



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (6:17 PM), Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance (7:10 PM)

ABSENT:

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

2 ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to excuse Mr. Brian Jones-Chance and Jennifer Symanns. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3 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.

4 AGENDA APPROVAL

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

5 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

5 members from the public spoke

6 PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation in honor of Memorial Day - Mayor Richardson

B. Proclamation of gun safety from "Moms Demand Action" - Council Member Somerville

7 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Community Benefits Agreement for the proposed 945 Clark Development.
1. Presentation
 2. Resolution No. 2022-103, close the public hearing. **6 members from the public spoke**

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan to approve Resolution No. 2022-103. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

8 CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2022-113, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-113

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

- B. Resolution No. 2022-114, approving the minutes of May 10, 2022.
- C. Resolution No. 2022-115, adopting Ordinance 1393, an Ordinance entitled, "Child Care Center as Permissible Use in CN-SF, CN-Mid, and CN Zoning Districts". **(Second Reading)**

9 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to move item N to follow 2022-116

- A. Resolution No. 2022-129, approving the Solar Rebate Grant Program and allocate \$80,000 for funding.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-129

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

- B. Resolution No. 2022-116, supporting the community that has been affected by the Buffalo shooting, and denouncing white supremacy that caused it.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-116

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

AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
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- C. Resolution No. 2022-117, approving sponsorship of the Washington Street Closure for the purposes of repainting the Black Lives Matter Mural.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to amend Resolution No. 2022-117 to add the amount of \$935.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-117 as amended

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

- D. Resolution No. 2022-118, approving the request for sponsorship of the 2022 Ypsilanti Cruise Nights.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to amend Resolution No. 2022-118 to add the amount of \$935

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-118 as amended

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

- E. Resolution No. 2022-119, approving sponsorship of the 2022 Ypsilanti Jazz Festival.

Council Member Jennifer moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan to make a friendly amendment to change the amount to 2129.50

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem

Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-119

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

- F. Resolution No. 2022-120, approving sponsorship of the 2022 Ypsilanti Orphan Car Show

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-120

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

Council recessed from 9:09 PM to 9:19 PM

Council Member Steve Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to extend the meeting to 11:30 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- G. Resolution No. 2022-124, approving Ordinance 1392, An Ordinance entitled, "Research & Development and Similar Uses as Permissible Uses in Center Zoning District". **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-124

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

- H. Resolution No. 2022-121, adopting Ordinance 1389 an ordinance entitled "Budget appropriations by department and major organizational unit for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Fiscal Years **(Second Reading)**."

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to removed the .5 parking enforcement officer

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to amend the budget to remove three police officers from the budget

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to remove expenditure program from account 101-7-7470-836-00; 101-7-7470-836-01; 101-7-7470-836-02; 101-7-7470-836-003; 101-7-7470-836-03

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to reallocate 500,000 for the Pen Dam CIP to FY 23-24

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-121 as amended

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to extend the meeting to 12 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- I. Resolution No. 2022-122, adopting Ordinance 1390, an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and major Organization Unit for FY 2021-2022. **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-122

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

- J. Resolution No. 2022-123, adopting Ordinance 1391, An Ordinance entitled, "2022-2023 Tax Levy Ordinance". **(Second Reading)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-123

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

- K. Resolution No. 2022-125, declaring June as PRIDE Month in the City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-125

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

- L. Resolution No. 2022-126, honoring the Juneteenth Holiday declared by Resolution No. 2021-068 in the City of Ypsilanti.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-126

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

- M. Resolution No. 2022-127, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-127

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

- N. Resolution No. 2022-128, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Musical Society for the use of the Freighthouse.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-128

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

10 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- A. **Downtown Development Authority**
Jen Eastridge - Reappointment (Exp. 7/1/2025)

1144 Roosevelt
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Valory Brown - New Appointment (Exp. 7/1/2025) (added 5/24/22)
453 Ainsworth Circle
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

B. Arts Commission (added 5/20/2022)

Kimie Wolfe - Reappointment (Exp. 2/1/2023)
808 Young St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

C. Planning Commission (added 5/20/2022)

Amanda Smith - New applicant (Exp. 5/1/2025)
523 Fairview Cir
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

D. Human Relations Commission - (added 5/23/2022)

Brit Doulos - New Appointment (Exp. 7/1/2025)
515 Maus Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

E. Bicentennial Committee (added 5/24/22)

Bryan Foley - New Appointment (Exp. 7/1/2025)
425 Ainsworth Circle
Ypsilanti, MI

Council Member

11 BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. **Civilian Oversight**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **Meeting tomorrow**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **Last meeting presentation on awards service MPARKS Program and Kiwanis**
5. Sustainability Commission. **None**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

12 LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **Having a movie in downtown**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **looking for another company to fill the pool**

13 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Morgan

- Thanked new commissioners and staff work on the budget
- Apologized for not having more to present regarding the budget
- Combining commissions
- Discussing on LBGTQ event for PRIDE

Symanns

- Thanked Mr. Akers

Brown

- Thanked staff for all there work
- No kid should die in school. Something needs to happen

Somerville

- Spoke towards the shooting and government institution
- Excited to utilize the money for the solar project
- Thanked staff for work on the budget
- Might be helpful to have a budget work session
- We should make adjustment
- Shared combining some boards and commissions

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nicole Brown to appoint Bryan Foley to the Bicentennial Committee.

Roll Call Vote: 7 - YES; 0 - NO; 0 - ABSENT CARRIED

Wilcoxon

- None

Brian Jones-Chance

- Presentation from the violence intervention group. It is a nuanced w/ not one solution

14 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Clean-up at Parkridge scheduled Sat. was rained out and will be rescheduled
- Asked about street sweepers in the downtown. Asked for N Washington

15 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Thanked for the support for the loss of her mom
- Pointed out memo for 206- 210 Washington

16 COMMUNICATIONS

17 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1 member from the public spoke

18 REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

19 ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2022-130, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Mr. Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 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.