



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, April 5, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:47 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Steve Wilcoxen

ABSENT: Council Member Anthony Morgan (Virtually)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance to excuse Council Member Anthony Morgan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxen to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

V. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation - *MCL 15.268(e), City of Ypsilanti v Delta Tau Delta*

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to adjourn to a closed session at 6:49 PM

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

ABSENT: Anthony Morgan

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to reconvene into an open session at 7:18 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

5 members from the public spoke

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. The Ride 2045, Vision of Transit, Presentation - Matt Carpenter, Chief Executive Officer**

VIII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A. Ordinance 1388, an ordinance to amend Chapter 122, an ordinance entitled "Planned Unit Development: Multiple-Family Dwelling Use at 845 & 945 W. Clark"**
- 1. Resolution No. 2022-065, determination**
 - 2. Public Hearing **3 members from the public spoke****
 - 3. Resolution No. 2022-066, closing the public hearing**

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-066. On a voice vote, the motion carried

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to amend 1388 to strike item 8 of exhibit B and require a sidewalk along Green Rd.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution 2022-065 As Amended

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2022-067, approving the minutes of March 15, 2022 City Council Meeting.**

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2022-067

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

- B. Resolution No. 2022-068, approving sponsorship for a 2022 Juneteeth Celebration.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to call the question

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-068 (\$5,000)

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

Council Member Steve Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to extend the meeting to 11:00 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- C. Resolution No. 2022-069, approving 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 **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to call the question.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-069

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

- D. Renew Resolution No. 2022-048A, approving appointments of Non-Residents to Boards and Commissions. (ADDED)

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to call the question

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-048A

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

- E. Resolution No. 2022-070, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-070

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

- F. Resolution No. 2022-071, approving appointments of Non-Residents to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-071

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

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

- G. Resolution No. 2022-072, approving Contract # 22-5107 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for sidewalk construction in connection with the Highway M-17 construction.
- H. Resolution No. 2022-073, approving Contract# 22-5056 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Ypsilanti regarding the construction improvements on Washtenaw Avenue, Hamilton Street, Huron Street, and Michigan Avenue within the City.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-073

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

- I. Resolution No. 2022-074, approving an agreement between DTE Energy and the City of Ypsilanti for the installation of street lights around the proposed Huron/I-94 Pedestrian pathway.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-074

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

- J. Resolution No. 2022-075, approving a proposal from OHM for professional engineering services for the final roadway design on Huron River Drive from Cornell to LeForge.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-075

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

- K. Resolution No. 2022-076, approving an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti for I-94 Pedestrian Overpass Maintenance.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-076

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

- L. Resolution No. 2022-077, approving an agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to accept a Michigan Enhancement Grant for improvements to the Parkridge Park softball field.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-077

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

- M. Resolution No. 2022-078, approving a recycling and organics infrastructure grant agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy for the purchase of recycling carts.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-078

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, and Annie Somerville
ABSENT:	Anthony Morgan

- N. Resolution No. 2022-079, approving the administrative services contract with the Downtown Development Authority.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to amend the DDA contract to a 3.5% increase the cost of live adjustment

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-079 As Amended

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

- O. Resolution No. 2022-080, approving a partnership with the Washtenaw County

Prosecutors Office and Great Lakes Expungement Network on Sunday, May 1, 2022 and waive fingerprinting fees associated with that event.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-080

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

- P. Resolution No. 2022-081, approving a contract with Accurate Comfort Systems INC. to complete the removal of the Fire Department HVAC unit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-081

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

- Q. Resolution No. 2022-083, settlement **(Added)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-083

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

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- A. Bicentennial Committee Appointments

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve and accept the applications

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

- B. **Historic District Commission (added)**

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XI. BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS

XII. 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

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS

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

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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- A. April 12, 2022 Work session to discuss Parks and Recreation

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2022-082, adjourning the City Council Meeting.
- 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.