

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, August 8, 2024

7:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting 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 Eyer arrived at 7:12 p.m. Councilmember Song arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Present: 10 - 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 and Councilmember Dharma Akmon

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jennifer Cornell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, 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 Jr. presented the following written reports for the information of Council. He also introduced City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry to speak about the recent election.

Clerk Beaudry provided an update on the August 6 Primary Election,

noting that the City successfully implemented early voting and an Election Day Vote Center, the first in Michigan.

AC-1 [24-1466](#) Ann Arbor SPARK Semi-Annual Report - January 1 - June 30, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-2 [24-1472](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - August 8, 2024

Received and Filed

AC-3 [24-1497](#) City Administrator's Report - August 8, 2024

Received and Filed

INT **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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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1. Rita Turner-Sheerin - LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1) (in person)

Rita Turner-Sheerin, resident, spoke in support of a two-tiered system for LED streetlight bulb conversion.

2. Eric Ivancich - Trunkline Transfer Resolution (DC-2) (phone)

Eric Ivancich, resident, spoke in support of DC-2, regarding the trunkline transfer resolution.

3. **Adam Goodman - Trunkline Transfer Resolution (DC-2) (in person)**
Adam Goodman, resident, spoke in support of DC-2, regarding the transfer of State trunklines.

4. **James Sheerin - LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1) (in person)**
James Sheerin, resident, spoke about DC-1, the LED streetlights resolution.

5. **Rita Mitchell - Demolition of Four City Properties Resolution (CA-7), LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1) (phone)**
Rita Mitchell, resident, spoke about CA-7, and the need to protect endangered urban species. She also spoke about the LED streetlight conversions.

6. **Robert Stencel - LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1) (phone)**
Robert Stencel, resident, spoke about DC-1 and the LED streetlight conversion.

7. **Ralph Mckee - Demolition of Four City Properties Resolution (CA-7), LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1) (in person)**
Ralph McKee, resident, spoke about DC-1 and the conversion of LED streetlights.

8. **Kathy Griswold - LED Streetlights Resolution (DC-1), Trunkline Transfer Resolution (DC-2), and Tax Increases (in person)**
Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about the high tax rates in Ann Arbor and her opposition to any increase in taxes.

9. **Matthew Dreisbach - City Council Meetings in General (in person)**
Matthew Dreisbach, resident, spoke about attending City Council meetings. He stated he built an AI website called CityHall.email.

10. **Evan Souliotis - Departmental Accountability (in person)**
Evan Souliotis, resident, talked about his experience with City departments. He urged Council to create an ombudsman.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL
COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina thanked the City Clerk and her team for a successful Primary election.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson provided an update on his upcoming coffee hour. He also informed Council and the public regarding updates on the Nixon Road project, noting more information can be located at A2gov.org/Nixon.

COUNCILMEMBER EYER

Councilmember Eyer also thanked the City Clerk for a successful August Primary. She also thanked the voters for their confidence in her and stated she looks forward to serving Ward 4 for another term.

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song apologized for arriving late, stating she was at another engagement with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

MC-1 [24-1369](#) Appointments - Confirmations

Mayor Taylor requested confirmation of the following appointments that were presented at the 7/15/2024 Regular Session of Council:

*Zoning Board of Appeals
Patricia Laskowsky-Partial Term
Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

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

MC-2 [24-1488](#) Appointment to the State Street Business Improvement Zone (**1 - Step Appointment, 8 Votes Required**)

Mayor Taylor requested the following Appointments be approved in a one-step process:

*State Street Business Improvement Zone
 Amy Karbo - Director* (1 - Step Appointment, 8 Votes Required)
 Term Ending: On the third anniversary of the date the State Street
 Business Improvement Zone is established
 City Administrator Appointment

A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the Appointment be approved in a one-step process. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.

CA CONSENT AGENDA

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Song, 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-3, CA-4, CA-6, CA-7 and CA-12.

CA-1 [24-1430](#) Enactment No: R-24-304 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Closing of Streets for Game Watch on September 7, September 21 and October 5, 2024

CA-2 [24-1359](#) Enactment No: R-24-305 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Cost Sharing with Washtenaw County, by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, Regarding Responsibilities and Cost Allocation for the Construction of the Barton/Bandemer Park Pedestrian Tunnel Project

CA-3 [24-1362](#) Enactment No: R-24-306 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Davis Construction, Inc. for the Barton/Bandemer Park Pedestrian Tunnel Project and Appropriate Funding (\$4,823,840.25) **(8 Votes Required)**

CA-4 [24-1363](#) Enactment No: R-24-307 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Wade Trim Associates, Inc. for Construction Engineering Services for the Barton/Bandemer Park Pedestrian Tunnel Project and Appropriate Funding (\$475,838.44) **(8 Votes Required)**

- CA-5** [24-1365](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-308** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve a Five-Year Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Playground Improvement Services for Parks & Recreation for a Not to Exceed Annual Amount of \$350,000.00
- CA-6** [24-1341](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-309** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan (**8 Votes Required**)
- CA-7** [24-1408](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-310** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with 21st Century Salvage, Inc. for the Demolition of Four City of Ann Arbor Properties - 415 West Washington, 721 North Main, the Farmers Market Office Building, and the Veterans Memorial Park Picnic Shelter and Appropriate Funding (\$1,423,751.00) (**8 Votes Required**)
- CA-8** [24-1422](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-311** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve the City of Ann Arbor Affordable Housing Agreement for 1116 S. University - Vic Village South
- CA-9** [24-1306](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-312** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate Fund Grant Agreement Between the City of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, and the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation
- CA-10** [24-1368](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-313** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Domestic Violence, Inc. DBA SafeHouse Center to Design and Administer a Grant Program to Support Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Using the ARPA SLFRF Funds Allocated for this Purpose (\$100,000.00)
- CA-11** [24-1283](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-314** **Approved**
- Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order for the Rental of Street Sweepers from MacQueen Equipment Co. (MI Deal - NTE \$135,750.00)
- CA-12** [24-1334](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-315** **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Sewer Inspection Van on a Ford E-450 Chassis from Jack Doheny Company and Appropriate Funding from the Fleet Services Fund Balance (Sourcewell - \$137,348.42) **(8 Votes Required)**

CA-13 [24-1335](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-316** **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a 2023 Wheeled Coach Type III Ambulance from Emergency Vehicles Plus Inc. (HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Agreement - \$321,099.00)

CA-14 [24-1020](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-317** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a General Services Contract with Margolis Nursery, Inc. for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Tree Planting Projects (\$60,000.00; Bid No. RFP# 24-25)

CA-15 [24-1224](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-318** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a General Services Agreement with PPM Tree Service & Arbor Care, LLC for Routine Street Tree Pruning & General Forestry Services (\$830,500.00; RFP 24-26)

CA-16 [24-1279](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-319** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Huron Valley Electric, Inc. for the Motor Control Centers E & F Replacement Project in the Amount of \$637,880.00 - RFP No. 24-34

CA-17 [24-1357](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-320** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative, Inc. for Architectural Services for the Construction of New Fire Station 4 (\$224,450.00)

CA-18 [24-1366](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-321** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Contract with Ann Arbor SPARK for Economic Development Services (\$80,000.00)

CA-19 [24-1409](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-322** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the City's Participation in the Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation Against Kroger Co.

CA-20 [24-1414](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-323** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Amendment Number 1 to the Legal Services Agreement with Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbeuchler, PC Relative to City Projects Requiring the Acquisition of Easements or Other Property Interests (Amendment \$150,000.00; Total \$300,000.00)

CA-21 [24-1441](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-324** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Location and Hours of City Clerk Satellite Offices on the University of Michigan Campus for the November 5, 2024 General Election at the UM Museum of Art (UMMA) and Duderstadt Center

CA-22 [24-1412](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-325** **Approved**

Resolution to Amend the Contract to Provide for a Second Renewal and Approve Renewal 2 to the General Services Agreement with Tyndale Enterprises, Inc. for the Public Services Area Managed Clothing Uniform Program (Estimated \$100,000.00 for the Two-Year Renewal Period and a Total Contract Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$400,000.00)

PH **PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

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A **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

A-1 [24-1450](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B **ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

C **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

C **New Business - Staff:**

- C-1** [24-1292](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor - Rezoning of 59 Parcels in the Washtenaw Avenue/East Stadium Boulevard Areas to TC1 (Transit Corridor District), (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-24-15)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 9/3/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**
- Enactment No: ORD-24-15

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

- DC-1** [24-1200](#) **Enactment No: R-24-326**

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

Resolution to Accept Carbon Reduction Program Grant Funds from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Execute a Contract with DTE Energy to Convert DTE Streetlights to LED Technology (\$1,250,000.00) and Appropriate Funding (**8 Votes Required**)

Councilmember Briggs moved the following amendment:

Add New Resolved Clause:

RESOLVED, That the fixtures shall be installed with 48 watt bulbs on local streets and 58 watt bulbs on major streets;

The amendment was withdrawn.

[24-1200](#) **Enactment No: R-24-326** **Approved**

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

Yeas: 10 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Akmon

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Cornell

Resolution to Accept Carbon Reduction Program Grant Funds from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Execute a Contract with DTE Energy to Convert DTE Streetlights to LED Technology (\$1,250,000.00) and Appropriate Funding (**8 Votes Required**)

DC New Business - Council:

DC-2 [24-1461](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-328**

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

Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Negotiate the Transfer of All State-Owned Trunklines within the City of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor

[24-1461](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-328** **Amended**

Amended

Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Negotiate the Transfer of All State-Owned Trunklines within the City of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor

Councilmember Radina moved the following amendment, seconded by Councilmember Akmon:

Add New Resolved Clause:

RESOLVED, City Council directs the City Administrator to notify Ann Arbor-area state legislators of the passage of this resolution, and to engage with them, as appropriate, to collaborate toward negotiating a transfer of state-owned trunklines.

The amendment was considered friendly by the Body.

[24-1461](#) **Enactment No:** **R-24-328** **Approved as Amended**

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

Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Negotiate the Transfer of All State-Owned Trunklines within the City of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor

DC-3 [24-1442](#) Enactment No: R-24-327 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Accept Grant Funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the 2023 Environmental Justice Government to Government Grant Program to Develop a Model Regional Resilience Network with Resilient Infrastructure in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Appropriate Funds (\$1,000,000.00) **(8 Votes Required)**

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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the

Mayor declared the motion carried.

- E-1 [24-1394](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Resolution to Approve the Addition of Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System As An Approved Investment Option
- E-2 [24-1424](#) Communication from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Regarding Approval of the Proposed Charter Amendment to Section 15.10 (Sustainable Energy Utility) of the Ann Arbor City Charter for the November 2024 Ballot
- E-3 [24-1425](#) Communication from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer Regarding Approval of the Proposed Charter Amendment to Section 8.19 (Park Millage) of the Ann Arbor City Charter for the November 2024 Ballot
- E-4 [24-1426](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. WRP041992 v.1 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
- E-5 [24-1433](#) Communications from the State of Michigan Regarding Completed Annexation from Ann Arbor Township for Loo Property - 444 Huntington Place
- E-6 [24-1434](#) Communications from the State of Michigan Regarding Completed Annexation from Ann Arbor Township for Evans-Maizy Property - 3474 East Huron River Drive
- E-7 [24-1435](#) Communications from the State of Michigan Regarding Completed Annexation from Ann Arbor Township for Brixmor Property - 110 Algebe Way
- E-8 [24-1440](#) Communication from DIRECTV Regarding Submittal of their Annual Video Report Dated July 17, 2024 - CTN, City Attorney
- E-9 [24-1462](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Regarding the Issuance of Permit No. WRP042132 v.1 - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
- E-10 [24-1485](#) Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission

Regarding Notice of a Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company in Case No. U-21550 Scheduled for August 13, 2024 - Sustainability - City Attorney

E-11 [24-1486](#) Communication from the State of Michigan Public Service Commission Regarding Notice of a Hearing for Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company in Case No. U-21558 Scheduled for August 13, 2024 - Sustainability - City Attorney

E-12 [24-1490](#) Washtenaw County Notice of Intent with the State of Michigan to Complete a Materials Management Plan (MMP)

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

F-1 [24-0899](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes - May 8 2024

F-2 [24-1015](#) May 21, 2024 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-3 [24-1321](#) Downtown Development Authority Minutes-June 2024

F-4 [24-1395](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Minutes June 24, 2024

F-5 [24-1406](#) Council Administration Committee Minutes - June 11, 2024

F-6 [24-1427](#) Board of Review July Meeting Minutes

F-7 [24-1438](#) Council Policy Agenda Committee Meeting Minutes - March 25, 2024

F-8 [24-1372](#) Election Commission Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2024

G **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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