



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

ABSENT:

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

II ROLL CALL

III AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted

IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four members of the public spoke

V PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Month - City Manager Frances McMullan
- b) Proclamation in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

VI ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) *Ordinance 1366* - An ordinance to amend Section 58-61 and 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add conviction of a misdemeanor crime to a class of activity protected from discrimination.
 1. Resolution No. 2020-187, determination.
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2020-188. close the public hearing

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-188

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

That the public hearing for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 58-61 and 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add conviction of a misdemeanor crime to a class of activity protected from discrimination" be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
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, to approve Resolution No. 2020-187

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The certain ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 58-61 and 58-62 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add conviction of a misdemeanor crime to a class of activity protected from discrimination" be adopted on first reading.

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

VII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No, 2020-189, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, To approve Resolution No. 2020-189

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-190, approving the minutes of September 1, 2020.**
- 2. Resolution No. 2020-191, approval of appointments to Boards and Commission.**
- 3. Resolution No. 2020-192, approving Ordinance 1364, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage rates (Second Reading)**
- 4. Resolution No. 2020-193, approving Ordinance 1365, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water rates (Second Reading).**

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-190, approving the minutes of September 1, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of September 1, 2020 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-191, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
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Alex Merz (New Appointment) 1930 Roosevelt Ypsilanti, MI 48197	YDDA	7/1/2023
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- d) Resolution No. 2020-192, approving Ordinance 1364, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage rates **(Second Reading)**.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to adjust sewage disposal rates approved on Second and Final Reading.

- e) Resolution No. 2020-193, approving Ordinance 1365, an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water rates **(Second Reading)**.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilantibe approved on Second and Final Reading.

VIII RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-194, supporting an application for a reimbursable Certified Local Government Grant for funding of the Highland Cemetery.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, To approve Resolution No. 2020-194

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will be entering into an agreement with the Highland Cemetery Association to restore the stained-glass windows in Starkweather chapel, at 943 N River Street and;

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will file an application to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant program in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Starkweather Chapel Stained Glass Window Restoration for the resource located at (943 N River Street and;

WHEREAS, Scott Slagor, Preservation Planner for the City of Ypsilanti is appointed as the Grant Project Manager who will oversee the CLG grant management and grant administration duties and;

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will receive and pay vendor invoices related to the grant project and;

WHEREAS, Richard Robb from Highland Cemetery Association is authorized to sign the required historic preservation easement and record it at the County Register of Deeds before the grant reimbursement will be processed by the SHPO and;

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti acknowledges that the Certified Local Government (CLG) is an expense reimbursement program. City of Ypsilanti authorizes expenditures in the amount of not to exceed \$50,000 for the project work with the knowledge that eligible expenditures up to the approved grant amount will be reimbursed to the City of Ypsilanti upon SHPO acceptance of final project work, SHPO acceptance of the final completion report, SHPO audit and acceptance of financial documentation for eligible costs and SHPO acceptance of a historic preservation easement recorded at the Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, as a part of the application process City Council and the Highland Cemetery Association will need approve a Memorandum of Understanding, which is scheduled for the October 6th Council Meeting and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council supports application for a reimbursable Certified Local Government grant through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office to support the Highland Cemetery Association in its effort to restore stained glass windows at the historic Starkweather Chapel.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-195, accepting the Request for Proposals for 206-210 Washington St.**

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-195

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, 206-210 N Washington Street was foreclosed on by the Washtenaw County Treasurer for nonpayment of property taxes; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti purchased the property using its Right of First Refusal from the Country Treasurer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the city received two proposals for the development of the property to create affordable housing in the city of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, the City is seeking an affordable housing with a preference on senior housing.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the amended RFP for affordable housing from Avalon Housing for 206-210 N. Washington and enter into a letter of intent with said developer.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-196, approving the award of the 2020 CDBG Ramps contract to GM & Sons Construction.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-196

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, funding has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Community Development Block Grant Program for the retrofitting of existing sidewalk ramps in the City of Ypsilanti; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has solicited sealed bids for the project; and,

Whereas, GM & Sons Construction is the lowest qualified bidder and is being recommended by the City's engineering consultant for this project.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti awards the 2020 CDBG Ramps contract be awarded to GM & Sons Construction for the bid amount of \$74,982.00.

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to review by the City Attorney and any change orders are subject to review and approval by the City Manager to facilitate the completion of this work.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-197, approving the award of the 2020 METRO Ramps Contract to GM & Sons Construction.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-197

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, funding has been programmed for the retrofitting of existing sidewalk ramps in the City of Ypsilanti; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has solicited sealed bids for the project; and,

Whereas, GM & Sons Construction is the lowest qualified bidder and is being recommended by the City's engineering consultant for this project.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti awards the 2020 METRO Ramps contract to GM & Sons Construction for the bid amount of \$69,950; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to review by the City Attorney and any change orders are subject to review and approval by the City Manager to facilitate the completion of this work.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-198, approving a small cell wireless application for Verizon.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-198

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the State of Michigan adopted the "Small Wireless Communication Facilities Deployment Act" in late 2018 which required municipalities to allow small cell wireless facilities within public right of way; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti adopted an ordinance to regulate small cell wireless facilities within the constraints of this law; and,

Whereas, Verizon Wireless has submitted an application; and,

Whereas, City staff has reviewed the plans and application and has found that the plans are consistent with the requirements of city ordinances;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves small cell wireless application 2020-003 subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

- f) Resolution No. 2020-199, approving the Request for Proposals for an Exhaust Capture System for the Fire Department.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-199

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The YFD was awarded the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to include the installation of a direct source capture exhaust system; and

WHEREAS, This new exhaust capture system will essentially eliminate 100 percent of the diesel and automotive exhaust gases currently emitted presenting danger to fire personnel and the community; and

Whereas, All bidders are to provide the associated labor, materials, and equipment needed to complete the exhaust capture system including but not limited to all things related to removing diesel and automotive exhaust gases within the confines of the Ypsilanti Fire Station; and

Whereas, The entire project will include the purchase, delivery, and installation of the direct source capture exhaust system. Per the AFG, the funds will cover all associated permit fees, all electrical modifications, a 5-year warranty for parts and labor, basic system training, and any modifications that must be made to the current exhaust systems on the apparatus.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves beginning the solicitation of bids on September 16, 2020, and closing bids October 16, 2020, to start the process of replacing the vehicle exhaust system on the YFD's apparatus floor.

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

- g) Resolution No. 2020-200, approving the bid award for the installation of the Fire Department Grates.**

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-200
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

Whereas, The YFD opened bids on October 14, 2019 and closed bids on November 15, 2019 to start the process of restoring the existing trench to lodge new floor drain grates; and

Whereas, Allied Building Services provided the lowest bid at \$158,500 which includes the resurfacing of the apparatus floor and came highly recommended from fire service departments; and

WHEREAS, Allied Building Services' bid was \$158,500 including the resurfacing of the apparatus floor; and

Whereas, The project includes cutting and removing old concrete to accommodate new grate frames (e.g. rods, mesh, etc.) and pouring new concrete to fill in around the new trenches and grates to allow proper water drainage; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department is requesting approval to award the bid to Allied Business Services to complete the YFD's grates project; and

WHEREAS, The total cost is not to exceed \$161,308 as described in RES 2020-167.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council grants the Fire Department's request to award the bid to Allied Business Services to complete the YFD's grates project and approves the contract to Allied Building Services, subject to the approval of the City Attorney and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract for and on behalf of the City.

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

- h) Resolution No. 2020-201, accepting grant funding for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-201

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, administering an election during the COVID-19 Pandemic has created a need for additional supplies to ensure a safe and efficient election; and

Whereas, the Clerk Department through CSME has submitted application for financial assistance from the Center of Technology and Civic Life; and

Whereas, the Center of Technology and Civic Life has awarded the City of Ypsilanti \$105,969.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council accept the grant award and allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

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

- i) Discussion regarding park rental processes. (15 minutes)

IX LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
3. Urban County

4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

X COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

a) NOMINATION

Sustainability Commission (Exp. 5/1/2023)

Desirae Simmons - **New Member**

407 Charles St.

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

XII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIII COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Community Policing Town Halls**
- September 22nd at 7:00 pm
 - September 29th at 7:00 pm

XIV ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-202, adjourning the City Council Meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 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.**