



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance (7:05 PM)

ABSENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

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 and Council Member Jennifer Symanns. 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

23 members from the public spoke

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation from Government Consulting Services Inc (GCSI) - Desmond Miller, GCSI

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

A. Ordinance 1395, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 845 Clark Rd." Postponed July 12, 2022

1. Resolution No. 2022-154, determination
2. Public Hearing **5 members from the public spoke**.
3. Resolution No. 2022-155, closing the public hearing

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-154

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 845 W. Clark." be approved on First Reading.

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

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-155. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Public Hearing for an Ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 845 W. Clark." be officially closed.

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

B. Ordinance 1396, an ordinance entitled "PILOT for 945 Clark Rd." Postponed July 12, 2022

1. Resolution No. 2022-156, determination
2. Public Hearing **5 members from the public spoke**
3. Resolution No. 2022-157, closing the public hearing

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, too approve Resolution No. 2022-156

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 945 W. Clark." be approved on First Reading.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Evan Sweet

SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
NAYS:	Steven Wilcoxon
ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-157. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Brian Jones -Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon seconded to extend the meeting until 11:30 PM.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Public Hearing for an Ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – 945 W. Clark." be officially closed.

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

- C.** Ordinance 1398, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of marihuana business permits within the City of Ypsilanti for a period of 180 Days".
1. Resolution No. 2022-177, determination
 2. Public Hearing **2 members from the public spoke.**
 3. Resolution No. 2022-178, closing the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-177

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council determines that further review and study of the marihuana business permit ordinances, Chapter 7 of the city code, number and location and buffers, and the Ypsilanti Zoning Ordinance is necessary, and

WHEREAS, City Council determines that an emergency moratorium prohibiting permits or licenses for 180 days is necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, City Council determines that the moratorium should be given immediate effect as an emergency ordinance under City Charter Section 2.11,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of marihuana permits under Chapter 7 and Chapter 122 of the Ypsilanti City Code for a period of 180 days is adopted and given immediate effect.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-178. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for an ordinance to impose a moratorium on the issuance of marihuana permits under Chapter 7 and Chapter 122 of the Ypsilanti City Code for a period of 180 days be officially closed.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A.** Resolution No. 2022-179, approving the minutes of July 26, 2022.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-179

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of July 26, 2022 be approved.

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

- B.** ~~Resolution No. 2022-139, appointing Valory Brown to the Downtown Development Authority.~~
- C.** Resolution No. 2022-180, approving a purchase agreement for 220 N Park with Renovare Development Inc.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-180

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LAND CONTRACT WITH RENOVARE YPSILANTI HOMES LLC.

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti owns the 220 N. Park property and is in the process of working with Renovare Development to redevelop the site; and

Whereas, Public Engagement Sessions happened on the conceptual site plan in June 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council approved the development concept proposed by Renovare Development and directed staff to enter into negotiations with the developer in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, the city entered into an option agreement on October 5, 2021, for the property; and

WHEREAS, the city approved Community Benefits Agreement with the developer after 3 months of public meetings to discuss the public benefits agreement that would be granted to the community from this development.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the Land contract for the sale of 220 North Park Street with Renovare Ypsilanti Homes LLC and directs the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Land Contract.

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

- D. Resolution No. 2022-181, approving Ordinance 1397, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 10 - Amusements and Entertainments, Article VI - Events, Division 2 - Permits" of the City Code. **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-181

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, City Council wishes to encourage community event programming in our parks system and city facilities; and

Whereas, the City does not have a Parks and Recreation Department dedicated to developing such community event programming internally; and

Whereas, a community events policy has been successful in utilizing the Freighthouse for free community event programming developed by external partners; and

Whereas, the hardship fee waiver process has not been effective for reviewing these requests over the last several years; and

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council amends Chapter 10 – Amusements and Entertainments, Article VI – Events, Division 2 – Permits of the City Code of Ordinances on Second and Final Reading.

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

- E. Resolution No. 2022-182, opposing the installation, or use of red-light license plate readers in the City of Ypsilanti and neighboring communities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-182

RESOLUITON TO OPPOSE INSTALLATION AND OR USE OF ELECTRONIC

LICENSE PLATE SCANNING DEVICES IN THE CITY OF YPSILANTI
IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The installation or use of installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices by local, county and state law enforcement is opposed for the following reasons:

- 1. installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices are an invasion of privacy.**

THEREFORE, the Ypsilanti City Council opposes the installation or use of electronic license plate scanning devices in the City of Ypsilanti and all neighboring municipalities and respectfully requests a careful review of the studies and literature before any action. And if action is contemplated, that the question be put to a vote of the people.

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

- F. Resolution No. 2022-183, approving MDOT Contract #22-5296 Rehabilitation of Structure #11090 - Forest St. Bridge.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2022-183

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the rehabilitation of the Forest Avenue Bridge is programmed for construction year 2023 in the current 3-year TIP; and

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the implementation of this project; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 19-5640; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.

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

- G. Resolution No. 2022-184, accepting an MNRTF Grant for completion of the Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility Project.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-184

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

The City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, does hereby accept the terms of the project agreement for TF21-0187, Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility, as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DEPARTMENT), and that the City of Ypsilanti does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide One Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the applicant commits \$44,000 of said local match from its own resources and additional confirmed funds from the following sources:

- **Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, \$100,000**

- Huron River Watershed Council \$4,800 cash and \$4,800 in-kind
- Washtenaw County Water Resources, \$2,000 in-kind

2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.

3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.

4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.

5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

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

H. Resolution No. 2022-185, approving a nomination policy for boards and commissions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-185

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS; during the November 3, 2020 General Election two Charter Amendments were approved extended the ability to nominate to boards and commission from only the Mayor to the Mayor or two Council Members; and

WHEREAS; a policy is needed so that the Open Meetings Act is adhered to and action of the public body is done in open session.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the following nominating process for boards and commissions:

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. **Nominations for appointment to boards and commissions by the mayor or two members of City Council shall be submitted to the City Clerk.**
2. **In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, nominations and request for support shall not be published or circuited by e-mail.**
3. **Council members shall secure the approval on at least one other Council member before submitting a nomination to the City Clerk.**

4. **The City Clerk shall put notice of the nomination on the next regular Council agenda.**
5. **A confirmation vote on the nomination shall occur at the next regular City Council meeting after the notice meeting.**
6. **An affirmative vote of at least 4 Council members is needed to confirm the appointment.**

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

- I. Resolution No. 2022-186, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-186

**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:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
<u>Julia Collins</u> <u>(Reappointment)</u> <u>206 Oak Street</u> <u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u>	<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	<u>7/1/2025</u>

<u>Arieona Klaus</u> <u>(New Appointment)</u> <u>208 Ballard</u> <u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u>	<u>Bicentennial Committee</u>	<u>Until Bicentennial</u>
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RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Evan Sweet, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

A. Human Relations Commission

Kira Mather Crowner
10 Hemphill Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. **None**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **Meets this Thursday**

4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **None**
5. Sustainability Commission. **Met last night. Great to see 2 new members during the meeting.**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**
9. Bicentennial Committee **Meet at the end of the month. Planning fundraiser**

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County – **Washtenaw County will put together a subcommittee to update the assessment on Fair Housing Plan.**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **None**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **None**

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

BJC

- **None**

Wilcoxon

- **Asked that a meeting be scheduled a to review the Community Benefits Ordinance this coming October.**

Somerville

- **None**

Brown

- **Voice her support for Council Member Annie Somerville and objected to comments made during Audience Participation**
- **Informed City Council that the Fedup Food Truck would provide free food each Wednesday between 1:30-2:30 located at the Ypsilanti Transit Center.**

Sweet

- **Thanked the Clerk's Office for their work during the Primary Election.**

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- **Asked if there has been any movement with the proposed broadband project.**
- **Asked if the city is in actually in danger of losing an additional five police officers.**

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- **Stated that labor negotiations are moving forward with the collective bargaining units in the city.**

- **Stated she has been working to develop solid retention and recruitment strategies for city staff.**
- **Stated that she will be providing an update on issues facing the Police Department to City Council.**

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1 member from the public spoke

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A.** Resolution No. 2022-187, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 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.