

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, April 3, 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 Briggs, that the Agenda be approved as presented. 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 and reported on the following:*

**AC-1**     [23-0572](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - April 3, 2023

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [23-0590](#)     City Administrator's Report - April 3, 2023

**Received and Filed****INT     INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [23-0407](#)     Independent Community Police Oversight Commission Monthly Update  
*Stefani Carter, Chair of the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, gave the Commission's 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)**

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**PHONE CALLERS CAN PRESS \*9 TO RAISE HANDS AND \*6 TO UNMUTE THEIR PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.**

- 1.     Rowan Marrow - Police Corruption (in person)**  
*Rowan Morrow, of Ferndale, was not present.*
  
- 2.     Mozhgan Savabiesasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**  
*Mozhgan Savabiesasfahani, resident, spoke against military aid to Israel.*
  
- 3.     Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**  
*Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke against military aid to Israel.*
  
- 4.     Zachary Storey - Housing: General Comments (in person)**

*Zachary Storey, resident, spoke about housing projects in the City and the need for more affordable housing.*

**5. Glenn Nelson - Funding Unarmed Response (phone)**

*Glenn Nelson, resident, urged Council to utilize the City's mental health millage funds for an unarmed police response program.*

**6. Kathy Boris - Resolution Regarding Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds (DS-1) (phone)**

*Kathy Boris, resident, spoke about DS-1, regarding the City's intent to issue revenue bonds. She questioned why the bonds were not being issued through the State drinking water revolving fund.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

**COUNCILMEMBER DISCH**

*Councilmember Disch provided an update regarding the City's partnership with Recycle Ann Arbor. She also stated there is a new dashboard at A2gov.org regarding the City's storm clean-up response.*

**COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL**

*Councilmember Cornell updated the public regarding downtown street closures.*

**COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN**

*Councilmember Ghazi Edwin provided an update regarding new handicap accessible parking meters in the downtown.*

**COUNCILMEMBER SONG**

*Councilmember Song provided an update regarding the City's housing crisis and homelessness in the community.*

**COUNCILMEMBER WATSON**

*Councilmember Watson provided an update on his upcoming resident coffee hour.*

**COUNCILMEMBER AKMON**

*Councilmember Akmon provided an update on the City's new Spin ebikes.*

**MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1 [23-0480](#) Appointments - Confirmations**

*Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointment that was presented to Council at the March 20, 2023 Regular Session:*

*Board of Review*

*Anne Harlow*

*Term ending: January 31, 2026*

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

**MC-2 [23-0565](#) Nominations and Appointments for April 3, 2023**

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

*Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority*

*Dr. Elisabeth Gerber*

*Term ending: May 1, 2028*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 4/17/2023**

**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-4 Resolution to Approve the City's Participation in the Settlements of*

*the National Prescription Opiate Litigation Against Allergan, Teva, CVS, and Walmart*

**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-2.**

**CA-1     [23-0531](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-106     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Annual Box Car Race/Soap Box Derby - Sunday, April 16, 2023

**CA-2     [23-0481](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-107     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve the Second Amendment to the Lease with 2725/2805 Associates, LLC (successor to First Industrial, L.P.) for Administrative and Video Production Space for the City Community Television Network (2805 S. Industrial Highway, Ste. 200 Eisenhower Corporate Park) (**8 Votes Required**)

**CA-3     [23-0535](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-108     **Approved****

Resolution to Approve Amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Altura Solutions, LLC for Parks ADA Compliance Assessment and Transition Plan (\$9,942, contract total \$219,957.50)

**RECESS**

*Mayor Taylor declared a recess at 7:32 p.m. due to technical issues on Zoom. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.*

**CA-4     [23-0530](#)     Enactment No:     R-23-109     **Approved****

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

Resolution to Approve the City's Participation in the Settlements of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation Against Allergan, Teva, CVS, and Walmart

**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**     [23-0491](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Section 8:527 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-23-11)
- A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 8:527 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-23-11).*

*Notice of public hearing was published March 23, 2023.*

*The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:*

*Zachary Storey, resident, spoke in support.*

*Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support.*

*Tom Stulberg, resident, thanked Council for their support of this amendment.*

*Seeing no one further present to speak, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*

**Held and Closed**

- PH-2**     [23-0124](#)     An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 3.13 Acres from TWP (Township) and R1B (Single-Family) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), North Maple Apartments Rezoning, 1815, 1855, and 1875 North Maple and 1921 Calvin Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Years; 0 Nays) (ORD-23-08)

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*Notice of public hearing was published March 16, 2023.*

*The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:*

*Zachary Storey, resident, spoke in support.*  
*Kari Nieto, of Scio Township, spoke in opposition stating traffic/parking issues and concern with the height and scale of the building.*  
*Jeff Wilkerson, representing the developer, spoke about the project and was available to answer questions.*  
*Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support of the project.*  
*Tom Stulberg, resident, spoke in support.*  
*Celina Koffman, resident, spoke in support.*

*Seeing no further comment, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*

**Held and Closed**

**PH-3      [23-0125](#)      Enactment No:      R-23-113      Held and Closed**

**Held and Closed**

Resolution to Approve the North Maple Apartments Site Plan and Development Agreement, 1815, 1855, and 1875 North Maple Road and 1921 Calvin Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nay)

*A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Resolution to Approve the North Maple Apartments Site Plan and Development Agreement, 1815, 1855, and 1875 North Maple Road and 1921 Calvin Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nay)*

*Notice of public hearing was published March 16, 2023.*

*The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:*

*Jeff Wilkerson, representing the developer, spoke about the project, and its benefits.*

*Kari Nieto, of Scio Township, stating there is not enough parking and it will create problems for the surrounding neighbors.*

*Zachary Storey, resident, spoke in support.*

*Luis Vazquez, resident, spoke in support.*

*Brandon Dimcheff, resident, spoke in support.*

*Seeing no further comment, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*

**A      APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**A-1      [23-0536](#)      Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023**



**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023 be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

**B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

**B-1**      [23-0491](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Section 8:527 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII (Building Regulations) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-23-11)

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

**B-2**      [23-0124](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 3.13 Acres from TWP (Township) and R1B (Single-Family) to PUD (Planned Unit Development), North Maple Apartments Rezoning, 1815, 1855, and 1875 North Maple and 1921 Calvin Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas; 0 Nays) (ORD-23-08)

**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.**

**C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DB Unfinished Business - Boards and Commissions:**

**DB-1**      [23-0393](#)      Enactment No:      R-23-110

**Councilmember Ghazi Edwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Resolution be approved.**

A Resolution Requesting the City Administrator to Engage with the Michigan Legislature and Michigan Public Service Commission to Advance Energy Equity and Resilience

[23-0393](#)      Enactment No:      R-23-110

**Amended**

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Resolution Requesting the City Administrator to Engage with the Michigan Legislature and Michigan Public Service Commission to Advance Energy Equity and Resilience

*Councilmember Ghazi Edwin moved, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that Council consider the proposed substitute resolution. The motion was considered friendly by the Body.*

**23-0393      Enactment No:      R-23-110      Approved as Amended**

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

Resolution Requesting the City Administrator to Engage with the Michigan Legislature and Michigan Public Service Commission to Advance Energy Equity and Resilience

**DC      New Business - Council:**

**DC-1      23-0563      Enactment No:      R-23-111      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 Support Pollinator Habitat in Ann Arbor

**DC-2      23-0575      Enactment No:      R-23-112      Approved**

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

Resolution to Ratify an Emergency Best Source Purchase Order with The Davey Tree Experts Company (Davey) for Branch Collection (\$250,000) and Increase the Purchase Order Amount (\$200,000) for Debris Cleanup related to the February 22 and March 3, 2023 Ice and Snow Storms and To Appropriate the Necessary Funding (\$450,000) **(8 Votes Required)**

**DB      New Business - Boards and Commissions:**

**DB-2      23-0125      Enactment No:      R-23-113      Approved**

**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.**

Resolution to Approve the North Maple Apartments Site Plan and Development Agreement, 1815, 1855, and 1875 North Maple Road and 1921 Calvin Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays)

**DS New Business - Staff:**

**DS-1 [23-0515](#) Enactment No: R-23-114 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:**

**Yeas:** 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon and Councilmember Cornell

**Nays:** 0

Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Reimbursement of Certain Expenses (\$45,000,000.00) **(6 Votes Roll Call)**

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*None.*

**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 Watson, seconded by**

**Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, 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     [23-0249](#)     Transportation Commission 2022 Annual Report
- E-2     [23-0250](#)     FY24 Transportation Policy Agenda Input
- E-3     [23-0479](#)     Non-Discrimination Ordinance Contractor Compliance Summary for 2021 Report to City Council to be Submitted Jointly by Ann Arbor Purchasing Department and the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission\*
- E-4     [23-0486](#)     Communication from Comcast Regarding Changes to Billing and Channel Lineup, Effective 4/3/2023 and 5/12/2023 - CTN, City Attorney
- E-5     [23-0510](#)     Communication from the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Regarding Their Recently-Passed Resolution to Urge President Biden and the Congress of the United States to Normalize Trade and Diplomatic Relations with the Republic of Cuba by Dissolving the Current U.S. Trade Embargo, Removing Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism List and Other Barriers
- E-6     [23-0544](#)     Communication from the Historic District Commission Regarding Recommendation to Create a Study Committee for Braun Court - Planning Services
- E-7     [23-0473](#)     Resolution to Support Pollinator Habitat in Ann Arbor
- E-8     [23-0561](#)     Merrill Dudley - Resignation from the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee
- F       **The following minutes were received for filing:**
- F-1     [23-0247](#)     January 2023 - Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-2     [23-0161](#)     Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 01/26/2023

- F-3      [23-0264](#)      Minutes of the January 19, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting
- F-4      [23-0402](#)      1/10/2023 Energy Commission Meeting Minutes
- F-5      [23-0449](#)      Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - January 18, 2023
- F-6      [23-0511](#)      The City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023
- F-7      [23-0512](#)      Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust (VEBA) Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2023
- F-8      [23-0528](#)      Council Administration Committee Minutes - December 13, 2022
- F-9      [23-0319](#)      LDFA Meeting Minutes 01.26.2023
- F-10     [23-0500](#)      Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 03/10/2023

**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 Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote,**

**the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.**

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