments regarding mental health assistance in the court system.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon announced the AADL Summer Game Code - A2EVERYPARK. She also thanked Ann Arbor voters for their support of Proposals A and B at the Special Election on Tuesday.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell highlighted some of the upcoming downtown events.

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch announced her upcoming Ward 1 coffee hour with Councilmember Harrison.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Taylor thanked the City Clerk's Office for their successful administration of the August 5 Special Election. He also acknowledged the commitment of community members to serve as election inspectors and in other temporary assignments in support of the election.

MC-1 25-1439 Appointments - Confirmations

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

Historic District Commission

Sarah Nisbett

Term Ending: May 31, 2027

Jenna Carter

Term Ending: May 31, 2028

Referred to the City Council due back on 8/18/2025

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-16 Resolution to Approve the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, for Legal Services Related to the Arbor South Project and Appropriate Funds (\$100,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, 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-1 and CA-14.

CA-1 25-1309 Enactment No: R-25-288 Approved

Resolution to Approve Change Orders #1 and #2 to the Construction Contract with 21st Century Salvage Inc. for the Demolition of Four City Properties and Appropriate Funding (\$146,052.80 Increase; \$1,569,803.80 Total Contract) (8 Votes Required)

CA-2	25-1258	Enactment No:	R-25-289	Approved
Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a John Deere Wheel Loader from AIS Construction Equipment Corp. (MiDeal - \$278,241.62)				
CA-3	25-1267	Enactment No:	R-25-290	Approved
Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles from Lunghamer Ford (State of Michigan MiDeal - \$326,137.00)				
CA-4	25-1302	Enactment No:	R-25-291	Approved
Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Firefighting Turnout Gear from MES Service Company LLC (Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement - \$129,694.62)				
CA-5	25-1387	Enactment No:	R-25-292	Approved
Resolution to Increase Purchasing Authority with Henry Ford Health from \$30,000.00 per year, as Authorized in City Council Resolution R-23-020, to \$40,000.00 per year for On-Site Medical Surveillance Services (\$10,000.00 increase per year)				
CA-6	25-1339	Enactment No:	R-25-293	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Enerdynamic, LLC dba Blanket Insulation Services for Weatherization Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$577,500.00)				
CA-7	25-1340	Enactment No:	R-25-294	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Ecotelligent Homes LLC for Weatherization Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$577,500.00)				
CA-8	25-1346	Enactment No:	R-25-295	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Michigan Solar Solutions, LLC for Electrical Services and Solar and Energy Storage Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$709,500.00)				

CA-9	<u>25-1347</u>	Enactment No: R-25-296	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Sharon's Heating & Cooling, Inc. for Appliance Replacement Services and Mechanical HVAC Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$332,750.00)			
CA-10	<u>25-1365</u>	Enactment No: R-25-297	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with The Air King Heating & Cooling LLC for Appliance Replacement Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$250,250.00)			
CA-11	<u>25-1368</u>	Enactment No: R-25-298	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Homeland Builders of Michigan LLC d/b/a Homeland Solar for Solar and Energy Storage Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$594,000.00)			
CA-12	<u>25-1369</u>	Enactment No: R-25-299	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Decima, LLC for Electrical Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$115,500.00)			
CA-13	<u>25-1370</u>	Enactment No: R-25-300	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Expert Heating and Cooling Co. LLC for Mechanical HVAC Services Related to Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work (\$82,500.00)			
CA-14	<u>25-1394</u>	Enactment No: R-25-301	Approved
Resolution to Authorize a Subgrant Agreement with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability U.S.A., Inc., Accept Associated Grant Funds, and Appropriate Grant Funds to the Office of Sustainability and Innovations Major Grants Budget (\$250,000.00) (8 Votes Required)			
CA-15	<u>25-1360</u>	Enactment No: R-25-302	Approved
Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Kittali Weidner, LLC in the Amount of \$99,500.00 to Support the City's Circular Economy Action Planning (\$99,500.00)			

CA-17 25-1390 Enactment No: R-25-303 Approved

Resolution to Approve the Transfer of Affordable Housing Project at 201 W. William to Avalon Housing Inc. and Extend the Lease Term

CA-16 25-1396 Enactment No: R-25-304 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the Resolution be approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yea: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Akmon

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Radina

Resolution to Approve the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, for Legal Services Related to the Arbor South Project and Appropriate Funds (\$100,000.00) (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 25-1391 Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2025 and Work Session Minutes of July 28, 2025

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21 and Work Session Minutes of July 28, 2025 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 Unfinished Business - Council:**

DC-1 25-1383 Enactment No: R-25-305 Approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried:

Yea: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Mallek

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Cornell

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Radina

Resolution Regarding the Draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan Contract Amendment

DC New Business - Council:

DC-2 25-1414 Enactment No: R-25-306

Sponsors: Council Administration Committee

A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution to Adopt the City of Ann Arbor Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Use Policy

25-1414 Enactment No: R-25-306 Amended

Amended

Resolution to Adopt the City of Ann Arbor Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Use Policy

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin moved, seconded by Councilmember

Harrison, that the Resolution be amended as follows:

Add New Final RESOLVED Clause:

RESOLVED, THAT CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE POLICY'S IMPLEMENTATION ON HOW DRONES HAVE BEEN USED IN ORDER TO HELP CITY COUNCIL DETERMINE WHETHER ANY AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

The motion was considered friendly by the Body.

25-1414 Enactment No: R-25-306 Approved as Amended

Sponsors: Council Administration Committee

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Resolution be approved as amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution to Adopt the City of Ann Arbor Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Use Policy

DC-3 25-1426 Enactment No: R-25-307

Sponsors: Cornell

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved.

Resolution Directing the Ann Arbor Planning Commission to Review the Marijuana Facilities Provisions of the Uniform Development Code

25-1426 Enactment No: R-25-307 **Amended**

A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Resolution be amended as follows:

Delete the following bullets:

- [Whether a Special Exception Use permit is an appropriate use designation for marijuana facilities;
- Whether other UDC provisions regarding marijuana growers and processors should be amended; and
- Whether there should continue to be a cap of 28 retailers in the City of Ann Arbor]

Amend Final RESOLVED Clause:

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Planning Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Ann Arbor City Council within six months, IDEALLY ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS, of the matter being referred to them.

[Brackets] indicate deleted language. ALL CAPS indicate new language.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion defeated:

Years: 4 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Harrison

Nays: 6 - Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Radina

Resolution Directing the Ann Arbor Planning Commission to Review the Marijuana Facilities Provisions of the Uniform Development Code

25-1426 Enactment No: R-25-307 **Approved**

The question being, the motion that was originally made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Resolution be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution Directing the Ann Arbor Planning Commission to Review the Marijuana Facilities Provisions of the Uniform Development Code

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

E-1 [25-1331](#) June 2025 Quarterly Investment Report

E-2 [25-1395](#) Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Notice of a Pre-Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company in Case No. U-21830 Scheduled for August 7, 2025 - Sustainability - City Attorney

E-3 [25-1417](#) John Mirsky - Resignation from the Sustainability Commission

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

F-1 [25-1077](#) May 20, 2025 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-2 [25-1280](#) Downtown Development Authority Minutes of June 2025

F-3 [25-1307](#) Election Commission Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2025

F-4 [25-1330](#) Airport Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025

F-5 [25-1335](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Minutes of May 21, 2025

F-6 [25-1354](#) Building Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2025

F-7 [25-1388](#) The City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025

F-8 [25-1389](#) The City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025

F-9 [25-1418](#) Board of Review July 2025 Meeting Minutes

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 Briggs, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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