



MINUTES

SPECIAL Meeting

6:00 PM - Thursday, January 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The SPECIAL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, seconded by Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-009, honoring Martin Luther King Jr Day.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., changed our Nation forever through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to strengthening the content of the American character and called on our Nation to live up to its founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Through his determination, spirit, and resolve, Dr. King helped lift souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to honor the lasting legacy of this great American, remember the ideals for which he fought, and recommit ourselves to ensuring that our country's promise extends to all Americans across the great land; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983, Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor Dr. King on the third Monday of January every year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as we observe Dr. King's birthday, the City of Ypsilanti encourages all Americans to honor Dr. King by living out his teachings as we continue to work for the day when the dignity and humanity of every person is respected and to celebrate his memory by performing acts of kindness through service to others.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-009

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Closed Session pursuant to section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending litigation – Anderson v the City of Ypsilanti. *MCL 15.268 Section 8 (e)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to adjourn in close session at 6:14 p.m

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to reconvene open session at 7:07 p.m.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m..