



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: 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: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

II ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved, seconded Council Member Tooson to excuse the absence of Council Member Symanns.

On a voice vote, the motion was carried, and the absence was excused

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 submitted

V PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Six members of the public spoke

VI CONSENT AGENDA

a) Resolution No. 2023-145, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-145

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

- b) Resolution No. 2023-146, approving the minutes of the July 25, 2023 City Council meeting.
- c) Resolution No. 2023-147 approving the declaration to Turn the Town Teal for cervical cancer awareness.
- d) Resolution No. 2023-148, approving alternative meeting dates for the July and December Board of Review Meetings.
- e) Resolution No. 2023-149, approving Rachel Frye, HR Director, to represent the City of Ypsilanti as Officer delegate at the Municipal Employees' Retirement Systems Conference.
- f) Resolution No. 2023-149A, approving an previously budgeted amount for the motor rebuild of Engine 1 to be used by the Fire Department. (added)

VII RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2023-150, approving brownfield funding mechanism for Water Street.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Michelle King, to approve Resolution No. 2023-150

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

- b) Resolution No. 2023-143, approving a proposal with Carlisle Wortman for planning services. **(tabled)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023- 143 option 1

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

- c) Resolution No. 2023-151, approving Ordinance 1408, an ordinance entitled "Amending Chapter 7 of the Ypsilanti City Code" **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-151

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

- d) Resolution No. 2023-152, approving Ordinance 1417, an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to repeal Chapter 78 Parks and Public Property, sections 78-46 to sections 78-51; and Chapter 79 Public Art, sections 79-1 to 79-8 of the Ypsilanti City Code and add Chapter 80 Parks and Art to the Ypsilanti City Code ". **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023-152

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

- e) Resolution No. 2023-153, extending the deadline of the negotiation of the community benefits agreement of 206-210 N Washington to September 20, 2023.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-153

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

- f) Resolution No. 2023-154, approving the sale of alcohol for the Bicentennial Celebration on August 19, 2023.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-154

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

- g) Resolution No. 2023-155, approving sponsorship in the amount of \$1,200 for the Parkridge Summer Festival and Joe Dulin Community Day.

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Desirae Simmons, to approve Resolution No. 2023-155

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

- h) Resolution No. 2023-156, approving a memorandum of agreement with the Washtenaw County Sheriff for temporary investigative assistance. (added)

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-156

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

- i) Discussion regarding the evaluations of the City Manager and City Clerk (added)

VIII BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission.
2. Human Relations Commission.
3. Arts Commission.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Sustainability Commission.
6. Historic District Commission.
7. Planning Commission.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals

IX LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
3. Urban County
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool
6. Bicentennial Committee

X COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four members of the public spoke

XIV REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XV ADJOURNMENT

- a)** Resolution No. 2023-156, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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.