



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Nicole Brown, Council Member Desirae Simmons, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Roland Tooson, and Council Member Michelle King

ABSENT: None

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

II ROLL CALL

III 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.

IV AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as amended.

Change: Council Member D. Simmons requested Resolution No. 2023-026 (approving a contract with Washtenaw County for Dispatch Services) be moved from the Consent Agenda to the end of the Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

V PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Ten members of the public spoke.

VI PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation - Honoring Black History Month - Mayor Brown

VII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1406, an Ordinance Entitled "Zoning Text Amendment: Supportive Housing".
1. Resolution No. 2023-020, determination
 2. Public Hearing - **Four members of the public made comments.**
 3. Resolution No. 2023-021, closing the public hearing

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-021.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI

That the public hearing to consider Removal of Supportive Housing as a Classification or Category in the Zoning Ordinance be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon, Roland Tooson, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, and Michelle King

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas the City of Ypsilanti recognizes the importance of establishing equity in zoning; and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that the policy for treating *supportive housing* the same as other residential dwellings adheres to the Fair Housing Amendments Act laws that apply to zoning and planning; and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that eliminating the potential for adverse impacts or harm to a community as a result of discriminatory language and / or the perpetuation of segregation fully improves the broader community's economic conditions; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Zoning Text Amendment provision in the zoning ordinance to remove Supportive Housing Conditions and Permissible Uses; and to remove Supportive Housing Definition.

This zoning text amendment applies to Article V Division 1, Section 122-557; and to Article II, Section 122-203.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

b) Ordinance 1407, an Ordinance Entitled "Zoning Text Amendment: Rooming Houses".

1. Resolution No. 2023-022, determination
2. Public Hearing - **Ten members of the public made comments.**
3. Resolution No. 2023-023, closing the public hearing

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-023.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing to consider Roominghouses in the Historic District as a permissible special use will be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-022.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that Roominghouses shall be added as a permissible special use in the Historic Corridor zoning district; and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that adding roominghouses as a use in the Historic Corridor, it may be considered consistent with the description and purpose of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that the amendments are consistent with the following guiding values of the Master Plan. Those needs will change as residents age and move. The need for safe, quality, affordable homes for all should be factored into decisions.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Zoning Text Amendment provisions in the zoning ordinance to.

This zoning text amendment applies to Article V Subdivision III Corridors Sec. 122-451; and to ARTICLE V, DIV 1 SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN USES, Sec. 122-530 (f). – Group residences and roominghouses.

RESULT:	DEFEATED.
MOVER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	
NAYS:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2023-024, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2023-024.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

- 1. Resolution No. 2023-025, approving the minutes of the February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting.**
- 2. ~~Resolution No 2023-026, approving a contract with Washtenaw County for Dispatch services.~~**

3. Resolution No. 2023-027, amending the Community Benefits Agreement for the 220 N Park development.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- b) Resolution No. 2023-025, approving the minutes of February 7, 2023.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting be approved.

- c) ~~Resolution No. 2023-026, approving a contract with Washtenaw County for Dispatch services.~~
- d) Resolution No. 2023-027, amending the Community Benefits Agreement for the 220 N Park development.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti passed a community benefits ordinance in 2018 to allow the community to negotiate benefits when an incentive is requested; and

Whereas, an incentive was requested in January 2022 by Renovare Ypsilanti Homes LLC; and

Whereas, the CBO Committee met five times over the past two months to negotiate community benefits with the developer; and

Whereas, a public hearing was held on June 7, 2022, on the Community Benefits Agreement; and

Whereas, an error in the unit count was found in the Community Benefits Agreement

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the revised Community Benefits Agreement for 220 N. Park St and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreements.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Discussion regarding complaint filed against Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, that both parties have agreed to not hold a hearing, and will be referred to an alternative conflict resolution method.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
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MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King
RECUSED:	Steven Wilcoxon

- b) Resolution No. 2023-028, approving the stated policy and federal guidelines for the Tax Board of Review in granting or denying exemptions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to table Resolution No. 2023-028 until February 28th.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement.

The Board of Review shall use the following guidelines to determine if a property owner qualifies for a poverty exemption from property taxes:

Exemptions will be granted to owners of homesteads only. Property must be granted at least a 50% homestead exemption from the State of Michigan.

Per, MCL 211.7u(3), the application for consideration must be received by the Assessor's Office at least one day prior to the last session of the Board of Review. The application can be made by mail, if received one day prior to the last session of the Board of Review.

All applicants must file a claim with the Board of Review on a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application must be filled out in its entirety and all requested documentation must be attached. If an area does not apply to the applicant, "N/A" must be used. If the application is not complete or requested documentation is not included, the Board of Review will deny the exemption. All pages included with this application must be returned when the application is submitted for review.

Per MCL 211.7u(7), a person who files a claim for Poverty exemption IS NOT prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the property to the Board of Review in the same year.

The poverty threshold for eligibility for a poverty exemption is a figure which is equal to the U.S. Department of HUD State of Michigan for the previous calendar year. To be eligible for a poverty exemption from property taxes, the income of the property owner (household) must be less than the poverty threshold for the number of persons within the household.

All income and assets for persons in the household are reported in accordance with a form prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

- a. Per MCL 211.7u(2)(b), federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence must be included with the application including any

property tax credit returns. The tax returns may be from the current or preceding tax year.

A completed signed copy of each of the following should be submitted:

- **The most recent Michigan Homestead Property Tax Credit (MI 1040 CR).**
 - **The most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040),if you are required to file federal income tax.**
 - **The most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040) for all other occupants of your home.**
- b. If any person in the household is not required to file federal or state tax returns, the included affidavit, form 4988, must be completed by each person that does not file taxes.**
- c. The most recent statement for all bank accounts, investments, IRAs, CDs, 401Ks, money market, annuities, etc. The statement submitted must be complete with no missing pages and submitted for all persons residing in the home.**
- d. Proof of income/assets from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Medicare, Medicaid, Bridge Card, and any College/University scholarships for all persons residing in the home.**
- e. The most recent mortgage statement of the primary residence under review, including any reverse mortgages.**
- f. If primary residence being sought for exemption was purchased within the past two years of this application, homeowner's closing statements must be submitted with application.**
- g. Complete and submit a Poverty Exemption Asset Test form and meet the maximum asset eligibility test as follows: Assets other than the taxpayers' primary residence, standard mode of transportation and usual household goods valued at more than \$25,000 will be considered and added to the household income to determine eligibility.**
- h. A second home, additional land not associated with the primary residence, or other buildings other than the primary residence being sought for exemption.**
- i. Vehicles and other recreational vehicles such as motor homes, campers, ATVs, boats, and motorcycles.**
- j. Jewelry, antiques, artwork, equipment, and other personal property of value.**
- k. Bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and investments. This also includes the money received from the sale of stocks, bonds, investments, cars, and houses unless a person is in the specific business of selling such property.**
- l. Withdrawals of bank accounts and borrowed money.**
- m. Gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, and one-time insurance payments.**
- n. Food or housing received in lieu of wages and the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.**
- o. Federal non-cash benefits programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, and school lunches.**

- p. The total interest income in all accounts (checking, savings, CDs, IRAs, 401Ks, money market, annuities, etc.)
- q. The applicant shall not have ownership interest in any real estate other than the primary residence being considered for exemption.
- r. Applicants that meet the income and asset qualifications will have the taxable value reduced by 25%, 50% or 100% for the current year.
- s. Poverty exemptions shall be granted for one year only. The property owner must apply every year to receive an exemption.

Number In House Hold	Home Income Limits
1	\$ 20,000
2	\$ 20,000
3	\$ 23,030
4	\$ 27,750
5	\$ 32,470
6	\$ 37,190
7	\$ 41,910
8	\$ 46,630
For each additional person	\$ 4,720

The City of Ypsilanti Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Application will be updated annually with the current year Poverty Income Guidelines as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services without further resolutions. If alternative guidelines are adopted by this governing body a new resolution will be required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption and that City Council approve this resolution replacing Resolution 2023-013.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- c) Resolution No. 2023-029, urging the Michigan Legislature to repeal Public Acts 348 and 349 of 2012, the 'Right to Work Acts'.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-029

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, unions increase wages, benefits, safety, and protections for all workers, but especially women, people of color, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community in areas where our non-discrimination laws continue to fall short; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that the purpose of “false slogans such as ‘Right to Work’” is to “destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining by which unions have improved wages and working conditions of everyone;” and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Michigan Legislature enacted anti-worker, anti-union “Right to Work” without holding a single public hearing and with the aim of impairing the ability of unions to fairly represent all members of a collective bargaining unit; and

WHEREAS, dozens of other anti-worker laws passed during the Engler and Snyder administrations have made it even harder for working people to make a living and be safe at work; and

WHEREAS, the Snyder administration’s systematic erosion of collective bargaining rights for teachers, first responders, and public-sector employees has made it even more challenging for governments to attract and retain new talent and for workers to provide for their families; and

WHEREAS, there has been no evidence in the past decade that the enactment of these laws has improved wages or working conditions for Michigan workers; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, has made paramount the failings of workplace safety standards and inadequate protections for workers on the job, and the importance placed on public health and workplace safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this body affirms its support for workers and their right to organize and, in expressing those values, urges the legislature to Restore Worker Freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Ypsilanti joins with millions of Michigan workers and urges the Michigan Legislature to immediately repeal PA 348 of 2012 and PA 349 of 2012;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Council, or the City of Ypsilanti, directs the City Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to The Michigan state legislative delegation and Governor Whitmer

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- d) Resolution No. 2023-030, approving the award to Wolverine Sealcoating for the preventative maintenance contract.

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023-030

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, funding has been programmed in the local streets fund for pavement preventative maintenance in the City of Ypsilanti; and,

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

Whereas, Wolverine Sealcoating 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 2023 Pavement Preventative Maintenance contract to Wolverine Sealcoating for the bid amount of \$70,200.

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 up to the originally budgeted amount.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Michelle King
SECONDER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- e) Resolution No. 2023-031, directing city staff on how to respond to the request of Avalon for a PILOT.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-031

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Avalon Housing has submitted a 4% PILOT Request for the next 50 years to redevelop 206/210 N Washington St for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Community Benefits Ordinance No. 1325 would regulate that request if not already expired; and

WHEREAS, Avalon has proposed 8 units of affordable housing at 30% AMI or less and 14 units at 60% or less for a total of 22 units; and

WHEREAS, City Council can choose to ask Avalon to follow the expired Community Benefits Ordinance or hear the incentive request on its own without convening a committee to negotiate with the developers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council agrees to hear this PILOT Request without convening a community benefits committee intended to negotiate with the developer

Or

~~NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves requesting the developer to follow the Community Benefits Ordinance No. 1325 and convening a community benefits committee to negotiate with the developer.~~

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Michelle King, that Council will require Avalon Housing to go through the Community Benefits Agreement Process for the 206-210 N Washington upon the Community Benefits Ordinance renewal and passage.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Michelle King
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

f) Resolution No. 2023-032, revising the Planned Unit Development Agreement for the 220 N Park Development.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-032
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

WHEREAS, the city approved the PUD agreement for 220 N. Park St in June 2022, and

Whereas, corrections to the agreement were requested by the developer, county, and financiers,

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti amended PUD agreement for 220 N. Park.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

g) Resolution No. 2023-033, approving the warranty deed for the 220 N Park Development.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-033
IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:**

The certain deed to Renovare Ypsilanti Homes, LLC of 13 N Washington Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, pursuant to land contract for the property at 220 N Park, and the warranty deed for Renovare Ypsilanti Homes, LLC, copies attached, are approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the deed for and on behalf of the City.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns

AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King
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- h) Resolution No. 2023-034, approving the deed and mortgage with release clause for closing on 220 N Park Development.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023-034

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

The certain deed to Renovare Ypsilanti Homes, LLC of 13 N Washington Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, pursuant to land contract for the property at 220 N Park, and the mortgage with release clause back from Renovare Ypsilanti Homes, LLC, copies attached, are approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the deed for and on behalf of the City.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- i) Resolution No. 2023-035, approving the partial release of the mortgage for the 220 N Park development.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2023-035

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti approved the development of 220 N. Park St.; and

Whereas, a community benefits agreement has been approved for the development;

WHEREAS, upon closing the mortgage at 220 N. Park St., partial mortgages signed by the City Manager will be held in escrow;

Whereas, upon the completion of the properties, the city will verify the affordability and PRE requirements for each property;

Whereas, an authorized signature will need to be on each mortgage release from escrow.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the City Manager to sign the release of the mortgages upon the sale of the units at 220 N. Park St.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- j) Resolution No. 2023-036, approving the Master Deed for the 220 N park Development.

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-036

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the city approved the PUD agreement for 220 N. Park St in June 2022, and

Whereas, the master deed is to be approved by the city,

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the master deeds for Dorsey Estates 1 and 2 to form with minor edits to be approved by the city attorney.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, that the City Manager is authorized to sign off on any minor changes subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Evan Sweet
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- k) Resolution No. 2023-037, approving the Construction Monitoring and Disbursement Agreement for the 220 N Park development.

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Desirae Simmons, to approve Resolution No. 2023-037

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has an interest in developing the 220 N. Park St Development, and

Whereas, the city has been working over the past year with Renovare Ypsilanti Homes LLC, Magnet Lending Corporation, Michigan Community Capital, The City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw County brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Ann Arbor Community Foundation to come to an agreement on this partnership, and

WHEREAS, the city will be part of this agreement based on the mortgage the city is applying to the property as part of the CBA and will have no financial impact on the city finances.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the Construction Monitoring and Disbursement Agreement with Renovare Ypsilanti Homes LLC, Magnet Lending Corporation, Michigan Community Capital, The City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw County brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Ann Arbor Community Foundation with small changes to be approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Michelle King
SECONDER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

I) Resolution No. 2023-038, recognizing the month of February as Black History Month. (added)

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Desirae Simmons, to approve Resolution No. 2023-038

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

Whereas, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. History; and

Whereas, the story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery in the United States was enacted, and

Whereas, in September of 1915, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), and organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievement by Black Americans, and people of African descent; and

Whereas, the ASNLH became the Association for the Study of African American Life (ASLAH) and sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglas, and

Whereas, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976 calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black History; and

Whereas, Black History is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. History and society, from activists and civil rights pioneers to leaders in industry, politics, science, and culture.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL, that the month of February will be recognized as Black History Month, and further City Council directs the City Clerk to purchase the Black History Month Flag to hang upon resolution of City Council during Februarys into the future.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
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MOVER:	Council Member Michelle King
SECONDER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- m) Resolution No. 2023-026, approving a contract with Washtenaw County for Dispatch services. (moved)

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-026

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

the Dispatch Contract with Washtenaw County be extended to June 30, 2024 on the same terms and conditions.

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the extension agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- a) Police Advisory Commission (Exp. 2/1/2026)

Gail Wolkoff - Re-appointment
1728 Whittier Rd
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to suspend Council Rules and immediately appoint Gail Wolkoff to the Police Advisory Commission.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to amend Council Rules and remove the requirement for Board and Commission members to be nominated and then approved at the next regular council meeting.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. - Council Member Tooson stated the Commission meets this Thursday.
2. Human Relations Commission. - None
3. Arts Commission. - Council Member Sweet stated the commission is currently working on their goals.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Sustainability Commission. - None
6. Historic District Commission. - None
7. Planning Commission. - Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon stated the commission was provided staff's recommendation for marijuana facilities.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - None

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
6. Bicentennial Committee - Council Member Sweet stated they are working on logistics for supplies for summer events.

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- a) **King**
 1. Wished everyone a happy Black History Month.
- b) **Simmons**
 1. Asked what the due date will be for the questions to be asked by the Panel for the Police Chief interviews.
- c) **Wilcoxon**
 1. None
- d) **Sweet**
 1. Stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission is winning an award for the Bill Anhut Memorial Field.
- e) **Symanns**
 1. None
- f) **Tooson**
 1. Thanked the citizens of the City of Ypsilanti for making it a great place.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. She asked who owns the signage at the Huron exit for I-94, and said it could be improved.
2. Informed staff regarding issues with the bike lanes on Huron and Hamilton.
3. Stated she recently went to Washington DC, and heard a lot of good things about the City of Ypsilanti.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) City Council Special Meeting - February 28, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
- b) Water Street Development Work Session - March 7, 2023 City Council Meeting starting at 6:00 pm (added)

XVII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Three members of the public spoke.

XVIII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2023-039, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 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.