



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to excuse Council Member Morgan.

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

III. INVOCATION

IV. 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.

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

- a) Pending Litigation, Collins v the City of Ypsilanti. *MCL 15.268(e)*

The meeting was adjourned to closed session 6:03 p.m.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to adjourn to closed session.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to reconvene to open session.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

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

VII. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Bashert introduced the following individuals: Deputy City Clerk Sarah Stachnik, DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, City Manager Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, and Project Manager Bonnie Wessler.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

X. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Approving a redevelopment liquor license for 101 Huron.
 1. Resolution No. 2020-050, determination.
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2020-051. close the public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Richard Muszynski, owner of Shelter Bay Realty, LLC, has applied to the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, City of Ypsilanti and Michigan Liquor Control Commission requesting the following:

Approval of a Redevelopment Class C license, MCL 436.1521(a)(1)(b), with a Dance/Entertainment permit, a Class C license, as defined by MCL 436.1107(2), is a place licensed to sell, at retail, beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits for consumption on the premises at 101 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the application to Class C for Shelter Bay Realty, LLC was duly noticed and held on March 3, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request of Richard Muszynski, owner of the property located at 101 W. Michigan be approved

contingent upon Building Department approval and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy as well as Washtenaw County Health Department approval.

DDA Director Jacobs presented the redevelopment liquor license application.

Mayor Bashert opened the public hearing:
One person spoke.

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-051.
RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

That the public hearing to consider a redevelopment liquor license for Shelter Bay Realty, LLC be officially closed.

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

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-050.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Beth Bashert, Steven Wilcoxon, and Lois Richardson
NAYS:	Annie Somerville
ABSENT:	Anthony Morgan

XI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) *Ordinance 1356* - An ordinance to amend Article III Discrimination of Chapter 58 Human Relations, being Section 58-61.
1. Resolution No. 2020-052, determination.
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2020-053. close the public hearing

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

An ordinance to amend Article III Discrimination of Chapter 58 Human Relations, being Section 58 – 61 Intent, to add felony ~~criminal~~ conviction to the anti-discrimination ordinance as a city protected class be adopted on first reading.

Mayor Bashert opened the public hearing.

Six people spoke.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-053.

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

That the public hearing for an ordinance to amend Article III Discrimination of Chapter 58 Human Relations, being Section 58 – 61 Intent, to add felony criminal conviction to the anti-discrimination ordinance as a city protected class be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-052 as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
AYES:	Nicole Brown, Annie Somerville, Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Lois Richardson, and Anthony Morgan

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2020-054, approving the Consent Agenda.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-055, approving the minutes of February 18, 2020.**
- 1. Resolution No. 2020-056, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve resolution No. 2020-057.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2020-055, approving the minutes of February 18, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of February 18, 2020 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-056, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Eric Bettis New Member 303 N. Wallace Blvd. Ypsilanti, MI48197	Planning Commission	5/1/2023

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-057, approving resolution of support for state approval of pre-trial incarceration alternatives.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, move to postpone Resolution No. 2020-057.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2020-058, approving Ordinance 1356 - an Ordinance entitled 2019 Winter Traffic Control Orders. **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee has reviewed several traffic control requests and made appropriate recommendations based on best practices, City ordinance, and City policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed and approved policy direction for parking system changes in Downtown, Depot Town, and West Cross; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee reviewed and recommended a public request to remove obsolete time-limited signage on Woodward; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has seen fit to issue temporary Traffic Control Orders 2019-20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, and 30 based on said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends City Council provide final approval for the Traffic Control Orders listed above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby approves Traffic Control Orders as listed and adopts an ordinance entitled 2019 Winter Traffic Control Orders on Second and Final Reading.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-058.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- c) Resolution No. 2020-059, approving MDOT Contract # 19-5640 for reconstruction of W. Cross from Courtland to Wallace.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Urban funding has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Transportation Improvement Program for the road reconstruction of W. Cross Street between Courtland and Wallace; and,

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation has received bids for this project in which the scope of work includes hot mix asphalt (HMA) pavement full-depth reconstruction, concrete sidewalk ramp, concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer, pavement marking work, and all other necessary related work; and,

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the implementation of this project; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 19-5640; and

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-059.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Beth Bashert, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- d) Resolution No. 2020-060, authorizing the acceptance of the proposal from Harvey Electronics Inc for parking meter kiosks.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council adopted the Ypsilanti Central Business District Parking Study and Strategy; and

WHEREAS, said document identifies a number of opportunities for improvement of Central Business District parking; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement would provide visitors with the ability to pay at multi-space meters using credit cards or coins, improving convenience and maintenance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council authorize the acceptance of the proposal from Harvey Electronics, Inc, in the amount of \$88,318, and authorize the City Manager to execute the acceptance of the proposal on behalf of the City after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-060.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

XIV. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS - COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Board of Ethics - Recommendation for amendment to Article II of the City Code

Council Member Somerville, seconded by Council Member Wilcoxen moved to add the item to the next agenda.

XV. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
3. Urban County - applying for \$125,000 grant for the train platform.
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - city app upcoming.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - received bids for the roof. New board members.
6. Housing Equity Leadership Team
7. Youth Community Connection - gathering resources for youth centralized locations.

XVI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Richardson

- Will be attending MML conference in DC.

Morgan

- Office hours have changed.

Symanns

- Elected Officials Academy Conference went well.

Somerville

- Email was out of commission for several days.
- Cannabis ordinance and application process needs to be amended. Will not support liquor licenses until cannabis is treated the same.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Excited about the snow event without complaints on social media. Thanked DPS and City Manager for the changes.

- Asked for report on metrics on the livestream.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- In the middle of budget preparations.

- Next meeting will have DDA officer reports.

- First Freighthouse transition meeting was on Friday. Next meeting in two weeks. Staff is beginning to schedule events and is working to collaborate with social media presence.

XIX. COMMUNICATIONS

XX. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-061, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-061.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- 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.