



MINUTES

WORK SESSION Meeting

7:00 PM - Thursday, August 26, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The WORK SESSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County) 8:00 PM, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Mayor Lois Richardson (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Council Member Anthony Morgan (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), and Council Member Annie Somerville (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County).

Commissioner Andy Fanta (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti),
Commissioner Herman Humes (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti),
Commissioner Gail Wolkoff (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti),
Commissioner Renee Echols (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti) 9:00 PM

ABSENT: Mr. Brian Jones Chance
Commissioner Kathleen McCormick
Commissioner Precious Turman

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones Chance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Renee Echols move, seconded by Herman Humes to excuse Commissioner Kathleen McCormick. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to add 2 items to the agenda. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

1. Discussion of high-speed chase

2. Discussion of data and transparency

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville to approve the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

2 members from the public spoke.

V. WORK SESSION

- A) Biannual Joint Meetings between City Council and the Police Advisory Commission.
- B) Potential Amendment to Ordinance 1295.
 - 1. Develop programs and strategies to promote positive police/community relations and to provide opportunities for expanded discussions, improved understanding, and innovative ways of resolving differences. The development of these will create and/or restore trust with the community, have policy oversight, raise personnel standards, and create transparency.
 - 2. Add "Authority" to the ordinance and create how the commission will demonstrate our authority to the Chief of Police and to City Council and the City Manager.
- C) Develop metrics to show the success of the Police Advisory Commission.
- D) Discussion regarding strategies on how to prevent hiring officers that were fired from other jurisdictions.
- E) Discussion regarding high-speed chase. **(Added)**
- F) Discussion regarding data and transparency. **(Added)**

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- A) Closed Session to discuss pending litigation – MCL 15.268 (e) Ypsilanti Art Theatre Corp v the City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to adjourned into a closed session.

The meeting was adjourned into a closed session at 9:14 PM

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

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan to reconvened to open session 10:04 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.