



# MINUTES

## VIRTUAL COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 7, 2020

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

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, and Council Member Annie Somerville

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL

### III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

7 people spoke.

### V. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM - TERM EXP. NOVEMBER 9, 2020 (ADDED)

#### a) Election of Mayor Pro-Tem

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to nominate Council Member Brown for Mayor Pro-Tem.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

### VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

#### a) Resolution No. 2020-140, approving the minutes of June 16, 2020.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-140.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown

<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
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- b) Resolution No. 2020-141, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-141.**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-142, approving the Fee Schedule for FY 20-21.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-142.**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-143, authorizing the Fire Chief to purchase a new Fire Chief's Vehicle.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-143.**

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-144, approving the purchase of a vehicle for Environmental Services.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-144**

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

- f) Resolution No. 2020-145, approving a Franchise Agreement with Comcast with a 10 year term. (added)

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-145.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown

<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
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## **VII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

Morgan

- Spoke in favor of the landlord directory mentioned during public comment.
- Attended the Abolitionist Block Party and thanked citizens for their engagement.
- Congratulated to Mayor Richardson and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Brown

- Spoke in support of changing the firework ordinance to match the times of the township.
- Highlighted the successful collaboration with EMU to provide masks.
- Thanked the community for being vocal about their values and what they expect from leaders and members of the community
- Thanked Council for appointing her to Mayor Pro-Tem.

Somerville

- Suggested that the joint City Council and Police Advisory Commission (PAC) meeting be rescheduled to July 23rd, during the regular PAC meeting.

Symanns

- Thanked DPS Director Akers for moving the speed signs around.
- Offered her congratulations to the Mayor and is looking forward to moving forward.

## **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- a) Discussion regarding increasing youth seats on Boards and Commissions to not less than two.

Discussion about adding a second seat to the Police Advisory and Sustainability Commissions was added to the next agenda.

- b) Presented her plan for her first 100 days as Mayor. She will be creating a Race and Equity Cabinet and asked Council for membership suggestions.
- c) Youth Town Hall is upcoming.

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

- a) Upcoming racism, unconscious bias, and microaggression training for staff and Council
- b) Movie in the park on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 p.m.

## **X. COMMUNICATIONS**

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2020-145, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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.