



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 5, 2023  
Council Chambers

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers.

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, 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:**

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

### 2 ROLL CALL

### 3 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.

### 4 AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member King requested to move Item H, a discussion regarding housing and community safety, to the top of the Resolutions/Motions/Discussions section.

Council Member J. Symanns moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Tooson. On a voice vote, the motion carried.  
Yes - 7, No - 0

### 5 PRESENTATIONS

### 6 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Thirty-six members of the public made comments.

### 7 ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1409, an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend City Code section 78-100(13) to prohibit smoking in city buildings and tot-lot playgrounds and within 15 feet of any play structure in any city park."
  - 1. Resolution No. 2023-160, determination
  - 2. Public Hearing
  - 3. Resolution No. 2023-161, closing the public hearing

**Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023-160.**

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

**Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-161.**

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

## 8 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2023-162, approving the Consent Agenda.

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-162.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2023-163, approving the Minutes of the August 1st and August 8th, 2023, City Council meetings.
- c) Resolution No. 2023-164, approving John S. Gilbreath Jr. as an Administrative Hearings Bureau Officer.
- d) Resolution No. 2023-165, approving Daniel DuChene as an Administrative Hearings Bureau Officer.
- e) Resolution No. 2023-166, approving Jacob Hutchins as the city's MERS delegate.
- f) Resolution No. 2023-167, approving the extension of the Grace Sweeney Solar Rebate Program for 5 years.

## 9 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Discussion regarding housing and community safety

**Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to extend the meeting time to 11:00 PM.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2023-168, approving a Fireworks Display Permit at Eastern Michigan University on November 14th, 2023.

**Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2023-168.**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2023-169, approving a process for Letters of Agreement with collective bargaining groups.

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-169.**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2023-170, approving a Letter of Agreement regarding DPS Overtime

**Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-170.**

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

- e) Resolution No. 2023-171, approving Aaron Smith as Acting City Clerk and approving pay adjustments for the Acting City Manager and Acting City Clerk.

**Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2023-171.**

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

- f) Resolution No. 2023-172, approving a service and budget for the Executive Search for the City Manager position.

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-172 naming Amy Cell Talent to perform the executive search with a budget not to exceed \$18,500.**

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

**g) Resolution No. 2023-173, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2023-173.**

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

**h) Resolution No. 2023-174, approving a mill and overlay of the N Adams Parking Lot in partnership with YCUA.**

**Council Member King moved, seconded by Council Member Tooson, to amend the resolution to add that the city's portion shall not exceed \$50,000. On a voice vote, the amendment carried.**

**Yes - 7, No - 0**

**Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2023-174 as amended.**

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

## **10 BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS**

## **11 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

## **12 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

### **13 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**Council Member King moved, seconded by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting time to 11:30 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**Yes - 7, No - 0**

### **14 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **15 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### **16 COMMUNICATIONS**

### **17 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

**Two members of the public made comments.**

### **18 REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

### **19 ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2023-175, adjourning the City Council Meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 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.**