



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT: None

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

2 ROLL CALL

3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote the motion carried.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

2 members from the public spoke.

5 PRESENTATIONS

- a) Mental health presentation - Washtenaw County Health and Human Services.
- b) Proclamation designated May as Mental Health Awareness Month. - Mayor Richardson

6 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Fiscal Year 2021-2022 through Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Capital Improvements Plan.
 1. Resolution No. 2021-099, determination
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2021-100, closing the public hearing

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-099

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Pete Murdock, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Anthony Morgan

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-100

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

7 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2021-101, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-101

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-102, approving the minutes of May 4, 2021.
- c) Resolution No. 2021-103, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

8 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-104, approving Ordinance 1375, An Ordinance entitled, "2021-2022 Tax Levy Ordinance" (**Second Reading**)

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-104

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-105, approving Ordinance 1376, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for FY 2020-2021 & FY 2021-2022" (**Second Reading**)

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to amend the budget to include \$60, 000 to hire a facilitator / title and survey work for public engagement regarding the removal of the Dam.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to amend budget to increase council budget by 5%.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to increase increase council salary by 5%.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to call the question.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to increase the pay rate by 2.5% for the City Manger and City Clerk.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to allocate \$75,000 out of the \$140,000 received from state revenue sharing for Rec Marijuana to Washtenaw County Barrier Busters.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to amend the budget in the amount of \$2,500 for an employee compensation study.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to allocate \$25,000 from the \$140,000 of state revenue sharing for Rec Marijuana to Ypsilanti City Schools with \$5,000 earmarked for the arts program and \$20,000 to the sports program.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, friendly amendment to allocate \$10,000 for arts program and \$15,000 for sports program.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to amend budget to include fulltime records clerk at the Police Department.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to add 3 additional officers to YPD.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to call the question.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns

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

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-105

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

- c) Resolution No. 2021-106, approving the Audit Engagement Letter and Contract with Rhemann LLC.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-106

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

- d) Resolution No. 2021-107, approving the Board and Commission Reappointment Application and Process.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-107

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

- e) Resolution No. 2021-108, creating the Pen Dam Public Engagement Committee and Hiring Woods and Watts to Moderate the Process.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2021-108

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

Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Nicole Brown to extend the meeting until 11:15 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.

- f) Discussion Regarding the Downtown and Depot Town street closures. (added)

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to allow live music events from now until labor day between 5 PM until 10 PM Friday and Saturday only.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, direct city staff to provide notice to reduction in Depot Town and Downtown the process to live music complaint.

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

- g) Discussion Regarding Summer Events - (added)

Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Anthony Morgan to extend the meeting until 10:45 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.

9 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- a) **Downtown Development Authority - (added)**
New Appointment - (Exp. 7/1/2023)
Bryan Foley
425 Ainsworth Circle
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- b) **Historic District Commission - (added)**
New Application - (Exp. 12/31/2024)
Stefan Szumko
232 N River St, Apt. 1
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

10 BOARD AND COMMISSION - REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. **Next meeting 5/27**
2. Human Relations Commission. **Working on goals**
3. Arts Commission. **Meeting this week**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **Pen Dam, Pen Park Presentation**
5. Sustainability Commission. **Presentation start a program for gardens. How front yard gardens would conform**

6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Steve Wilcoxen to extend the meeting until 10:59 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.

11 LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **Meeting Thursday. Pop up vaccination**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **Moving ahead w/ plans to open**

12 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Brian Jones-Chance

- **Violence working group hosted a meeting. Looking to hold another on the 29th.**
- **Thanked for helping with the overturned port "a" john**

Wilcoxen

- **Thanked Christopher Jacobs for nice work on Pen Dam**

Morgan

- **On the water advisory board led-copper rule on target to do 5% of those. Great work water authority**
- **Received a call from Saline about the baseball team and lack of players and uniform. The moral is low on the team. Reclaim status.**

Symanns

- **Incident in College Height. Asked for information.**

Brown

- **Thanked Brian and Brad**
- **12 Noon Parkridge Park clean -up**

Somerville

- **Mark Hegbee holding a history event at Highland Cemetery about Black soldiers and creation of Memorial day.**

Steve Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Annie Somerville to extend the meeting until 11:15 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.

13 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- **Attended YES Art Dept. Reception about the banners**
- **June 26 Rotary Club will have a shredding event**
- **Executive Board of MI Black Caucus- regarding wealth building. She**

would like council to have a session with staff.

- Food distribution from the Power of Life Foundation from Alabama.
- Thanked DPS for clean -up at Parkridge Park.

14 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Thanked Council for approval of the budget
- Meeting with developer.

15 COMMUNICATIONS

16 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM.

- a) Resolution No. 2021-109, 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.