



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti) 6:55 PM, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to move Resolution 2021-187 and 2021-189 to section 10. On a voice vote the motion carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

- 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 Annie Somerville, to enter a closed session. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM

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

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to reconvene to an open session and take a 5-minute recess (7:06 PM). One a voice vote, the motion carried.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

2 members from the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation - Mayor Richardson

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Redevelopment Liquor License for 101 W. Michigan Ave.
1. Resolution No. 2021-174, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2021-175, close the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-174

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-175

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

VIII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A. Ordinance No. 1380 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal rates.
1. Resolution No. 2021-176, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2021-177, close the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-176

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-177

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

B. Ordinance No. 1381 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates.

1. Resolution No. 2021-178, determination
2. Open Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2021-179, close the public hearing

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-178

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-179

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

C. Ordinance No. 1382 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance entitled Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: Permissible uses and dimensional modification for residential zones".

1. Resolution No. 2021-180, determination
2. Open Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2021-181, close the public hearing

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-180

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon

AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Brian Jones-Chance, and Annie Somerville
ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-181

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

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2021-182, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-182

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

- B. Resolution No. 2021-183, approving the minutes of August 17, 19, 26, 2021.
- C. Resolution No. 2021-184, approving appointments to boards and commissions.
- D. Resolution No. 2021-185, approving the appointment of the Administrative Hearings Bureau Officer.
- E. Resolution No. 2021-186, approving the purchase of three police vehicles from Gorno Ford.
- F. Resolution No. 2021-188, approving the subrecipient agreement between the City and Washtenaw County for the Community Development Block Grant Ramp Program.
- G. Resolution No. 2021-190, approving Ordinance 1379, an ordinance for a Zoning Text Amendment - Adult Use **(Second Reading)**.

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2021-191, approving a Special Event fee waiver for a Domestic Violence Walk Event.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-191

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

- B. Resolution No. 2021-192, approving a special events fee waiver for the Global LOVE is the Answer Reconciliation Day.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-192

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

- C. ~~Resolution No. 2021-193, approving the placement and design of a LOVE is the Answer Reconciliation Day Mural. (removed)~~
- D. Resolution No. 2021-194, adjusting the fees associated with the downtown parking permits.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-194

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

- E. Resolution No. 2021-195, approving a budget amendment to accommodate the additional solid waste collection fees resulting from the June flooding incident.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-195

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

- F. Resolution No. 2021-187, approving the award of the Community Development Block Grant Ramp Program.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-187

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

- G. Resolution No. 2021-189, approving Ordinance 1378, an ordinance to amend the drug paraphernalia ordinance **(Second Reading)**.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member

Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-189

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

XI. BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

A. Ypsilanti Housing Commission (Replacing Heidi Frankhauser Exp. 12/18/2023)

Melvin Parson - **New Member**
806 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Anthony Williamson - **New Member**
Non-Resident
8157 Starling Court
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Michael Simmons - **New Member**
432 Jefferson St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

B. Human Relations Commission (Exp. 7/1/2024)

Edward Robinson - **New Member**
843 Madison
Ypsilanti, Mi 48197

XII. BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. 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

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS

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

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- A. September is Voter Registration Month
- B. September is National Preparedness Month

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Article VII - Community Benefits, Section 30-549. - Article review: termination.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2021-196, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Mr. Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steve Wilcoxon to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 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.