

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, July 20, 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 7:01 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 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

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Erica Briggs

PROPOSED ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA

[26-1249](#) Resolution to Honor and Celebrate the Life of Washtenaw County Deputy Chief Public Defender Lorne Brown

Sponsors: Harrison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Agenda be approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Watson, that the Agenda be amended as follows:

Add: DC-3 Resolution to Honor and Celebrate the Life of Washtenaw County Deputy Chief Public Defender Lorne Brown. It was suggested that the Resolution be added just after Approval of the Agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved and the Agenda was approved as amended.

26-1249 Resolution to Honor and Celebrate the Life of Washtenaw County Deputy Chief Public Defender Lorne Brown

Sponsors: Harrison

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 unanimously.

Enactment No: R-26-278

AC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the following written reports for the information of Council:

AC-1 **26-1230** Agenda Response Memo and eComments - July 20, 2026

Received and Filed

AC-2 **26-1248** City Administrator's Report - July 20, 2026

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [26-1178](#) Historic District Commission (HDC) Annual Awards 2026

Susan Weinberg, representing the Historic District Commission, presented the HDC Annual Awards 2026.

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. **Sundee Wislow - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (Phone)**

Sundee Wislow, resident, was not present.

2. **Janet Wang - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (Zoom)**

Janet Wang, resident, expressed concern about the process regarding DC-1, stating the Renters Commission was not included in preparing the draft.

3. **Major Stevens - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (In Person)**

Major Stevens, resident, spoke in support of DC-1 regarding Tenants Right to Organize, but also expressed concern about the process.

4. Felicia Brabec - Intergovernmental Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (CA-21) (In Person)

Felicia Brabec, County Commissioner, spoke in support of CA-21, regarding Community Mental Health, and thanked Council for their support.

5. Nathan Kim - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (Zoom)

Nathan Kim, resident, spoke in support of DC-1 and for tenants' rights to organize.

6. Sierre Wolfkoston - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (In Person)

Sierre Wolfkoston, resident and short-term rental owner, spoke about her experience as an Airbnb host. She expressed concern about the changes proposed in DC-2. She stated the problem is with the unregistered hosts, not those who are following the rules. She asked Council not to approve the resolution as written.

7. Matt Ridenour - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (In Person)

Matt Ridenour, Airbnb host, spoke in opposition to DC-2, stating short-term rental is needed in a town like Ann Arbor with all of the special events, such as football games and concerts.

8. Hanna Larcinese - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (In Person)

Hanna Larcinese, Vice-Chair of Renters Commission, spoke in support of DC-1 and the tenants right to organize. She expressed her disappointment that the Renters Commission was not included in this process.

9. **Rebecca Arends - Unarmed Response Program through Supportive Connections (CA-20) and Intergovernmental Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (CA-21) (In Person)**

Rebecca Arends, resident and Ward 1 Council candidate, spoke in support of CA-21, including the pairing of social workers with police officers. She spoke in opposition to CA-20, stating dispatch protocols and hours of operations are not yet determined. She said more work is needed before these positions should be approved.

10. **Jack Bernard - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (In Person)**

Jack Bernard, student and renter in Ann Arbor, spoke about the need for tenants' protection, including the right to organize. He spoke in opposition to the process around this resolution's creation.

11. **Sheila Rasouli - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (In Person)**

Sheila Rasouli, resident, spoke about low-income tenants' rights. She urged Council to support tenants' rights to organize. She urged Council to support the proposed resolution as a first step in the process, and to include the Renters Commission's input.

12. **Peter Eckstein - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (In Person)**

Peter Eckstein, resident, spoke about the short-term rental moratorium, noting the political timing of the resolution. He urged Council to take a real stand for affordable housing, not a short-term solution with the proposed temporary moratorium.

13. **Aklesia Maereg - Tenants Right to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization (DC-1) (In Person)**

Aklesia Maereg, resident and member of Ann Arbor Tenants Union, spoke in support of DC-1. She stated renters who tried to organize without legal support were targeted by landlords. She questioned why the Tenants Bill of Rights was ignored and then this resolution was drafted instead without consult of renters.

14. **Alexandria James - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (In Person)**

Alexandria James, a local property manager, spoke in support of DC-2. She stated she is a paid property manager for Airbnb hosts. She spoke about the benefits of a short-term rental for visitors to the community.

15. **Kathy Griswold - EPA update; Pedestrian crash rate; Missing sidewalk on Broadway; & Intergovernmental Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (CA-12) (In Person)**

Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about CA-12 and her previous work with the Ann Arbor Public Schools regarding pedestrian safety. She also provided an update regarding the EPA and their work.

16. **Jim Koli - Historic Buildings and Anson Brown Building and Historic District Commission Awards (INT-1) (In Person)**

Jim Koli, Pittsfield Township resident and business owner, spoke about the City's claim that the Anson Brown Building is located on City property. He asked for a quit claim deed or other solution for the property owners.

17. **Ralph McKee - Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations (DC-2) (Phone)**

Ralph McKee, resident, spoke in support of DC-2, and a moratorium on short-term rentals. He stated there has been little enforcement of unregulated short-term rentals in the last six years.

18. **Tom Wieder - Affordable Housing (In Person)**

Tom Wieder, Ann Arbor Township, was not present.

19. **Chuck Ream - CLUP Comprehensive Land Use Plan (In Person)**

Chuck Ream, resident, spoke about the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. He also spoke about the dark money in the current election.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL*COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL*

Councilmember Cornell thanked AAFD for supporting artists at the Art Fair by providing complementary face masks due to the poor air quality index during the Art Fair.

Councilmember Cornell also reminded residents about the upcoming concerts at the Big House and the expected end-of-show fireworks.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Taylor also provided an update regarding events being hosted by the University of Michigan, including the upcoming concerts.

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-14 Resolution to Approve a Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Police Technology Consolidation, Drones, Hardware, and Software Services (Sourcewell - \$2,966,598.76)

CA-20 Resolution to Approve Unarmed Response Program through Supportive Connections and Approve the Addition of 4.0 Full Time Equivalent Positions (8 Votes Required)

CA-21 Resolution to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health for a Licensed Clinician to Support the Co-Response Program through Ann Arbor Police Department (\$405,000.00)

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Disch, 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-5, CA-6, CA-7, and CA-10.

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| CA-1 | <u>26-1169</u> | Enactment No: R-26-279 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Approve Street Closing for the Electricians NTI Block Party - Wednesday, July 29, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 30, 2026</p> | | | |
| CA-2 | <u>26-1168</u> | Enactment No: R-26-280 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Close Main Street from William to Huron and Liberty Street from Main to State on Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 7:00 AM until 11:00 PM for Ann Arbor Pride 2026</p> | | | |
| CA-3 | <u>26-1170</u> | Enactment No: R-26-281 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the United Association (UA) of Plumbers and Pipefitters Block Party on Thursday, August 6, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 AM on Friday, August 7, 2026</p> | | | |
| CA-4 | <u>26-1172</u> | Enactment No: R-26-282 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Approve Changes to Traffic Patterns and Parking on Certain City Streets for the 2026 University of Michigan Student Move-In Program from August 24 - August 30, 2026</p> | | | |
| CA-5 | <u>26-1024</u> | Enactment No: R-26-283 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Root Property in Superior Township and Appropriate \$180,367.00 (8 Votes Required)</p> | | | |
| CA-6 | <u>26-1101</u> | Enactment No: R-26-284 | Approved |
| <p>Resolution to Accept a \$431,200.00 Grant and Approve a Parcel Contract with USDA-NRCS for a Conservation Easement on the Hamilton MC Property in Salem Township (8 Votes Required)</p> | | | |

CA-7 [26-1115](#) Enactment No: R-26-285 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Participation in the Purchase of a Conservation Easement on the Heydon III Property in Scio Township, Approve a Participation Agreement with Scio Township, and Appropriate \$295,000.00 (8 Votes Required)

CA-8 [26-1042](#) Enactment No: R-26-286 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Affordable Housing Project at 2285 W. Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

CA-9 [26-0353](#) Enactment No: R-26-287 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 1 to the FY26 Renewal of the Pavement Marking Maintenance Contract with P.K. Contracting, LLC (\$299,390.00 increase; \$804,577.50 Total Contract, RFP No. 24-45)

CA-10 [26-1080](#) Enactment No: R-26-288 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with E.T. MacKenzie Company for the Dexter Road Sidewalk and Stormwater Improvements Project (\$846,900.00) and Appropriate \$80,000.00 in Contributing Funds (8 Votes Required)

CA-11 [26-1052](#) Enactment No: R-26-289 **Approved**

Resolution to Increase the Approved Construction Contingency Amount for the Ingalls Kingsley Watermain Project with Bailey Excavating, Inc. to Accommodate the Extension of Sanitary Sewer Service to 2731 Newport Road (Additional \$236,000.00, Total Contract Amount \$4,504,513.70)

CA-12 [26-1043](#) Enactment No: R-26-290 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Treeline Conservancy for the Design and Planning of the Gateway Segment of the Treeline Trail

CA-13 [26-1103](#) Enactment No: R-26-291 **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Karcher MCM 600 Street Sweeper from Environmental Equipment Sales & Service (Sourcewell - \$477,137.00)

CA-15 [26-1151](#) Enactment No: R-26-292 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with All Weather Comfort Solutions LLC for Weatherization Services (Additional \$45,000.00 for a Not-to-Exceed Contract Total of \$315,000.00)

CA-16 [26-1152](#) Enactment No: R-26-293 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Roco Enterprises, LLC DBA Roco Roofing LLC for Roofing Repair and Replacement Services (Additional \$100,000.00 for a Not-to-Exceed Contract Total of \$400,000.00)

CA-17 [26-1153](#) Enactment No: R-26-294 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with American National Renovations LLC for Roofing Repair and Replacement Services (Additional \$50,000.00 for a Not-to-Exceed Contract Total of \$350,000.00)

CA-18 [26-1141](#) Enactment No: R-26-295 **Approved**

Resolution to Adopt a Fee-in-Lieu Rate for the Sustainability Option for a Height Increase Under Section 5.18 of the Unified Development Code

CA-19 [26-1163](#) Enactment No: R-26-296 **Approved**

Resolution to Rescind Any Previous Recommendations Regarding A2WINEMAN, LLC and Approve Issuance of New Full-Year Class C Quota Liquor Licenses in the City of Ann Arbor to A2WINEMAN, LLC at 504 - 512 S. Main Street

CA-14 [26-1100](#) Enactment No: R-26-297 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve a Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Police Technology Consolidation, Drones, Hardware, and Software Services (Sourcewell - \$2,966,598.76)

CA-20 [26-1149](#) Enactment No: R-26-298 **Approved**

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 unanimously, thus satisfying the eight-vote requirement.

Resolution to Approve Unarmed Response Program through Supportive Connections and Approve the Addition of 4.0 Full Time Equivalent Positions (8 Votes Required)

CA-21 [26-1159](#) Enactment No: R-26-299 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Mental Health for a Licensed Clinician to Support the Co-Response Program through Ann Arbor Police Department (\$405,000.00)

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 [26-0849](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.28 Acres from R1D (Single-Family Dwelling District) to R2A (Two-Family Dwelling District), 225 and 235 South Wagner Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-26-16)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 0.28 acre from R1D(Single-Family Dwelling District) to R2A (Two-Family Dwelling), located at 225 and 235 South Wagner Road. Notice of public hearing was published July 2, 2026.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-2** [26-0850](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.2 Acres from M1 (Limited Industrial District) to C2B (Business Service District), 3785 Varsity Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-26-15)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 1.2 acres from M1 (Limited Industrial District) to C2B (Business Service District), located at 3785 Varsity Drive. Notice of public hearing was published July 2, 2026.

A representative of the project was available to answer any questions of Council.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-3** [26-0875](#) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 1.2 Acres from R4C Multiple-Family Dwelling District to R4E Multiple-Family Dwelling with Conditions, Near North, 700 N Main St (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 yes, 0 no) (ORD-26-17)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed amendment to Chapter 55, rezoning of 1.2 acres from R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to R4E (Multiple-Family Dwelling with Conditions) Near North property, located at 700 N. Main Street. Notice of public hearing was published July 2, 2026.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-4** [26-0876](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Exceptions to Height Limits) CPC Recommendation: Approval (9 yes, 0 no) (ORD-26-18)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Exceptions to Height Limits) (ORD-26-18). Notice of public hearing was published July 2, 2026.

Ken Garber, resident, expressed concerns about the current exceptions to height limits, stating there is little benefit gained from the exceptions. He urged Council to send these revisions back for more review.

An unidentified member of the Renters Commission expressed concern about the proposal.

Mozhgan Savabieasafani, resident, spoke in opposition and expressed concerns about the Council's commitment to sustainability.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-5** [26-1075](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-26-22)

Sponsors: Watson

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-26-22). Notice of public hearing was published July 16, 2026.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-6** [26-1117](#) **Enactment No: R-26-304** **Held and Closed**

Held and Closed

Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Ann Arbor Housing Commission for Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (Dr. Willis C.

Patterson Project)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed ISSUANCE OF QUALIFIED 501(c)(3) BONDS BY THE ANN ARBOR HOUSING COMMISSION (DR. WILLIS C. PATTERSON PROJECT). Notice of public hearing was published July 9, 2026.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township resident, expressed concern about the cost of the proposed bonds.

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

RECESS

Mayor Taylor called a recess at 9:31 p.m.

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin left the meeting at this time.

Mayor Taylor reconvened the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Present: 9 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Jen Eyer, Councilmember Travis Radina, Councilmember Cynthia Harrison, Councilmember Chris Watson, Councilmember Dharma Akmon, Councilmember Jennifer Cornell and Councilmember Jon Mallek

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Erica Briggs and Councilmember Ayesha Ghazi Edwin

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

A-1 [26-1173](#) Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-1** [26-0849](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.28 Acres from R1D (Single-Family Dwelling District) to R2A (Two-Family Dwelling District), 225 and 235 South Wagner Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-26-16)

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

- B-2** [26-0850](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.2 Acres from M1 (Limited Industrial District) to C2B (Business Service District), 3785 Varsity Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-26-15)

A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Ordinance be adopted at Second Reading.

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

Consider substitute Ordinance to approve Rezoning with Conditions.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The question being, the motion that was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the Ordinance be adopted as amended on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried

- B-3** [26-0875](#) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 1.2 Acres from R4C Multiple-Family Dwelling District to R4E Multiple-Family Dwelling with Conditions, Near North, 700 N Main St (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 yes, 0 no) (ORD-26-17)

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

- B-4** [26-0876](#) An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Exceptions to Height Limits) CPC Recommendation: Approval (9 yes, 0 no) (ORD-26-18)

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

- B-5** [26-1075](#) An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 40 (Trees and Other Vegetation) of Title III (Parks and Public Grounds) of the Ann Arbor City Code (ORD-26-22)

Sponsors: Watson

A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, 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** [26-1232](#) **Enactment No: R-26-300** **Approved**

Sponsors: Taylor, Radina, Cornell and Harrison

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

Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Prepare an Ordinance Granting the Right to Tenants to Establish or Participate in a Tenant Organization

- DC-2** [26-1231](#) **Enactment No: R-26-301**

Sponsors: Cornell, Radina, Taylor, Harrison and Akmon

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

Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental

Regulations

[26-1231](#)**Enactment No: R-26-301****Amended**

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

Amend First RESOLVED Clause as follows:

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Attorney to prepare and bring forth an ordinance imposing a six-month moratorium on the issuance of new short-term rental licenses, WHILE ALLOWING RENEWAL LICENSES FOR EXISTING AND COMPLIANT SHORT-TERM RENTALS;

ALL CAPS indicate new language.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations

[26-1231](#)**Enactment No: R-26-301****Approved as Amended**

Sponsors: Cornell, Radina, Taylor, Harrison, Akmon and Watson

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

Yeas: 8 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 1 - Councilmember Disch

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Ghazi Edwin

Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Prepare a Moratorium on Short-term Rentals and Direct Staff to Review the City's Short-term Rental Regulations

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 [26-1161](#) Enactment No: R-26-302 **Approved**

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

Resolution to Approve the 3785 Varsity Drive Area Plan (CPC
Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)

DS-2 [26-1124](#) Enactment No: R-26-303 **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 Approve the Near North Area Plan, 700 N Main St (CPC
Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)

DS-3 [26-1117](#) Enactment No: R-26-304 **Approved**

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

Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Ann Arbor Housing Commission for Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (Dr. Willis C. Patterson Project)

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY, PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCL 15.268 (8) (1) (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

A motion was made by Councilmember Mallek, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the Attorney/Client privileged communication of July 17, 2026 as set forth in MCL 15.268 (8) (1) (H). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 10:20 p.m.:

Yeas: 9 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Eyer, Councilmember Radina, Councilmember Harrison, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Akmon, Councilmember Cornell and Councilmember Mallek

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Briggs and Councilmember Ghazi Edwin

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Eyer, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 10:32 p.m.

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 [26-1162](#) Risk Funds Claims Report - 06/2026
- E-2 [26-1175](#) Communication from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division Regarding a Public Hearing Notice Concerning Reissuance of NPDES COC No. MIG760057 to the Hoover Greene Owner LLC for the 950 Greene Street Pool-Ann Arbor - Ann Arbor Public Services - Sustainability
- E-3 [26-1227](#) Proposed Amendment to Council Rules
- Sponsors:** Council Administration Committee

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

- F-1 [26-0753](#) City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
- F-2 [26-0877](#) Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes - April 2026
- F-3 [26-1020](#) Budget and Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026
- F-4 [26-1102](#) Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Minutes from May 21, 2026
- F-5 [26-1123](#) Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026
- F-6 [26-1055](#) Human Rights Commission Minutes - June 10, 2026
- F-7 [26-1020](#) Budget and Labor Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

Deputy City Attorney Margaret Radabaugh provided an update from the City Clerk's Office reminding the community that Early Voting begins this Saturday, July 25, 2026.

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.**

FOR ZOOM MEETINGS, PHONE CALLERS CAN PRESS *9 TO RAISE HANDS AND *6 TO UNMUTE THEIR PHONES WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK.

20. Nicholas Nightwine - AFSCME Contract (In Person)

Nicholas Nightwine, City employee and AFSCME member, spoke about his history with the City and the fact that wages have not kept up with inflation over the years. He noted that workers in the City of Chelsea make more now than Ann Arbor workers. He also stated that premium pay for the water plants was previously approved and never honored.

21. Vince Caruso - Gelman Superfund Site (In Person)

Vince Caruso, resident, was not present.

22. Julia Labiano - Nightlife Safety (Zoom)

Julia Labiano, resident, was not present.

23. Jeremy Haley - 315 W Huron Development (In Person)

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Township resident, spoke about affordable housing.

24. David Kastner - Ongoing Union Contract Negotiations (In Person)

David Kastner, AFSCME Union President, spoke about the ongoing union contract negotiations, noting that workers in Ypsilanti and Chelsea make more than Ann Arbor workers. He also questioned the City's strategy of trying to eliminate the full-time President position.

25. Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We are against military aid to Israel (In Person)

Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke about the issues in Iran and Palestine. She encouraged Council to stop military aid to Israel.

26. Paul Seyfarth - AFSCME Contract (In Person)

Paul Seyfarth, City employee and AFSCME member, spoke about the Union contract negotiations. He urged Council to support City workers and be fair in the negotiations.

27. Blaine Coleman - We are against military aid to Israel (In Person)

Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke against military aid to Israel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Harrison, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

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