



ACTION MINUTES

City of Ypsilanti SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Monday, September 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Keith Michalowski	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Nancy Heine	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Julia Bayha	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Bryan Foley	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Takunia Collins	Present	- Washtenaw County, Pittsfield Township
Desirae Simmons	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Beth Gibbons	Absent	

Also Present: Council Liaison Steve Wilcoxon
Staff Liaison Ron Akers, Public Services Director
Commission Recording Secretary, Nancy Hare-Dickerson

Additional Staff Present: Bonnie Wessler, Public Services Project Manager (Zoom Meeting Host)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Bayha (Second: Heine) moved to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

VI. PRESENTATIONS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 14, 2021 minutes

Heine (Second: Foley) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Simmons
Nays: Commissioner Collins
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

IX. WORK SESSIONS

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Flood Resilience Discussion

2. Commission Elections

Foley (Second: Collins) moved for reappointment of Commissioner Michalowski and Commissioner Heine as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

3. Commission Bylaws Update

Simmons (Second: Heine) moved to approve the draft Sustainability By-Laws as updated.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

At or about 8:57pm, Bayha (Second: Collins) moved to extend the meeting time to approximately 9:30.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

4. Sustainability Plan Goal Update

5. Plastics Pellet Free Waters Act Discussion

Foley (Second: Bayha) moved to postpone discussion regarding the Resolution to support the Plastics Pellet Free Waters Act to Address Pollution to the Great Lakes until the October meeting in order to receive more information.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

6. Resolution to Support Bag Ban Repeal

Collins (Second: Heine) moved to postpone discussion regarding the Resolution to support the Bag Ban Repeal until the October Meeting.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioner Collins
Abstain: Commissioners Bayha, Foley

Nays: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Simmons
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Failed.

Simmons (Second: Heine) moved to approve the following Resolution offered by Commissioner Simmons to support the Bag Ban Repeal:

Resolved by the Ypsilanti Sustainability Commission:

Whereas act 389 of 2016 preempted local ordinances regulating the use, disposition, or sale of, prohibiting or restricting, or imposing any fee, charge, or tax on certain containers,

Whereas Sen. Jeff Irwin represents district 18 where the City of Ypsilanti is located and he sponsored Senate Bill 0358 of 2021 to repeal the act preempting local regulation. And it was referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality,

Whereas one of our goals in the Sustainability Plan is ENERGY: Reduce the amount of waste generated in Ypsilanti that enters landfills,

Therefore Be It Resolved That: the Sustainability Commission urges City Council to use our resources, such as the city's lobbyist, to advocate for Senate Bill 0358 of 2021.

Offered by Commissioner Desiraé Simmons

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Simmons
Nays: Collins
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

7. Water Street Remediation Discussion

Simmons (Second: Heine) moved to postpone the Water Street Remediation discussion until the October meeting due to the lateness of the hour.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Bayha, Foley, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Gibbons
Motion Carried.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 11, 2021

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 p.m.

Heine (Second: Simmons) moved to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried