



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Council Member Anthony Morgan, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

ABSENT: Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Steve Wilcoxon

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

2 ROLL CALL

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance to excuse Mayor Lois Allen-Richardson and Council Member Steve Wilcoxon. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

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

4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

7 members from the public spoke.

5 PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation in honor of Habbs Restaurant - Mayor Richardson
- b) Audit Presentation for the City of Ypsilanti - Daniel Clark, Rehmann.

6 ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1387, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, BY AMENDING SECTION 1-14 "ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CODE" TO INCLUDE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 INSPECTION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS TO ALLOW FOR THREE YEAR CERTIFICATES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND CALCULATE HOW CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 71

"ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS BUREAU", SECTION 71-2 "DEFINITIONS", TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR AUTHORIZED LOCAL OFFICIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO ISSUE BLIGHT VIOLATIONS."), of the City Code of Ordinances.

1. Resolution No. 2022-057, determination
2. Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2022-058, closing the public hearing

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No.2022-057

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-058

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

7 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-059, approving the minutes of March 1, 2022.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-059

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

- b) Resolution No. 2022-260, denouncing the Russian invasion of the Ukraine.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-260

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

- c) Resolution No. 2022-061, approving the creation of a City Bicentennial Committee and that the City will act as a fiduciary of that committee.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to amend to add a line between the description of the Commission and the open meetings act that "3 members of Council, one from each ward should act as liaison."

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to amend not fewer than 7 and not more that 15 members be nominated by the Mayor or 2 members of City Council, and approve by City Council.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution as amended

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

- d) Resolution No. 2022-062, granting a request for the city's residential lot program for property addressed 21 Briggs.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No.2022-2062

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

- e) Resolution No. 2022-063, approving the Embracing our Differences Art Installation at Parkridge and Riverside park.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2022-063

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

ABSENT: Steven Wilcoxon and Lois Richardson

8 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

a) **Ypsilanti Housing Commission**

Lakesha Williams
803 Armstrong Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- b) Appointing an Ad hoc Community Benefits Agreement Committee for the proposed 220 N Park Development.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to suspend the rules.

On a voice vote, the motion carried

RESULT: CARRIED.
MOVER: Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to nominate Brian Foley

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to nominate Jack Lark

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to nominate Amanda Smith

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to nominate Jen Eastridge

RESULT: CARRIED.
MOVER: Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER: Council Member Anthony Morgan

AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville
ABSENT:	Steven Wilcoxon and Lois Richardson

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to nominate Tyler Weston

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to nominate Roderick Johnson

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to nominate Marc Arthur

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to nominate Grant Tillman

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to nominate Amber Fellows

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

10 BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission.
2. Human Relations Commission.
3. Arts Commission.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Sustainability Commission.
6. Historic District Commission.
7. Planning Commission.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals

11 LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
3. Urban County
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool

12 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

13 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

14 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1 member from the public spoke

15 ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-064, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Council member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Jennifer Symanns to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 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.