

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, November 18, 2024

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 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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Watson, 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 information of Council:*

**AC-1**     [24-1951](#)     Agenda Response Memo and eComments - November 18, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**AC-2**     [24-1977](#)     City Administrator's Report - November 18, 2024

**Received and Filed**

**INT     INTRODUCTIONS**

**INT-1**     [24-1916](#)     Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Update

*Maura Thomson, DDA Executive Director, provided Council with the monthly update from the DDA. A copy of her presentation is on file with 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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- 1.     Adam Jaskiewicz - Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project (CA-4); Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 (Solid Waste) (C-2) (Zoom)**

*Adam Jaskiewicz, resident, spoke in support of CA-4 and C-2.*

- 2.     Alexandra Lindstrom - Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project (CA-4) (phone)**

*Alexandra Lindstrom, resident, spoke in support of CA-4 regarding a 2-way bike lane on Miller Road.*

- 3.     Tyler Craig - Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project (CA-4) (in person)**

*Tyler Craig, resident, spoke in support of CA-4 and proposed bike lanes*

*on Miller Road.*

- 4. **Victoria Green - Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 (Solid Waste) (C-2) (in person)**  
*Victoria Green, resident, spoke in support of proposed Ordinance C-2, stating the need for a new Solid Waste policy.*

- 5. **Brandon Dimcheff - Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project (CA-4); Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26 (Solid Waste) (C-2) (in person)**  
*Brandon Dimcheff, resident, spoke in support of CA-4 and C-2.*

- 6. **Henry Herskovitz - Holocaust Education in Ann Arbor Public Schools (in person)**  
*Henry Herskovitz, resident, spoke about Holocaust education and noted that respect is gained when given.*

- 7. **Mark Koroï - Elections (in person)**  
*Mark Koroï, resident, spoke about his role in the Trump campaign and urged Ann Arbor to reach out.*

**CC COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

*COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON*

*Councilmember Harrison spoke about the City's work regarding a shared inclusive vision for Ann Arbor. She stated progress requires vigilance.*

*COUNCILMEMBER WATSON*

*Councilmember Watson noted he was not present for Councilmember Song's last meeting. He wished her well and welcomed Councilmember Mallek.*

*COUNCILMEMBER DISCH*

*Councilmember Disch announced her attendance at the new African American Cultural Museum and urged others to visit.*

*COUNCILMEMBER RADINA*

*Councilmember Radina introduced CC-1. He stated an official ordinance amendment to Chapter 105 is forthcoming regarding rental housing fees.*

**COUNCILMEMBER EYER**

*Councilmember Eyer denounced the Holocaust hate speech. She also stated the Policy Agenda Committee will be working on new priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session.*

**COUNCILMEMBER MALLEK**

*Councilmember Mallek thanked the voters of Ward 2 and stated he is excited to join City Council.*

**COUNCILMEMBER CORNELL**

*Councilmember Cornell denounced the anti-Semitic rhetoric by some public speakers. She also announced the upcoming Midnight Madness on Main Street on December 6.*

**COUNCILMEMBER AKMON**

*Councilmember Akmon spoke about events at the Neutral Zone and the 20th Anniversary of the Stewardship Network.*

**CC-1**     [24-1973](#)     Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 105 Regarding Rental Application Fees

**Received and Filed**

**MC     COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**MC-1**     [24-1937](#)     Appointments and Nominations for November 18, 2024

*Mayor Taylor recommended the following nominations for approval at a later date:*

*Human Rights Commission  
Rebecca Noell  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

*Hannah Lane-Partial Term  
Term Ending: May 31, 2025*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 12/2/2024**

**MC-2**     [24-1981](#)     Nominations and Reappointments for November 18, 2024

*Mayor Taylor recommended the following reappointments for approval at a later date:*

*Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees  
Alexa Nerdrum-Reappointment  
Term: Ending December 31, 2027*

*Recreation Advisory Commission  
Nicholas Crowe-Reappointment  
Term Ending: May 31, 2027*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 12/2/2024**

**CA**     **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Passed on consent agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Briggs, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, 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-4, CA-6, CA-8, CA-9, and CA-10.**

**CA-1**     [24-1909](#)     **Enactment No:     R-24-420**

Resolution to Approve Street Closures for the Downtown Ann Arbor Midnight Madness Events on Friday, December 6, 2024 from 6:00 AM until Midnight

**CA-2**     [24-1870](#)     **Enactment No:     R-24-421**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with T & M Asphalt Paving for Bicentennial Park Improvements Phase II (\$532,431.00)

CA-3     [24-1885](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-422**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Purchase Orders with Lumen for \$70,996.00 and \$44,793.00 for Relocation of Fiber Optic Facilities Owned by Level 3 Communications, LLC and CenturyLink Communications, LLC, both Lumen affiliates, in Connection with the Barton/Bandemer Park Pedestrian Tunnel Project (Total \$115,789.00)

CA-4     [24-1799](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-423**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Fonson Company, Inc. for the Miller Avenue Rehabilitation Project (ITB-4753; \$6,358,946.30) and Appropriate \$5,465,464.00 in Contributing Funds **(8 Votes Required)**

CA-5     [24-1803](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-424**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreements with Stantec Consulting Michigan, Inc. (Stantec) for \$2,300,000.00; Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. for \$2,000,000.00; OHM Advisors (OHM) for \$1,300,000.00; and Wade Trim Associates Inc. (Wade Trim) for \$1,300,000.00 for Construction Inspection Services for a Duration of up to Three Years

CA-6     [24-1848](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-425**     **Approved**

Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Vehicles from Lunghamer Ford and Appropriate Funding (State of Michigan MiDeal - \$538,797.00) **(8 Votes Required)**

CA-7     [24-1793](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-426**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Tetra Tech of Michigan, PC for General Civil Engineering Services (\$200,000.00 Amendment, \$600,000.00 Total Contract) (RFP #23-16)

CA-8     [24-1921](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-427**     **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Construction Agreement with A. Z. SHMINA, INC. for Fire Station 1 - Flood Restoration (\$210,835.00) and Appropriate Funding **(8 Votes Required)**

CA-9     [24-1910](#)     **Enactment No:**     **R-24-428**     **Approved**

Resolution to Accept Grant Funds from the Michigan Public Service Commission’s Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for Bryant Neighborhood Decarbonization Work and Appropriate Funds to the Office of Sustainability and Innovations (\$3,115,600.00) **(8 Votes Required)**

**CA-10**    [24-1911](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-429**    **Approved**

Resolution to Accept Grant Funds from the Federal Highway Administration through Its Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program to Expand Electric Vehicle Charging in Ann Arbor and Appropriate Funds to the Office of Sustainability and Innovations (\$3,488,140.04) **(8 Votes Required)**

**CA-11**    [24-1917](#)    **Enactment No:    R-24-430**    **Approved**

Resolution to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Arbor Consultants, P.C. for Sustainable Energy Utility Advisory Services (\$200,000.00)

**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.**

**A    APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**A-1**    [24-1920](#)    Work Session of October 15 and Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2024

**A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Work Session of October 15 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 7, 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**      [24-1802](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.15 and 5.16 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Permitted Use Tables for Child Care Center and Private School uses and Use Specific Standards for Child Care Center uses) CPC  
 Recommendation: Approval (6 yes, 0 no) (ORD-24-29)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Disch, seconded by Councilmember Ghazi Edwin, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 12/16/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Enactment No: ORD-24-29

**C-2**      [24-1929](#)      An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:3 of Chapter 26 (Solid Waste) of Title II (Utilities and Services) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-24-30)

**A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading and should be returned by 12/2/2024. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

Enactment No: ORD-24-30

**D      MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**DC      New Business - Council:**

**DC-1      [24-1923](#)      Enactment No:      R-24-431      **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 Electing 2024-2026 Mayor Pro Tem and Establishing Order of Succession for Acting Mayor

**DC-2      [24-1919](#)      Enactment No:      **Deleted from Agenda****

**Deleted from Agenda**

~~Resolution Urging the Michigan Legislature to Support Michigan Senate Bill No. 228 to Repeal the Law Preventing Local Ordinances Regulating Plastic Bags and Other Single Use Containers~~

**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 MCL 15.268 (1) (C), (D) (E), AND (H).**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Akmon, seconded by Councilmember Cornell, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268 (1) (E), to discuss pending litigation, specifically Jennifer Alexa, Jeff Malone, Tim Rugg v. City of Ann Arbor, Case No. 2:22-cv-13073, United States District Court Eastern District of Michigan. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Mayor declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.:**

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

**Nays: 0**

**MEETING RECONVENED**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Radina, seconded by Councilmember Mallek, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 8:46 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 Radina, seconded by Councilmember Disch, that the Clerk's Report of Communications be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.**

- E-1     [24-1874](#)   September 2024 Quarterly Investment Report
  
- E-2     [24-1747](#)   Environmental Commission Resolution Supporting SB228
  
- E-3     [24-1938](#)   Lisa Campbell- Resignation from the Transportation Commission
  
- E-4     [24-1945](#)   Communication from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Regarding a Brownfield Plan for 300-312 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI - Planning & Development Services, Sustainability, Attorney's Office

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

- F-1     [24-1625](#)   August 8, 2024 HDC Meeting Minutes
  
- F-2     [24-1632](#)   August 28, 2024 ZBA Meeting Minutes
  
- F-3     [24-1661](#)   July 11, 2024 HDC Meeting Minutes
  
- F-4     [24-1814](#)   PAC Meeting Minutes September 17, 2024
  
- F-5     [24-1832](#)   Building Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024
  
- F-6     [24-1862](#)   Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2024

**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 Cornell, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**

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