



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
Council Chambers

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Steve Wilcoxon

**ABSENT:** Council Member Anthony Morgan (Virtually)  
Council Member Jennifer Symanns

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

### II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to excuse Council Member Anthony Morgan and Council Member Jennifer Symanns. On a voice, vote the motion carried.

### 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

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

3 members from the public spoke.

### VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. City of Ypsilanti Lobbyist Update - Kirk Profit, CGSI
- B. DTE Tree Planting Project - Ericka Vonyea Hayes, Releaf Michigan

### VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2022-084, approving the Minutes of April 5 and 12, 2022.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2022-084**

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

**THAT the minutes of April 5 and 12, 2022 be approved.**

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

- B. Resolution No. 2022-085, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-085**

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

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

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b><u>James Huffman</u></b>	<b><u>HDC</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2024</u></b>
<b><u>1109 Westmoorland St.</u></b>		
<b><u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u></b>		

<b><u>Delrhea Byrge</u></b>	<b><u>HDC</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2025</u></b>
<b><u>101 Washtenaw Rd Ste A</u></b>		
<b><u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u></b>		

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

- C. Resolution No. 2022-086, approving Ordinance 1388, an ordinance to amend Chapter 122, an ordinance entitled "Planned Unit Development: Multiple-Family Dwelling Use at 845 & 945 W. Clark" **(Second Reading)**

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-086**

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

**WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and**

**WHEREAS, the City has a Master Plan that reflects the policy goals of the City, including the guiding value that “anyone, no matter what age or income, can find a place to call home in Ypsilanti;” and**

**WHEREAS, the applicant, Lincoln Avenue Capital Management, intends to provide public benefits in this development; and**

**WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends the City Council approve the Planned Unit Development; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the ordinance entitled “Lincoln Avenue Capital Management Planned Unit Development” as amended on second and Final Reading.**

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

- D. Resolution No. 2022-087, approving the termination of old development agreements for 845 and 945 West Clark Rd.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-087**

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

**WHEREAS, Lincoln Capital Acquisition, LLC is working with the City to develop two vacant parcels of land in the City, to wit: 845 and 945 West Clark Road, and**

**WHEREAS, there are two old development agreements on record from proposed development projects that never materialized, that are a cloud on the record legal title that can have a negative effect on financing, and**

**WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to develop this vacant land in the City, and termination of the old development agreements will encourage development and not have any adverse consequences for the City,**

**NOW THEREFORE, termination of the said agreements is approved and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the attached Termination Agreements for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.**

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

- E. Resolution No. 2022-088, granting the honorary name change of South Washington between Michigan Ave and Ferris Street to Black Lives Matter Blvd.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-088**

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

**Whereas, City Council authorized a Black Lives Matter street mural on South Washington Street, between Michigan Avenue and Ferris Street, and**

**Whereas, the mural was designed and installed and now exists, and**

**Whereas, City Council desires to reinforce the mural with an honorary name for South Washington Street as Black Lives Matter Boulevard, and**

**Whereas, City Council finds the honorary name right and proper,**

**NOW THEREFORE, South Washington Street between Michigan Avenue and Ferris Street is hereby granted the honorary name of Black Lives Matter Boulevard.**

**AND, FURTHER, suitable “Black Lives Matter Blvd” street signs shall be obtained by DPS and installed in addition to the existing street signs.**

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

- F. Resolution No. 2022-089, amending the Fees for shared mobility devices.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to amend the application fee amount to \$5,000**

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

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to amend the application fee amount to \$2,000**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-089 as amended

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

**WHEREAS, in 2019 the City of Ypsilanti adopted ordinance #1332 regulating shared mobility devices and set the fee at \$1 per device per week; and**

**WHEREAS, in 2021 the City processed its first franchise permit applications and discovered the administrative duties associated with regulating shared mobility devices and operators is more time consuming than expected; and**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves amending the fees for shared mobility devices from \$1 per device per week, to \$1 per device per day. Additionally, City Council hereby sets the impound fee per device at \$500 \$2,000.**

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

- G.** Resolution No. 2022-090, approving Contract #22-5056 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for improvements to Washtenaw, Huron, and Michigan Ave.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-090

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

**Whereas, Funds have been programmed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for improvements to Washtenaw Ave, Hamilton Street, Huron Street, and Michigan Avenue including a road diet and a non-motorized cross of I-94 at Huron Street; and,**

**Whereas, it is necessary to enter into a contract with MDOT for the implementation of these projects;**

**WHEREAS, this Council had previously approved a contract for these improvements at its April 5th, 2022 meeting;**

**WHEREAS, MDOT has informed the City that said contract must be withdrawn due to bids significantly higher than anticipated costs;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council rescinds its April 5, 2022 approval of the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 22-5056 and**

**Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the revised and updated Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 22-5056; and**

**THAT Mayor Lois Allen-Richardson and City Clerk Andrew Hellenga are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.**

<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, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jennifer Symanns and Anthony Morgan

- H. Resolution No. 2022-091, approving waiving the additional \$3,426 in fees for the 2022 Juneteenth Celebration.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-091**

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

**Whereas, during the April 5, 2022 City Council approved a resolution to sponsor a Juneteenth Celebration in the amount of \$5,000.**

**WHEREAS, since that time the organizers have requested that the additional fees in the amount of \$3,462 be waived.**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request for additional sponsorship in the amount of \$3,462 of the 2022 Juneteenth Celebration.**

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

- I. Discussion regarding the City Manager and City Clerk Evaluations. (added)

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve resolution No. 2022-093**

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

**WHEERAS, the City Council continue using the same evaluation forms and process for the City Manager and City Clerk from previous years; and**

**WHEREAS, to keep Council members Anthony Morgan, Jennifer Symanns, and Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown as the committee in charge of evaluation forms used by Council; and**

**NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ypsilanti City Council continue the same evaluation process for the City manager and City Clerk.**

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

## **VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS**

### **A. Sustainability Commission**

Beth Gibbons - Reappointment (exp. 5/1/2025)  
183 N Mansfield (Non-resident)  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

### **B. Bicentennial Committee**

Tyler Weston  
302 N Grove St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

### **C. Planning Commission**

Mike Davis Jr. - Reappointment (Exp. 5/1/2025)  
905 Grant St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Matt Dunwoodie - Reappointment (Exp. 5/1/2025)  
201 Oakwood St.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phil Hollifield - Reappointment (Exp. 5/1/2025)  
125 Hawkins  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## **IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Police Advisory Commission 2021 Annual Report

## **X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Police Advisory Commission. **None**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **None**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **Reporting on MParks community service awards. Michigan Active Communities Grant staff and**

**commissioners, and watershed council met to discuss the grant and rough description what the project will be.**

5. Sustainability Commission. **There was a new elected chair. Presentation was given by UofM students on resilience studies.**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

## **XI. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority Meeting on Thursday and will finalize decisions about movies, dumpster murals, and riverside art sell.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **Will open Friday of Memorial Day. Will meet with HR to get staff hired. This Saturday and next Saturday to do landscaping. Received 2 grants.**

## **XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

### **A. Brown**

- Pole # brought up about Ainsworth Circle
- Responsibility regarding equity and equality referencing fee waiver

### **Somerville**

- Earth Day is on Tuesday
  - Sunday From 11-3 Prospect Park Clean up
  - Downtown clean-up on Sunday from 11-3

### **Wilcoxon**

- 4/27 Town Hall for the Pen Dam removal
- 954 Clark 7pm to approve language for the benefits

### **Jones-Chance**

- Oversight on speed bumps on 2nd Ave from Monroe to Watling

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-094**

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

**WHEERAS, the City Council extends the speedbumps on 2nd Avenue between Monroe to Watling Street**

**NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ypsilanti City extends the speedbumps on 2nd Avenue.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown



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

### **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- **Asked about the bike racks**
- **Asked about the street sweeper and asked if the limbs will be picked up**
- **Pointed out potholes in the City**

### **XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### **XV. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Budget First Reading - May 10, 2022 beginning at 6:00 pm

### **XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

**1 member from the public spoke**

### **XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Resolution No. 2022-092, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 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.