



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Annie Somerville, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Evan Sweet

**ABSENT:** None

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

### II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to excuse Mr. Brian Jones-Chance. 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

A. Agenda amendment

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to postpone Ordinances 1395 and 1396 until August 9th.**

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

B. Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns to approved the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

15 members from the public spoke.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Parks and Recreation Programming/Facilities Update - Christopher Jacobs, Community Development Director

**VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING - POSTPONED UNTIL 8/9/2022**

- A. ~~Ordinance 1395, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 845 Clark Rd."~~
- ~~1. Resolution No. 2022-154, determination.~~
  - ~~2. Public Hearing.~~
  - ~~3. Resolution No. 2022-155, closing the public hearing.~~
- B. ~~Ordinance 1396, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 945 Clark Rd."~~
- ~~1. Resolution No. 2022-156, determination.~~
  - ~~2. Public Hearing.~~
  - ~~3. Resolution No. 2022-157, closing the public hearing.~~

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Resolution No. 2022-158, approving the Consent Agenda.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-158**

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

**That the following items be approved:**

- 1. Resolution No. 2022-159, approving the minutes of June 21st and July 7th, 2022.**
- 2. Resolution No. 2022-160, approving Ordinance 1395, and Ordinance entitled "Planned Unit Development: Financial Services Use at 611 W. Cross St. (Second Reading)**
- 3. Resolution No. 2022-161, adding an additional entity to the Community Benefits Agreement/Emergency Services Agreement for 845 and 945 Clark Road.**

<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>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Annie Somerville, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet

- B. Resolution No. 2022-159, approving the minutes of June 21, 2022.

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

**THAT the minutes of June 21st and July 7th 2022 be approved.**

- C. Resolution No. 2022-160, approving Ordinance 1395, and Ordinance entitled "Planned Unit Development: Financial Services Use at 611 W. Cross St. (Second Reading)

**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 Ypsilanti is a "great place to do business, especially the green and creative;" and**

**WHEREAS, the applicant, Eastern Michigan University Credit Union, 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 "EMUCU Planned Unit Development" and approve the associated Planned Unit Development Agreement on Second and Final Reading.**

- D. Resolution No. 2022-161, adding an additional entity to the Community Benefits Agreement/Emergency Services Agreement for 845 and 945 Clark Road.

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

**Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti passed a community benefits ordinance in 2018 to allow the community to negotiate benefits when an incentive is requested; and**

**Whereas, an incentive was requested in November 2021 by Lincoln Avenue Capital; and**

**Whereas, the CBO Committee met five times over the past two months to negotiate a community benefits with the developer; and**

**Whereas, a public hearing was held on May 24, 2022 on the Community Benefits Agreement; and**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve Community Benefits Agreement and Emergency Services agreement for 845-945 Clark Rd with Clark Road Senior Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and Clark Road Family Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreements.**

## IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2022-150, approving the Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. **(Tabled June 21st)**

**Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns to remove Resolution No. 2022-150 from the table. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-150**

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

**That the attached fee schedule is adopted pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and the following fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City are hereby established, and the various City Departments are authorized to charge and collect such fees effective immediately.**

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

- B. Resolution No. 2022-162, approving the request to waive park rental fees for the 2022 Ypsilanti Fire Truck Muster.

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-162**

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

**Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy, and pursuant to the policy, the City may provide financial support for an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and**

**Whereas, this year the Ypsilanti Fire Truck Muster will take place Saturday, August 27th at Riverside Park; and**

**Whereas, the Ypsilanti Fire Truck Muster event organizer is requesting that the City waive their park rental fees for the 2022 event; and**

**WHEREAS, City Council agrees that waiving the park rental fees for the 2022 Ypsilanti Fire Truck Muster would be in the general interest of the public and advance the City's public image;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to waive the park rental fees for the 2022 Ypsilanti Fire Truck Muster in the amount of \$1,185.**

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

- C. Resolution No. 2022-163, approving the 2022-2023 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-163**

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

**THAT, the premium for the Property and Liability insurance renewal for the City of Ypsilanti effective August 1, 2022-2023 with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool be approved in the amount of \$394,860.00 be approved.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign and approve payment of the invoice.**

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

- D. Resolution No. 2022-164, approving a contract with Government Consulting Services Inc.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen to amend the agreement at the term of \$36,000. - Motion Withdrawn**

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to postpone Resolution No. 2022-164 until 1st meeting in August**

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

- E. Resolution No, 2022-165, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-165**

**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>NAME</b>	<b>BOARD</b>	<b>EXPIRATION</b>
<b>Shannon Baer</b> <b>(New Appointment)</b> <b>1212 N Congress St.</b> <b>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>5/1/2025</b>

<b>Lola Malmer</b> <b>(Youth Member)</b> <b>913 Pleasant Drive</b> <b>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</b>	<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>7/1/2023</b>
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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Annie Somerville, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet

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

### **A. Bicentennial Committee**

Madelynnne Brown  
108 Babbitt Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

### **B. Parks and Recreation**

Tarik Fermin - **Youth Seat (Exp. 7/1/2023)**  
2116 Roosevelt Street  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Dillon Navarre - **Reappointment (Exp. 7/1/2025)**  
10 S Huron #2S  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Blake Harrity - New Appointment (Exp. 7/1/2025) (Added 7/12/22)**  
**322 Vinewood Ct.**  
**Ypsilanti, MI 48198**

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to reappointment Dillon Navarre**

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

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to nominate Tarik Fermin to Parks and Recreation Commission**

<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>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Annie Somerville, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to nominate Blake Harrity (Parks and Recreation Commission) and Eric Mohamed (Police Advisory Commission)**

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

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to nominate Madelynne Brown to the Bicentennial Committee**

<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, Annie Somerville, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet

- C. Police Advisory Commission (added 7/11/22)**  
Eric Diamond Mohamed - New Appointment (Exp. 2/1/2025)  
1470 Kingwood St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**XI. BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS**

- A.** Police Advisory Commission Resolution No. 2022-001, requesting council become a member of The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)

**XII. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Police Advisory Commission. **None**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **None**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **None**
5. Sustainability Commission. **None**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

### **XIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. SEMCOG Update **A meet up on Thursday and a tour of downtown Port Huron**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **Meeting next week**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **None**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **None**

### **XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

#### **Jones-Chance**

- **Questioned postponed the Clark Rd development**
- **Need a report on how much the city will lose. More info on the financial impact of the development also report**

#### **Wilcoxon**

- **None**

#### **Somerville**

- **Asked question about potential date for having the 845 & 945 Clark Rd development. Deeply disappointed this was tabled.**

#### **Symanns**

- **She would be shocked if the developers walks away if there is postponed for 2 meetings**

#### **Brown**

- **None**

#### **Symanns**

- **Thanked DPS and City Manger for their assistance in the past rainfall**
- **Get the employee reviews to her ASAP**

#### **Sweet**

- **Thanked Council for appointing him**

### **XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- **Encouraged everyone to attend the jazz festival**

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



## **XVII. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Potential dates for Council Meeting on EMU Campus
- September 13th
  - September 27
  - October 4th
  - October 18
- B. City Council and Police Advisory Commission Joint Meeting, Thursday, July 28, 2022

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

1 member from the public spoke

## **XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

## **XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM**

- A. Resolution No. 2022-166, adjourning the City Council Meeting.
- 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.