

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 18, 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 Radina, 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. submitted the following reports for information of Council:

AC-1 [23-1486](#) Ann Arbor SPARK Semi-Annual Report - January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

Received and Filed

AC-2 [23-1552](#) Agenda Response Memo and eComments - September 18, 2023

Received and Filed

AC-3 [23-1593](#) City Administrator’s Report - September 18, 2023

Received and Filed

AC-4 [23-1594](#) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Received and Filed

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 [23-1550](#) Proclamation to Celebrate September 2023 as Recovery Month

Mayor Taylor presented the following proclamation recognizing September 2023 as Recovery Month. Members of the recovery community were present to accept the proclamation. A copy of the proclamation is on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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)**

*** ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

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

1. **Mary Thiefels - Resolution to Support the Installation of “Murals That Bridge” Project (CA-6) (in person)**

Mary Thiefels, on behalf of TreeTown Murals, spoke in support of CA-6 and stated she needs City support to apply for the necessary MDOT permits to complete the mural.

2. **Laura Ruffello - Resolution to Support the Installation of “Murals That Bridge” Project (CA-6) (in person)**

Laura Ruffello, resident, spoke in support of CA-6, stating she is the financial manager for the project.

3. **Alex Lowe - Resolution to Rename Southeast Area Park as Bicentennial Park (CA-2) (phone)**

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support of CA-2 and the renaming of Southeast Area Park to Bicentennial Park.

4. **Thomas Wieder - Kathy Kozachenko Statue (in person)**

Thomas Wieder, of Ann Arbor Township, spoke in opposition to the City's plans to recognize former Councilmember Kathy Kozachenko, the first openly gay elected official in the country.

5. **Mozhgan Savabieasfahani - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**
Mozhgan Savabieasfahani, resident, spoke in support of former Councilmember Kozachenko and her advocacy for Palestine.

6. **Cornelius Williams - Police Budget (phone)**
Cornelius Williams, of Ypsilanti, was not present.

7. **Blaine Coleman - We Are Against Military Aid to Israel (in person)**
Blaine Coleman, resident, spoke in support of former Councilmember Kozachenko and in support of Palestine.

8. **Tom Stulberg - Conditional Zoning (phone)**
Tom Stulberg, resident, expressed concern about current zoning policies and short-term rentals.

9. **Kathy Griswold - Dangerous School Crosswalk (in person)**
Kathy Griswold, resident, spoke about overgrown vegetation and crosswalk visibility.

CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER DISCH

Councilmember Disch announced her upcoming coffee hour with Councilmember Harrison.

COUNCILMEMBER WATSON

Councilmember Watson announced his upcoming coffee hour and listening session with interim Police Chief Aimee Metzger.

COUNCILMEMBER GHAZI EDWIN

Councilmember Ghazi Edwin stated the City is in the process of hiring a new ADA Coordinator. She also stated her recently cancelled listening session will be rescheduled.

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs thanked the Mayor for his recognition of Recovery Month. She also spoke in support of the proposal to erect a statue of former Councilmember Kathy Kozachenko.

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song provided an update on an upcoming community engagement opportunity about reimagining parking spaces.

COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL

Councilmember Cornell spoke about art in public places and the impact art has on the economy and tourism.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina spoke about former Councilmember Kozachenko and her impact on the LGBTQ+ community.

COUNCILMEMBER AKMON

Councilmember Akmon provided an update regarding her recent "bike ride" with Councilmember Briggs and the Mayor of a California city.

COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON

Councilmember Harrison spoke about the opioid summit at Washtenaw Community College.

MC COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

CA CONSENT AGENDA

Passed on consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Radina, 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-8, CA-9 and CA-11.

CA-1 [23-1491](#) Enactment No: R-23-335 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Ann Arbor Marathon Running Event - Sunday, October 1, 2023

CA-2 [23-1314](#) Enactment No: R-23-336 **Approved**

Resolution to Rename Southeast Area Park as Bicentennial Park

CA-3 [23-1309](#) Enactment No: R-23-337 **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the 2023 Transportation Asset Management Plan Update

CA-4 [23-1355](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-338** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Baldwin Avenue (Packard to Stadium) (\$35,000)

CA-5 [23-1361](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-339** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Manchester Road (Buckingham to Needham) (\$35,000)

CA-6 [23-1489](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-340** **Approved**

Resolution to Support the Installation of "Murals That Bridge" Project by Mary Thiefels of TreeTown Murals Railroad Metal Overpasses and Concrete Underpass Project on Huron Street near North First Street and Authorize an Application for a MDOT Permit

CA-7 [23-1406](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-341** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with NTH Consultants, Ltd. for the Barton Dam Right Embankment Remediation Project (\$140,080.00, total contract \$943,587.77)

CA-8 [23-1408](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-342** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants of Michigan, Inc. for Hydroelectric Dams - FERC Ninth Part 12D Inspections and Other Engineering Services pertaining to Barton Dam and Superior Dam 1 (\$115,700.00; total contract amount \$215,700.00) and to Appropriate \$21,125.00 from the Water Supply System Fund (8 Votes Required)

CA-9 [23-1459](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-343** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Master Content Subscription Agreement with OpenSesame Inc., for Learning and Development Content integrated into the UKG Learning and Development module for FY2024 - FY2026 and Appropriate Funding (\$115,140.00) (8 Votes Required)

CA-10 [23-1472](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-344** **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Annexation of Vacant Land on Traver Road, 5.23 Acres

CA-11 [23-1482](#) **Enactment No:** **R-23-345** **Approved**

Resolution to Accept and Appropriate a HUD Grant, Approve a Program Contract with HUD, and Approve a Subrecipient Agreement with the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (\$3,000,000.00) (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.

PH-1 [23-1160](#) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of The Code of The City of Ann Arbor, (2670 & 2690 Ann Arbor-Saline Road - Rezoning from R1C Single-Family Dwelling District to O Office District) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-27)

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of The Code of The City of Ann Arbor, (2670 & 2690 Ann Arbor-Saline Road - Rezoning from R1C Single-Family Dwelling District to O Office District) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-27). Notice of public hearing was published on August 24, 2023.

The following persons were present to speak at the hearing:

A neighboring resident on Ann Arbor Saline Road spoke in opposition to the rezoning, expressing concern about traffic.

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Scott Munzel, representing the petitioner, was available to answer any questions about the rezoning.

Alex Lowe, resident, spoke in support.

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

Held and Closed

- PH-2** [23-1175](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:207 (Transportation Commission) of Chapter 8 of City Code (ORD-23-23)
- A public hearing was continued from the August 7, 2023 Regular Session on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 1:207 (Transportation Commission) of Chapter 8 of City Code (ORD-23-23). Notice of continued public hearing was published on September 14, 2023.*
- Seeing no one present for comment, Mayor Taylor declared the hearing closed.*
- Held and Closed**

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- A-1** [23-1494](#) Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023
- A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Regular Session Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2023 be approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-1** [23-1160](#) An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5.10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of The Code of The City of Ann Arbor, (2670 & 2690 Ann Arbor-Saline Road - Rezoning from R1C Single-Family Dwelling District to O Office District) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-27)
- 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** [23-1175](#) An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:207 (Transportation Commission) of Chapter 8 of City Code (ORD-23-23)
- A motion was made by Councilmember Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Akmon, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

B Unfinished Business - Staff:

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC Unfinished Business - Council:

DC-1 [23-1013](#) Enactment No: R-23-346 **Approved**

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 Revised Bylaws of the Transportation Commission

DC New Business - Council:

DC-2 [23-1537](#) Enactment No: R-23-347 **Approved**

Sponsors: Council Administration Committee

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 Revise 2023 Council Calendar

DC-3 [23-1556](#) Enactment No: R-23-348 **Approved**

Sponsors: Briggs, Disch and Song

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

Resolution to Amend Resolution R-23-306 to Sell 350 S. Fifth to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (\$6,200,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

DS New Business - Staff:

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 MCLA 15.268 (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Watson, 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 [23-1529](#) Risk Fund Claims Review Report - July 2023

E-2 [23-1532](#) Risk Fund Claims Review Report - August 2023

F The following minutes were received for filing:

F-1 [23-0773](#) LDFA Meeting Minutes 04.27.23

F-2 [23-1151](#) LDFA Meeting Minutes 06.22.2023

F-3 [23-1223](#) June 21, 2023 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

F-4 [23-1277](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 05.25.2023

F-5 [23-1278](#) Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes 06.22.2023

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 Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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