

City of Ann Arbor

301 E. Huron St.

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

<http://a2gov.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 27, 2021

6:00 PM

Special Session

This meeting will be broadcast live on CTN Cable Channel 16,
ATT Channel 99, and online at a2gov.org/watchCTN

City Council

To speak at public comment call: 877 853 5247 or 888 788 0099

Enter Meeting ID 942 1273 2148

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor called the electronic Special Session to order at 6:01 p.m. in accordance with County and local health orders.

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry read the Order and Notice of Call of Special Session:

Notice is hereby given that an electronic special session of the City of Ann Arbor City Council will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- City Attorney Search Process (Open Session)*
- Interim City Administrator Search and Further Process (Open Session)*
- Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, under MCL 15,268(f), to consider confidential applications for the position of City Attorney.*

Any other business may be acted upon only with unanimous consent of Council.

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

All participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, with the following exception:

Councilmember Eyer participated remotely from Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Present: 11 - Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold, Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson, Councilmember Ali Ramlawi, Councilmember Erica Briggs, Councilmember Lisa Disch, Councilmember Linh Song, Councilmember Jen Eyer and Councilmember Travis Radina

PROPOSED ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

[21-1721](#) Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Explore Legal Remedies in Response to the Local Government Preemption Regarding COVID-19 Powers in Senate Bill 82

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Song moved, seconded by Councilmember Radina, that the Agenda be approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, that the Agenda be approved with the following changes:

Add DC-3: Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Explore Legal Remedies in Response to the Local Government Preemption Regarding COVID-19 Powers in Senate Bill 82

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously with all eleven-members present, thus satisfying the unanimous-vote requirement.

DC New Business - Council:

Interim City Administrator Search and Further Process

DC-1 [21-1715](#) Resolution to Select Interim City Administrator Candidate

Sponsors: Taylor

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

[21-1715](#) Resolution to Select Interim City Administrator Candidate

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Add Mr. Milton Dohoney's name to the Resolution.

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

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

Enactment No: R-21-363

City Attorney Search Process

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, UNDER MCLA 15.268 (F), TO CONSIDER CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Grand, that the Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider confidential applications for the position of City Attorney, as set forth in MCLA 15.268 (f). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 6:23 p.m.:

Yeas: 11 - Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Ramlawi, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 0

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Ramlawi, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:28 p.m.

DC-2 [21-1716](#) Resolution to Approve Finalist Candidates for the Position of Ann Arbor City Attorney

Sponsors: Taylor

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

[21-1716](#) Resolution to Approve Finalist Candidates for the Position of Ann Arbor City Attorney

Sponsors: Taylor

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

Add candidates #5 and #8 as finalists.

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

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

Enactment No: R-21-364

DC-3 [21-1721](#) Resolution to Direct the City Attorney to Explore Legal Remedies in Response to the Local Government Preemption Regarding COVID-19 Powers in Senate Bill 82

A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Grand, 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 Grand, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson, Councilmember Ramlawi, Councilmember Briggs, Councilmember Disch, Councilmember Song, Councilmember Eyer and Councilmember Radina

Nays: 0

Enactment No: R-21-365

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER BRIGGS

Councilmember Briggs expressed her support for vaccines and the City's work in this regard.

COUNCILMEMBER GRISWOLD

Councilmember Griswold thanked the community for their support in these difficult times.

COUNCILMEMBER NELSON

Councilmember Nelson spoke about the community's young population and their inability to get vaccinated. She encouraged others who are eligible to get vaccinated.

COUNCILMEMBER HAYNER

Councilmember Hayner spoke about the State's budget.

COUNCILMEMBER GRAND

Councilmember Grand urged Council to come together regarding the importance of vaccines.

COUNCILMEMBER SONG

Councilmember Song thanked the City's State Representatives for their work on the State budget.

COUNCILMEMBER RADINA

Councilmember Radina spoke about the hiring of Mr. Dohoney, noting he is the first person of color to hold the position in many decades.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Special Session adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN) COMCAST CHANNEL 16, AT&T CHANNEL 99:

LIVE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

REPLAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Community Television Network live televised public meetings are also available to watch online live and on-demand from CTN's website, www.a2gov.org/watchctn <<http://www.a2gov.org/watchctn>>, on "The Meeting Place" page (<http://www.a2gov.org/livemeetings>).

Cable: Comcast Cable channel 16 or AT&T UVerse Channel 99

Videos are also available for a nominal fee by contacting CTN at (734) 794-6150.

All persons are encouraged to participate in public meetings. Citizens requiring translation or sign language services or other reasonable accommodations may contact the City Clerk's office at 734.794.6140; via e-mail to: cityclerk@a2gov.org; or by written request addressed and mailed or delivered to:

City Clerk's Office
301 E. Huron St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Requests made with less than two business days' notice may not be able to be accommodated.

A hard copy of this Council packet can be made available upon request.