



# 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 Wilcoxon

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, 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.**

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

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jennifer Symanns and Lois Richardson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Brian Jones-Chance
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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**

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

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

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

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

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Brian Jones-Chance
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lois Richardson and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**XVII. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

**1 member from the public spoke.**

**XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 10:58 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.