



# ACTION MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 7:00 PM, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem 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 7:00 p.m.

## II. ROLL CALL

## III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Somerville moved to place Resolution 2020-154A before Resolution No. 2020-150.

The agenda was approved as amended.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Six people spoke.

## V. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation Honoring Congressman John Lewis (added)
- b) Community Policing Plan 2020 and Beyond - Police Chief Tony DeGiusti
- c) Municipal Employee Retirement System of Michigan Presentation

## VI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance No. 1295, An Ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code Article IV - Boards and Commissions, Division 6 – Police Advisory Commission, Section 2-182 – appointment and terms, expending youth membership to two members.
  1. Resolution No. 2020-148, determination
  2. Public Hearing
  3. Resolution No. 2020-149, close the public hearing.

Mayor Richardson moved to open the public hearing.

One person spoke.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-149.**

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

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-148.**

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

## VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-154A, approving the 2020-2021 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal (added)

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-154A.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-150, approving the minutes of July 7, 2020.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution 2020-150.**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-151, approving the process for filling the vacancy in Ward 1.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-151.**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-152, approving a contract between the Fire and Police Pension Board and the City of Ypsilanti.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-152.**

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-153, approving a contract between Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) and the City of Ypsilanti.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-153.**

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

- f) Resolution No. 2020-154, supporting the passage of the Washtenaw County Road Millage.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-154.**

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

## VIII. BOARDS AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Sustainability Commission Resolution No. 2020-002 - Including Pollinator-friendly plants on private properties. (added)

## IX. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - NOMINATIONS

- a) Police Advisory Commission

Renee Echols - New Appointment (Exp 2/1/2023) (added)  
306 Javris  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Colleen Kennedy - New Appointment (Exp 2/1/2023) (added)  
805 Charles St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

## X. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Morgan

- Supported a race relations research paper through EMU
- YCUA meeting is on July 27th.
- Looking into ranked choice voting.

- Traffic calming on Cross St
- Will be sitting down with Mr. Yapp.

#### Somerville

- In favor of adjustments to noxious weed ordinance
- Concerns about speeding, especially on River. Suggested more signage and leading by example.

#### Brown

- Speeding is a city-wide issue.
- Interested in being Council Liaison for the Police Advisory Commission
- Neighborhood near Perry school has habitual issues with DTE that needs to be addressed.

**Council Member Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to extend the meeting until 10:15. Motion carried.**

#### Symanns

- None

#### Wilcoxon

- In favor of having council liaisons on all commissions.
- Sustainability Commission is working on social and environmental justice resolution that will be brought before Council soon.
- Sustainability Commission is also working on Sustainability Plan which is part of the Master Plan.
- There have been complaints about noise in Depot Town and Washington Street.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- a) Call about people living in the city-owned building on Huron St. and asked for status of the building. Economic Development Director Meyers stated there is a Request for Proposals due back in August. He stated that there have been recent tours and has not seen evidence of habitation.
- b) Request for speed bumps on Burton Ct.
- c) Requested nominations for people to serve on the Race and Equity Cabinet.
- d) Discussion regarding AAATA cut of service in Ward 1

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

## **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Multi-jurisdiction Combined Absent Voter Count Board - Clerk Hellenga (added)

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

- a)** Resolution No. 2020-155, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 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.