



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steve Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Virtually present 6:00 PM - 7:03 PM, physically present at 7:03 PM)

ABSENT:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM

2 ROLL CALL

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown. On a voice vote the motion carried.

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote the motion carried.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1 member from the public spoke.

5 GOAL SESSIONS - DR. MORGAN MILNER, FACILITATOR

- a) Council and Departmental Goals
1. Mayor Richardson
 2. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown
 3. Mr. Jones-Chance
 4. Council Member Symanns
 5. Council Member Wilcoxon
 6. Council Member Morgan
 7. Council Member Somerville

8. City Manager Frances McMullan
9. City Clerk Andrew Hellenga
10. Fire Chief Ken Hobbs
11. Police Chief Tony DeGiusti
12. Finance Director/Treasurer Rheagan Basabica
13. Department of Public Services Ron Akers
14. Community and Economic Development Director Joe Meyers
15. Human Resources Director DuJuan Fisher
16. Downtown Development Authority Director Christopher Jacobs
17. City Attorney John Barr

6 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-015, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-015

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
ABSENT:	Nicole Brown

- b) Resolution No. 2022-016, approving the minutes of January 11, 2022.
- c) Resolution No. 2022-017, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

7 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-018, approving an agreement for legal services with Komorn Law.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-018

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Brian Jones-Chance, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2022-019, approving Ordinance 1384, an ordinance to amend Section 14-5 of the Ypsilanti City Code to allow ducks and drakes.

Council Member Steve Wilcoxen made a friendly amendment to 14-5(a), and hens, ducks and drakes. Council Member Annie Somerville agreed.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-019

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville

AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
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- c) Resolution No. 2022-020, approving to hold a city-wide quarterly webinar for Black History. **(added)**

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to run the program through the City Manager's office via Communication's Director, and the Preservationist. (Withdrawn)

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to table the resolution. (Withdrawn)

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to amend the resolution to remove the quarterly event language.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve resolution 2022-020 as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance

- d) Discussion regarding the proposed development at 220 N Park triggering the Community Benefits Ordinance.

8 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- a) Tax Board of Review
Andy Fanta - Reappointment
1221 Westmoorland Blvd
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Craig Hupy - Reappointment
1124 N Congress St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

9 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- a) To be provided in writing prior to the meeting.

10 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- a) To be provided in writing prior to the meeting.

11 COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 2022 Budget Calendar

12 ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-021, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.

- b) Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.