



MINUTES

VIRTUAL COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, April 21, 2020

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM, 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 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Wilcoxon removed Resolution No. 2020-084 from the Consent Agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Three people spoke.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2020-080, approving the Consent Agenda.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-081, approving the minutes of April 7, 2020.**
- 2. Resolution No. 2020-082, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**
- 3. Resolution No. 2020-083, approving application for a charitable gaming license for Hope Clinic.**
- 4. Resolution No. 2020-084, approving the updated contract with Passport to provide parking meter payment solutions.**

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No 2020-080.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-081, approving the the minutes of April 7, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of April 7, 2020 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-082, 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>
Cathy Thorburn Reappointment 1212 Sherman Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Parks and Rec	7/1/2023

- d) Resolution No. 2020-083, approving a charitable gaming license for Hope Clinic.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council recognizes the Hope Medical Clinic as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

- e) ~~Resolution No. 2020-084, approving the updated contract with Passport to provide parking meter payment solutions.~~ **(removed from Consent Agenda)**

VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-065, approving an agreement with Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority for the reimbursement of water main costs. **(Tabled April 7th)**

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 City of Ypsilanti has signed a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the City to administer this project; and,

Whereas, the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority (YCUA) has requested that improvements to their water system be included in the project; and,

Whereas, an agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and YCUA is necessary to outline the responsibilities of both parties with regards to cost reimbursement and quality control.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the agreement with YCUA for the reimbursement of water main costs; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2020-065

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-067 approving a Request for Proposals for 206-210 N. Washington. **(postponed March 17th)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, 206-210 N Washington Street was foreclosed on by the Washtenaw County Treasurer for nonpayment of property taxes; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti purchased the property using its Right of First Refusal from the Country Treasurer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the city is seeking at least \$105,000 to replenish the affordable housing fund; and

Whereas, the City is seeking an affordable housing with a preference on senior housing.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the release of the RFP for 206-210 N. Washington.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-067 as amended.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson made a friendly amendment to replace “at least \$105,000” to a “starting bid of \$105,000.”

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. 2020-068, approving the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Ypsilanti DDA. **(Postponed March 17th)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority owns the Maple Street Parking Lot, a valuable part of parking infrastructure in Depot Town; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is implementing a new parking fee collection and enforcement strategy; and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of entering into an agreement to provide maintenance, parking fee collection, parking enforcement, and capital improvements within the lot;

WHEREAS, due to uncertain timelines regarding Amtrak service and shifting demand in the Depot Town area, the parties have agreed to an initial term of one year with one automatic renewal if not cancelled within 60 days of the initial term's conclusion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement entitled Maple Street Lot Maintenance, Enforcement, and Capital Improvements, and authorize the Clerk and Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to remove the automatic renewal.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-068.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-085, authorizing the Director of Public Services to submit a proposal for the 2020 Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Program.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti City Council wishes to expand access to recycling and increase the City's recycling rate; and,

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is seeking proposals to provide matching grants to supplement efforts to increase the statewide recycling rate; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is supportive of adding recycling receptacles in the City's downtown areas and parks; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti will make available a 20% match for the capital expenses associated with the grant proposal if the City is selected;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti authorizes the Director of Public Services to submit a proposal for the 2020 recycling and organics infrastructure grant program to install public recycling containers in city parks and in the downtown areas.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-085.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-086, approving construction engineering for the W. Cross Road project.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, funding has been programmed by both the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City to perform road reconstruction on W. Cross between Courtland and Wallace; and,

Whereas, a contract has been awarded to C & D Hughes to complete the road repairs; and,

Whereas, the City needs to have construction engineering services performed for this road project to ensure quality control measures; and,

Whereas, the City engineer OHM has prepared a proposal to provide such services;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the proposal from OHM for construction engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2020-086.

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

- f) Resolution No. 2020-087, authorizing the City Manager to purchase and provide personal protection equipment (PPE) to aid the resident's of the City of Ypsilanti. (added April 20, 2020)

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

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and

WHEREAS, it is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person and there is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease, and

WHEREAS, the virus has spread across Michigan, bringing deaths in the hundreds, confirmed cases in the thousands, and deep disruption to this state's economy, homes, and educational, civic, social, and religious institutions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti and residents have been particularly impacted and infected with the virus, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti City Council, in light of the COVID 19 pandemic and health crisis to help suppress the spread of COVID-19 and protect the residents of the City of Ypsilanti, and

Pursuant to the police power granted by the Ypsilanti City Charter Section 1.01 and the Michigan Home Rule Cities Act section 117.3j and 117.4i, and the Michigan Supreme Court in Hays v City of Kalamazoo, 316 Mich 443, 453-454 (1947)),

The Ypsilanti City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase and provide personal protection equipment (PPE) to aid all the residents of the City of Ypsilanti to stop or delay the spread of COVID-19 in the community, and the sum of not to exceed \$50,000 is hereby authorized and appropriated.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to postpone Resolution No. 2020-087 to the May 19th meeting.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to reduce the funds to \$5,000 for marks only, to be renewed if supplies run out.

Council Member Symanns, seconded by Council Member Somerville made a friendly amendment to cap the renewals to one.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson did not accept the amendment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson adjusted the amendment to add a cap of three renewals.

Council Member Somerville accepted the change.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to call the question.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to purchase \$5,000 worth of masks to be renewed one time before it returns to Council for approval.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-087 as amended.

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

- g) ~~Resolution No. 2020-088, approving the budget amendment and purchase of \$50,000 for personal protection equipment (PPE). (added April 21st)~~
- h) Resolution No. 2020-084, approving the updated contract with Passport to provide parking meter payment solutions. **(moved from Consent Agenda)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to that entered into a contract with Passport to provide pay-by-phone/app and online permit purchasing solutions;

WHEREAS, Passport has determined that certain changes to the Statement of Work included in the contract were needful to reflect its stable permit software;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the updated Passport statement of work, and authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-084.

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

- i) Discussion regarding city goals/budget in the time of COVID-19.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to extend the meeting until 10:15 p.m. and continue the budget discussion during the May 5th meeting.

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

VII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Somerville

- There has been a delay in the cannabis permitting process.
- Hosted a zoom meeting with Council Member Brown, working on signage to address crowding downtown.
- Council Member Murdock's birthday and anniversary of his passing are coming up.
- Earth Day is coming up.

Brown

- Signage in the downtown to address crowding.

Morgan

- Thanked City for the flowers.

Richardson

- Condolences to Council Member Morgan and others that have not been able to have services.
- Hosting a zoom meeting on Thursday
- Challenged Council to reach out to constituents to respond to the census.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

IX. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Considering what re-opening will look like.
- Grant opportunity with EMU, provided by United Way to provide mobile health services.
- EMU received a letter of intent for purchase of the College of Business.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

a) NOMINATION

Smartzone LDFA

Phil Tepley - **Reappointment**

725 E. Grand

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-089, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

- 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.