



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

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

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, 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 Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-101

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen |
| AYES: | Steven Wilcoxen, 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 Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-104

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, 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 Wilcoxen 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.

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| 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%.

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| 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%.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |

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| 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 |

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

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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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

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| 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.

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| 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.
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

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

12 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

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

14 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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.