



# ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, 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 Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

### I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

### II ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian Jones, seconded by Annie Somerville. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### III AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

### V RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-001, approving the minutes of December 15, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

1. Resolution No. 2021-001, approving the minutes of December 15, 2020.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-001.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-002, adopting rules governing operations of the parking bureau per 102-81.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council amended Ypsilanti City Code Section 102-81 to establish a Parking Violations Bureau for the purpose of handling all alleged parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, Public Act 154 of 1968, as amended (MCL 600.8395); and**

**WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council had adopted rules in 2016 governing the operation of the Parking Violations Bureau with Resolution 2016-005; and**

**WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations have been updated to reflect updates and changes in the system since 2016; and**

**WHEREAS these Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Ypsilanti City Code, resolutions adopted by this City Council, the rules and procedures of the 14A2 District Court, and the laws of the State of Michigan;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ypsilanti City Council approves the attached Rules and Regulations of the Parking Violations Bureau.**

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-002**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2021-003, approving the community distribution of the Master Plan.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to request Planning Commission to not include the Housing Affordability and Accessibility Plan in the Appendix or Chapter 7 in the Master Plan.**

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

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, that City Council have final vote prior to Master Plan adoption.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon

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

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-003 as amended.**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2021-004, approving the Metro Act Permit from Great Lakes Comnet dated April 4, 2014 to Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:**

Upon recommendation of the Director of the Ypsilanti Department of Public Services and the approval of the Ypsilanti City Attorney as to form,

The request for transfer of Metro Act Right-Of-Way Telecommunications Permit is approved and the Metro Act Permit granted to Great Lakes Comment on April 14, 2014 is transferred to Everstream GLC Holding Company, LLC.

The Transferee shall obey and observe all requirement of the permit.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021- 004.**

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

- e) Resolution No. 2021-005, approving remainder of locations for small cell wireless applications 2020-002.

**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 the City of Ypsilanti approves the remaining sites on small cell wireless application 2020-002 for the following locations: 293 Olive; 301 W. Michigan Ave; and 401 N. Adams, subject to review by the City Attorney.**

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-005**

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

- f) Resolution No. 2021-006, approving the Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and City of Ypsilanti.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti was awarded a Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the purchase of public recycling containers; and,**

**Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is interesting in expanding public recycling access in the City's downtown areas and parks; and,**

**Whereas, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with EGLE to accept the grant;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and City of Ypsilanti for the purchase of public recycling containers, subject to approval by the City Attorney.**

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-006**

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

- g) Resolution No. 2021-007, approving the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the COAM.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the COAM collective bargaining agreement with the City expired on December 31, 2020; and**

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have been engaged in contract negotiations on a successor contract; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement for the term commencing on January 1, 2021, and terminating on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to approve the new contract as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti does hereby approve the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the COAM, for the term commencing on January 1, 2021, and terminating on December 31, 2024, as presented, and authorizes the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-007**

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

- h) Discussion regarding Employee Reviews of the City Manager and City Clerk.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve the evaluation process and have forms submitted by 1/31/2021**

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

## VI BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

### a) Historic District Commission

Erika Lindsay (Reappointment Exp. 1/31/2024)  
317 Prospect  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Ron Rupert (Reappointment Exp. 1/31/2024) **(Removed)**  
421 N Huron #1  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## VII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update (NONE)
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (Meet in 3 weeks)

3. Urban County (Meet on Thursday)
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (Meet in 2 weeks)
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool (Meet tomorrow)

## **VIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

## **IX COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

## **X COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

## **XI COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Goal Sessions - January 12th and 19th.

## **XII ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2021-008, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**

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

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