



MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 11, 2020

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, August 11, 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 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Three people spoke.

V. WARD 1 VACANCY INTERVIEWS

Interview Questions:

1. Given this seat is being filled by vote of council, rather than your constituents, how do you plan to represent Ward 1? That is, where do you find yourself on the spectrum between representing the opinions of your constituents versus representing your opinions? What do you do when those two are not congruent?
2. Given the short duration of this appointment and the typical learning curve for a new council member, how do you see your roll differently than if this were a full term? What will you focus on?
3. If someone came to you with a proposal to build a new piece of public infrastructure in our city (road, bridge, etc) how would you evaluate whether that project was worth implementing?
4. Explain the difference between diversity, equity, and inclusion and how you see these interplay in Ypsilanti?
5. How long have you been a resident of Ward 1 and (in your view) what positive and negative changes have you seen in your time living here; how much of the history of Ward 1 do you know and what do you see could be done to see the glory restored?
6. What would be your priorities for changes to Improve life for the residents and to make Ward 1 a more desirable place to live?

7. How will you navigate working effectively with staff?
8. How will you communicate information to the community?
9. What role have you played within a team when you had a very short time to make a credible impact, where was it and what was the outcome?
10. How pro Ypsilanti have you been as a citizen and what ways have you contributed to the overall betterment of the City?
11. What do you believe is the single most compelling issue facing the City of Ypsilanti?
12. Please tell us about any other activities, specialized skills, knowledge, or professional experience that would contribute to your effectiveness in serving on City Council.

- a) Toi Dennis - 7:00 pm
- b) Lawrence Wartley - 7:35 pm
- c) Brian Jones-Chance - 8:10 pm

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to vote on the Ward 1 Council Seat on the 18th.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.