



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 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:

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

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: Adding an additional Closed Session MCL 15.268 (e) pending litigation Greenlee v City of Ypsilanti

V CLOSED SESSION 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

- a) Closed Session - MCL 15.268 (e) to discuss pending litigation City of Ypsilanti v Anderson.
- b) Closed Session - MCL 15.268 (e) to discuss pending litigation Greenlee v City of Ypsilanti. (added)

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:02 pm
Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns to return to Open Session at 6:31 pm.
On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting returned to Open Session.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns

SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Evan Sweet, and Michelle King
ABSENT:	Desirae Simmons and Roland Tooson

VI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

VII WORK SESSION

- a) Water Street - Environmental Site Characterization, Targeted Soil Removal, and Future Development - AKT Peerless and Carlisle Wortman
- b) Resolution No. 2023-100, approving a a contract with AKT Peerless for services needed for the development of Water Street.

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has contracted with AKT Peerless to investigate PCB contamination on Water St; and

WHEREAS, the investigations have revealed additional PCB contamination in the former DUR storage yard and in two former marsh land areas and

Whereas, targeting further investigation in these areas will provide the City with the clearest picture of contamination and allow for a targeted approach in remediation of the site and

WHEREAS, AKT Peerless will develop a comprehensive environmental conditions report that will help inform the City's decision-making of the Water St. site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the contract with AKT Peerless for \$1,495,000, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign on behalf of the city, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-100

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

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2023-101, approving the Consent Agenda.

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2023-102, approving the minutes of the May 16, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

2. **Resolution No. 2023-103, approving a CLEMIS/IT agreement with Oakland County.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-101

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

- b) Resolution No. 2023-102, approving the minutes of May 16, 2023.

THAT the minutes of May 16, 2023 City Council Meeting be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2023-103, approving a CLEMIS/IT agreement with Oakland County.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: the I.T. SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT with Oakland County for the period of five years.

The City Manager is authorized to sign the extension agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2023-104, approving Ordinance 1411, An Ordinance entitled, "2023-2024 Tax Levy Ordinance" **(Second Reading)**

That the proposed ordinance entitled "2023-24 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on Second and Final Reading.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-104

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
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. 2023-105, approving Ordinance 1412, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and major Organizational Unit for FY 2022-2023 & FY 2023-2024". **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 and 2023-24, be approved on Second and Final Reading.

FUND	FUND NAME	FY 2022-23			FY 2023-24		
		FUND BALANCE BEG	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE	FUND BALANCE END
101	General Fund	10,040,450	19,130,814.00	(17,757,378.00)	16,198,634.00	(18,073,200.00)	9,539,320
202	Major Street	3,924,761	2,332,622.00	(3,426,930.00)	1,904,983.00	(2,314,066.00)	2,421,370
203	Local Street	1,702,819	642,960.00	(757,859.00)	653,835.00	(767,792.00)	1,473,963
205	Public Safety	216,173	430,000.00	(430,000.00)	430,000.00	(430,000.00)	216,173
226	Garbage and Rubbish Collection	1,180	1,674,814.00	(1,669,263.00)	1,381,157.00	(1,377,048.00)	10,840
248	West Cross	100,834	144,328.00	(87,353.00)	148,321.00	(87,053.00)	219,077
265	Police Special Revenue	64,874	903.00	(11,265.00)	813.00	(11,265.00)	44,060
275	Depot Town Development	307,738	129,729.00	(88,168.00)	133,178.00	(88,852.00)	393,625
304	2016 GOLT Bonds	429	893,580.00	(893,580.00)	900,895.00	(900,895.00)	429
342	2012 UTGO Refunding Bonds	9,963	32.00	0.00	29.00	0.00	10,024
364	2002B W&S Debt \$485 DWRP	0	-	0.00	-	0.00	0
413	Down Town Authority	338,109	445,087.00	(456,377.00)	421,108.00	(309,987.00)	437,940
414	Capital Improvement	475,460	1,159,552.00	(1,274,432.00)	1,190,590.00	(1,186,014.00)	365,156
415	Economic Development Authority	33,173	36,533.00	0.00	37,567.00	0.00	107,273
469	2003D W&S \$3.5M DWRP	0	337,313.00	(337,313.00)	334,125.00	(334,125.00)	0
471	2003C W&S \$785K DWRP	0	51,875.00	(51,875.00)	50,625.00	(50,625.00)	0
473	2004 A Series DDA Cons \$995K	0	162,090.00	(87,360.00)	83,680.00	(83,680.00)	74,730
474	2004B W&S Sew \$5.3M DWRP	0	390,081.00	(390,081.00)	387,166.00	(387,166.00)	0
479	2007 W&W Rev DWRP \$375K	0	17,044.00	(17,044.00)	21,672.00	(21,672.00)	0
480	2008 W&S Disp. Rev \$435K	0	29,044.00	(29,044.00)	28,419.00	(28,419.00)	0
481	2009 W&S Bonds 7249-01	0	11,601.00	(11,601.00)	11,351.00	(11,351.00)	0
482	2012 W&S Factory Pump	824,706	186,000.00	(186,000.00)	182,500.00	(182,500.00)	824,706
483	2013 Rev Refunding Bond	1,625,141	342,650.00	(342,650.00)	335,750.00	(335,750.00)	1,625,141
485	Water Main DWRP 7320-01	0	26,116.00	(26,116.00)	25,616.00	(25,616.00)	0
486	2016 W&S Rev Refunding Bonds	0	1,262,700.00	(1,262,700.00)	1,275,200.00	(1,275,200.00)	0
495	Sidewalk Improvement	153,615	117,623.00	(147,417.00)	117,361.00	(147,889.00)	93,293
514	Parking Fund	34,683	398,408.00	(349,169.00)	360,032.00	(291,858.00)	152,091
588	Public Transit	7,152	322,863.00	(322,863.00)	332,548.00	(332,548.00)	7,152
641	Motorpool	1,014,315	1,295,220.00	(686,533.00)	1,296,773.00	(1,280,740.00)	1,639,035
677	Worker's Compensation Fund	338,058	144,656.00	(233,313.00)	148,408.00	(244,965.00)	152,844
732	Fire and Police Pension	24,328,857	5,034,440.00	(4,632,820.00)	5,086,218.00	(4,632,820.00)	25,133,875
736	Retiree Benefits	9,147,424	1,245,725.00	(1,331,187.00)	1,238,147.00	(1,331,187.00)	8,968,922
477	2006 GO LTD	1,150,450					1,150,450
Grand Total		55,840,365	38,396,398	(37,297,691)	34,666,701	(36,544,283)	55,061,490

Further, that in accordance with Section 19(2) of Public Act 621 of 1978, also known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, parameters are hereby given to allow the City Managers' authority to approve budget transfers between programs within the same fund, and only Council may authorize transfers between funds. Department Heads may transfer funds between accounts within a specific program under their direction with the exception of personnel and capital expenditures, which must be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105A, amending the budget to allocate \$10,000 to the Youth Mini-Grant.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105B, amending the budget to allocate \$500,000 to use for the Department of Public Services Roof Installation.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105C, amending the budget to allocate \$150,000 to use for the City Hall Elevator Installation.

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

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Michelle King, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105D, amending the budget to allocate \$50,000 to the Housing Trust Fund and earmark \$25,000 for Barrier Busters.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Michelle King, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105E, amending the budget to allocate \$30,000 for upgrades to the city tot lots, and \$35,000 to resurface the Rutherford Pool.

RESULT: CARRIED.
MOVER: Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER: Council Member Michelle King
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 Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution NO. 105F, amending the budget to allocate \$250,000 to contract for the inspections of new developments occurring in the city.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105G, amending the budget to remove allocations for financial software, a marijuana consultant, and the EV charging station.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105H, amending to uncommit \$2,000,000 of the General Fund to a train stop.

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 Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Desirae Simmons, to approve Resolution No. 2023-105 as amended

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

- c) Resolution No. 2023-106, approving adjustments to the towing contract and fee schedule with Wall Street Towing.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti contracted with Wall Street Towing, Inc., dba Budget/Stadium Towing for towing services, and

WHEREAS, the contract was extended to July 30, 2024 and the towing company requested contract adjustment and fee adjustment were inadvertently omitted from the legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the towing contract and fee schedule for the towing contract is adjusted as follows:

Owner/Operator

- i. **Additional reasonable fees:**

Current Pricing

New Pricing

i

Extra Charge for Dollies

\$78

\$90

ii

Extra Charge for Disconnecting Linkages

\$45

iii

Extra Charge for Winching (off roadway)

\$150-\$250

iv

Extra Charge for Flatbeds

\$150

\$180

v

Abandons Off Private Property

\$145

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Motorcycles

\$185

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Non-Motorized, wheeled vehicle

Case-by-case

viii

Hourly rate for additional service

\$95

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Drop Fees

\$100

x

Hazardous Materials Fee

\$50

xi

Clean Up

\$50

xii

Storage

\$36

- ii. **Mileage: Mileage shall not be charged for towing from the point of origin to any point within the City. Towing from the point of origin to the towing company's yard shall be no charge. \$3.50 per mile may be charged for mileage driven in excess of five (5) miles from the point of hook up to any other destination.**
1. **Section VIII(E)(2) on page 16 of the RFP and CONTRACTOR's bid shall be amended to read:**
CONTRACTOR shall provide free towing for Class A vehicles, road service and tire changing for all vehicles owned or leased by CITY during the term of this contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide towing for non-Class A vehicles at cost on a case-by-case basis.
2. **Section III(A) on page 11 of the RFP and CONTRACTOR's bid shall be amended to strike the last paragraph and read as follows:**

Upon request of The City of Ypsilanti, the Towing Company shall promptly dispatch suitable equipment to provide appropriate service to designated vehicles.

The City of Ypsilanti agrees to call the Towing Company to service all designated vehicles found within the City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-106

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

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. **Police Advisory Commission** - Met on May 26th. Still in search of youth commissioners. Hoping for more citizen attendance/participation. Looking into sending a commissioner to NACOLE.
2. **Human Relations Commission** - No update.
3. **Arts Commission** - Next meeting on June 8th.
4. **Parks and Recreation Commission** - Next meeting on June 26th.
5. **Sustainability Commission** - Next meeting on June 12th.
6. **Historic District Commission** - No update.
7. **Planning Commission** - No update.
8. **Zoning Board of Appeals** - No update.

XI LIAISON REPORTS

1. **SEMCOG** - No update.
2. **Washtenaw Area Transportation Study** - No update.
3. **Urban County** - Next meeting June 7th.
4. **Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority** - No update.
5. **Friends of Rutherford Pool** - The pool is open. Great turnout at volunteer day. Lots of turnout for swim lessons.
6. **Bicentennial Committee** - Successful selling merchandise at Normal Park Yard Sale. Promotion continues for two upcoming summer events.

XII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- **Council Member Tooson** -
 - The Ballin Initiative presents Youth Day at the Park, 550 Perry Street, June 16th 3-6 PM. 3 on 3 basketball and e-gaming.
- **Council Member J. Symanns** -
 - 7th Annual Unity Walk on June 10th, 10 AM - 3 PM. Fundraiser for restorative justice programs in partnership with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor Office.
 - Thank you Director Wessler for help with delivering signs for the College Heights Neighborhood Association.
- **Council Member Sweet** -
 - Ann Arbor has a volunteer neighborhood snow removal assistance program, look into starting something similar in Ypsilanti.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon** -
 - Further support for the Unity Walk.
 - Expand the snow volunteers program idea to possibly include recycling volunteers.
 - Thank you Director Wessler for filling the sinkhole on Courtland and the alley on Grant Street.
 - Thank you everyone who came to the Memorial Day procession. Nice to celebrate again for the first time in a while.
- **Council Member D. Simmons** -
 - Residents expressing gratitude for a successful tree removal on Charles.
 - Residents like seeing footage of the new recycling cans pickup.
 - Residents concerned about speeding and poor driving behavior.
 - Clark Road groundbreaking went well, lots of excitement for the project.

- Residents requesting an update for 220 N Park and when to expect construction to begin, seems likely this summer?
- Residents concerned about police behavior, will follow up with Chief Moore.
- State coalition forming to repeal rent control prohibition and return control to local hands, hoping to bring this to Ypsilanti.
- Asked Mr. Barr for an update on the lawsuit regarding landlord/tenant handbooks. Mr. Barr said today was the last day to respond, and the city's insurance company filed an answer today. The case will proceed to district court.
- **Council Member King -**
 - HBCU Day at WCC was a big success and hopefully the start of an annual tradition.
 - Juneteenth celebration on June 24th, email communityforall22@gmail.com or call 734-434-8491 for tickets and information.

XIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Juneteenth events all weekend June 16-18.
- City is closed on Monday, June 19 for Juneteenth.
- Will be sending an email from the previous police chief regarding no longer checking for insurance at traffic stops - legal vs justice. Need updates since it has been one year since the email originally went out.
- Thank you council and staff for interesting and challenging conversations around budget.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Thank you mayor and council for passing the budget.
- Thank you budget committee for your hard work.

XV COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Chapter 7 Work Session - June 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

XVI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

XVII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2023-107, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or three (3) members of Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 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.

