



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Beth Bashert, Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Nicole Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, and Council Member Annie Somerville

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II ROLL CALL**

**III INVOCATION**

**IV 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.

**V AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved as submitted

**VI INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Bashert introduced the following people: City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, City Attorney John Barr, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, DPS Director Ron Akers, YCS Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross, YCS School Board President Celeste Hawkins, Human Relations Commissioner George Hagenauer, and Sustainability Commissioner Bryan Foley.

**VII PRESENTATIONS**

A. Dale Fisher Art Donation - Heide Otto  
Resolution No. 219-212A, accepting the donation of Dale Fisher.

Dale Fisher spoke about his upcoming book about the City of Ypsilanti and presented Council with two pieces of artwork.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member**

## **Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2019-212A**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

### **B. Ypsilanti Community Schools Presentation - Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross**

Superintendent Alena Zachary-Ross, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez, Board President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Human Resources Director Sue McCarty, and MI-Excel Blueprint Facilitator Turquoise Neal provided a brief update about Ypsilanti Community Schools and recent changes.

Mayor Bashert commended them for their strong united message and programs. Mayor Pro-Tem congratulated the board for all their work and stated that Ypsilanti has always had a strong school system. Council Member Morgan thanked the Board for all their hard work.

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

1. George Hagenauer, 309 N Grove, provided some background for the Human Relations Commission resolution. He stated that he is part of the HRC and thinks communication among the commissions and council could be improved, and that job descriptions would help give the commission more focus. He appreciated the YCS presentation.
2. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, stated that the HRC resolution was presented in an effort to make the boards and commissions appointment process more transparent. She offered some other suggestions about how to improve the process and formally requested to be reappointed to the HRC.
3. Brian Foley, 425 Ainsworth, read a brief statement prepared by Pastor George Waddles. He spoke about the effects of marijuana.
4. Bill Teeppen, 718 Lowell, stated that the City can do better in regards to the Community Benefits Ordinance. He suggested that the City work with business leaders and the Riverside Arts Center.
5. John Hollingsworth, 4463 Hunt Club Apts, expressed concerns about the placement of marijuana retailers and youth access to marijuana. He stated that drugs are an issue for areas experiencing blight.
6. Darrell Stavros, stated that many people with medical marijuana cards did not want to renew their medical cards. He added that they have been in the community for 11 years and has had a positive effect.
7. Kevin Hawkins, 2399 Draper Ave, asked where the money generated from marijuana facilities is invested back into the community and the schools.
8. Brian Montgomery, 848 Berkshire Dr, stated that he has seen his community suffer from over-policing and disproportionate rates of arrests due to the use of marijuana. He added that there are no black owners of marijuana facilities and asked for representation in recreational cannabis business ownership.
9. Adam Tasselmyer, 124 W Michigan, stated that a severe car accident which led to an opioid addiction. Marijuana helped him get off the opioids and saved him from a cancer diagnosis. He added that his business has helped the community.
10. Ros Lett, stated that she supports medical marijuana, but does not support

- recreational because of the effects on children and unknown side effects.
11. Jeff Cifor, 33 E Cross, stated that 82% of constituents voted for recreational marijuana.
  12. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated that he was glad to see that the flags were taken down. A man was hit crossing the street in front of Towne Center after he asked for a senior crossing sign. He listed some properties that need attention.
  13. Brian Geiringer, Ethics Board Member, encouraged the mayor to reappoint Amber Fellows to the HRC. He stated that if she is not reappointed, this would be the third person of color to not be reappointed by the mayor.
  14. Lee Stimpson, 401 W Michigan, asked Council to park some police cars to deter speeding on Hamilton in front of Towne Center or do something else to increase safety.
  15. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, stated that neighborhoods should be able to prevent marijuana facilities in specific areas, but there should also be places where people can buy and consume legally. She asked about enforcement over EMU. She stated that public comment should occur prior to presentations. She spoke in favor of the reappointment of Amber Fellows and a more transparent commission appointment process. She stated that pedestrian safety is a top concern.
  16. Valerie Tooson, 107 Middle, stated that speeding is an issue on Hamilton and the City needs to care about senior citizens living in Towne Center. This is a community issue and asked that they do what it takes to protect its citizens.
  17. Srikar Chiravuri, The Cream Inc, spoke about their upcoming programming. He stated that illuminated crosswalk signs have helped the speeding issue in other places.
  18. Isaac Levine, Ward 2, spoke in opposition to the proposed parking strategy in Downtown and Depot Town because it can become cost-prohibitive. He mentioned the *What's Left* article about black commissioners not being reappointed. He also spoke in favor of Amber Fellows' reappointment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson addressed the residents who spoke about the speeding on Hamilton. Mayor Bashert stated that the area is slated for a massive redesign and has worked with staff to focus on these issues. Ms. Bashert stated that she is making commission appointments with consideration of the city's demographics and ward balance. Ms. Bashert added that the *What's Left* article is inaccurate. Ms. Richardson asked why Ms. Dennis was not reappointed.

## **IX ORDINANCES FIRST READING**

- A.
  1. *Ordinance No. 1342 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code adding Chapter 79, Article I Ypsilanti Arts Commission".*
  1. Resolution No. 2019-169, determination
  2. Open Public Hearing
  3. Resolution No. 2019-170, close public hearing

City Attorney Barr provided a brief explanation of the ordinance. Council Member Morgan asked if appointments could be made by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Barr stated that the charter gives commission appointment power to the Mayor.

### Public Hearing

1. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, stated that it is important to improve safety

around the Riverside Arts Center. She added that it is time for a charter commission.

2. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, asked that the art commission be mindful to avoid art-washing and gentrification and to include the current community. She stated that representation on the commission is important.
3. Jennifer Goulet, 2136 Collegewood, agreed that it is very important to support local artists and be engaged with the community. She thanked Council for the opportunity to work with the ordinance and stated that there are many ways to foster creativity in the City that do not require a lot of money.

Council Member Morgan stated that he hopes that the commission is reflective of the diversity of art in the community and there be at least one youth commissioner.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-170**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to add two youth members to the ordinance under membership.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to remove Sec 79.02(3)(B) "To recommend to City Council a budget for the YAC to implement YAC goals for the year" so that this commission can bring forth their budget recommendations as other commissions already do.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-169 as amended**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- B.** *Ordinance No. 1344- An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code adding a new Chapter 8 Recreational Marijuana - Adult Use".*
1. Resolution No. 2019-190, determination
  2. Open Public Hearing
  3. Resolution No. 2019-191, close public hearing

City Attorney Barr provided a brief background for the ordinance.

#### Public Hearing

1. Bill Teepen, 718 Lowell, stated that there should be a mandatory requirement to have substance abuse treatment options. He added that there is a lack of support meetings throughout the city and county. He expressed concern about portions of the ordinance.
2. Nate Witset, Ward 3, stated that the City should not rush into this decision and asked the Council to opt-out until they are better-informed about potential consequences.
3. Peter Church, 1815 Whitmore, compared statistics about marijuana users to non-marijuana users. He urged Council to opt-out of recreational marijuana.
4. Audrey Campbell, 1010 Madison, asked Council to opt-out because of potential consequences.
5. Laura Kopp, 1807 Roosevelt, asked for more information about how businesses transition from medical to recreational marijuana. She suggested opting-out until they have more information.
6. James Humphrey, Park St, stated that he has been a marijuana consultant for the past couple of decades and addressed some concerns that were raised.
7. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated that there are both positive and negative effects of marijuana and it is the Council's decision to opt-in or out.
8. Emily Gennrich, 1775 Devon, spoke in support of the ordinance. She commented that the limit is restrictive to small businesses.
9. John Cifor, 34 E Cross, stated that businesses are heavily regulated in the city and it would be harmful to existing businesses if they do not opt-in.
10. Bryan Foley, 425 Ainsworth, stated that there are a lot of communities that have chosen to opt-out. He spoke about the hazards of marijuana.
11. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, stated that there should not be a different expectation from other controlled substances. It is important to think about how businesses are regulated and how to increase education for individuals to be able to make their own decisions.
12. Brian Coffey, 1807 Roosevelt, stated that there is a lot of nervousness about not knowing what to expect. He suggested adding community oversight of the permitting process into the ordinance.
13. Lois Richardson, Ward 1, stated that she is not morally opposed to the ordinance. She stated that she was a substance abuse counselor and saw several people addicted to marijuana and then to other substances. She asked Council to think about what they want the city to look like.
14. Colleen Kennedy, 805 Charles, spoke in support of the ordinance.
15. Ros Lett, spoke in opposition of recreation marijuana and asked that Council learn more before making a decision.
16. Cheryl Brooks, 803 Dwight, commended Council for their research and

thinks that the businesses are successful and beneficial to the city. They are also highly regulated by the state.

17. Brian Geiringer, Ward 1, encouraged there to be community benefits agreement written into the ordinance. He stated that racial equity is an important consideration.
18. Adam Tasselmyer, 102 W Michigan, stated that children are not getting into these facilities and people are not required to use marijuana. The facilities are safe and highly regulated.
19. Chris Jackson, 1090 N Huron River, stated that regulation decreases use on the street, but acknowledged that there is additional education needed. He added that there is a possibility for a referendum if they opt-out.
20. Valerie Tooson, 107 Middle, commented that opting in or out will not stop children from using marijuana. She asked Council to make this ordinance as responsible as possible and make a healthy document.

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-191**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the three remaining permits are intended to be for social equity applicants. Council Member Wilcoxon responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson asked about the no maximum limit. Mr. Wilcoxon stated that these other types of businesses are controlled by zoning. Council Member Morgan stated that he appreciates the medical marijuana businesses, but there are no models of equity in the marijuana industry.

Council Member Symanns asked Council Members Somerville and Wilcoxon for working on the ordinance. Ms. Symanns asked Economic Development Director Meyers where these facilities would be located based on zoning. Mr. Meyers stated that he is working with staff to define the term school because that may affect a couple other locations. Ms. Symanns suggested adding community complaints into the decision to not renew a license. She asked about redundancies in the social equity section. Ms. Somerville stated that the section is modeled after language for Oregon because this is the first plan in the state and thinks that it is important to include the community benefits agreement. Ms. Symanns asked about the education and outreach and advocacy component and how the permit fee money would be allocated. Ms. Somerville stated that it is important to include the possibility for fee allocation for social equity. Ms.

Symanns also asked if the drug testing component was most appropriate in this ordinance. Mayor Bashert spoke in favor of including it in the ordinance.

Ms. Symanns asked that there be a mechanism to address resident concerns about people consuming marijuana outside of these facilities. Ms. Bashert stated that this would be regulated by the business because such behavior would put the permit at risk. Ms. Symanns stated that she is not comfortable with the section regarding on-site consumption or the advocacy component. Ms. Somerville spoke in favor of creating spaces for safe consumption. Ms. Richardson stated that there has not been enough engagement with residents. Ms. Richardson suggested looking at the issues in Ann Arbor before making a decision and the community benefits agreement should be emphasized. Ms. Richardson asked if participating in this ordinance would affect federal grant participation. Ms. Symanns suggested amending the fee allocation to be broader. Ms. Brown stated that it is imperative that money be used to support youth if this ordinance passes.

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, move to amend Section 8-5.(2) to read that "\$1,000 from each permit fee will be used for community education and outreach on topics such as adult-use marihuana in general, and to promote social equity to negatively impacted communities by promoting advocacy around criminal justice issues related to marihuana prohibition, supporting youth who have been negatively impacted by the war on drugs as it relates to the prohibition of marihuana.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, and Lois Richardson
<b>NAYS:</b>	Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to remove Section 8-5 (7) "The City of Ypsilanti shall make all reasonable efforts to create spaces for on-site consumption as allowed under state law."**

Council Member Wilcoxen asked for clarification about on-site consumption. Council Member Somerville stated that these establishments are highly regulated spaces that create safe spaces for consumption. Council Member Symanns stated that more resident engagement is necessary before making a decision. Mr. Wilcoxen asked about the timeline and what can be modified between the first and second reading. Ms. Symanns stated that there is no urgency about this particular topic. Mayor Bashert expressed concerns about halting the growth of businesses.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, and Lois Richardson

<b>NAYS:</b>	Beth Bashert and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

**Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to amend Section 8-5(8) to read "The City of Ypsilanti shall add requirements that applicants enter Community Benefits Agreements, which may or may not apply to social equity applicants a well."**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
<b>NAYS:</b>	Beth Bashert and Jennifer Symanns

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2019-190 as amended**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Annie Somerville
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lois Richardson
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

## **X CONSENT AGENDA**

- A.** Resolution No. 2019-212, approving the consent agenda.

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-212**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

- B.** Resolution No. 2019-213, approving Ordinance No. 1343 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code repealing Division 4. Heritage Festival, sections 10-306 and 10-307". **(Second Reading)**
- C.** Resolution No. 2019-214, approving Ordinance No. 1345 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code by adding Chapter 99 - Small Cell Wireless Facilities". **(Second Reading)**
- D.** Resolution No. 2019-215, approving Ordinance No. 1346- An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 1 General Provisions of the Ypsilanti City Code, by amending section 1-14 Enforcement Authority for the code to include all law enforcement officers with jurisdiction to act as law enforcement officers within the city". **(Second Reading)**
- E.** Resolution No. 2019-216, approving Ordinance No. 1347 - An Ordinance

entitled, "An ordinance to approve Traffic Control Orders". **(Second Reading)**

- F. Resolution No. 2019-217, approving the minutes of September 10, 2019.
- G. Resolution No. 2019-218, approving appointments to boards and commissions.
- H. Resolution No. 2019-219, approving the Rehmann audit engagement letter.

## XI RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2019-220, approving the MDOT State Trunkline Maintenance Contract.

DPS Director Akers provided a brief explanation of the contract. Mayor Bashert asked about the amount allocated for staff. Mr. Akers responded that it was the amount spent last year.

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-220**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

- B. Resolution No. 2019-221, clarifying the City intent for submerged lands and to authorize a title search.

Mayor Bashert provided a brief explanation of the resolution. Ms. Bashert asked for an amendment to send the resolution Ypsilanti and Superior Townships. Council Member Wilcoxon commented that this was a request from EGLE.

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to amend the resolution to include that copies of the resolution will be sent to our Ypsilanti and Superior Township neighbors.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Beth Bashert, Steven Wilcoxon, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

**Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, To approve Resolution No. 2019-221 as amended**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

- C. Resolution No. 2019-222, approving the Border to Border Trail Budget Amendment.

Economic Development Director Meyers provided a brief explanation of the budget amendment. Mayor Bashert asked for clarity about the amount. Mr. Meyers asked for the budget amendment to pay for the engineering costs but they will be reimbursed by the County, aside from the originally committed \$20,000.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-222**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Nicole Brown
<b>AYES:</b>	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anthony Morgan

## **XII LIAISON REPORTS**

1. SEMCOG Update - County received \$23,000 to collect road quality data.
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - interactive map about the quality of streets and bridges is available on Michigan.gov. SEMCOG offered free safety materials for traffic safety education. She will coordinate with Clerk Hellenga to order materials.
3. Urban County - none
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - retreat was excellent.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - pool board is looking for new members. Received \$25,000 donation to install solar. The bid will close on the 30th.
6. Housing Equity Leadership Team - none

## **XIII BOARD AND COMMISSION**

- A.** Human Relations Commission Resolution No. 2019-011, recommending City Council adopt an appointment process that includes forwarding a copy of commission applications to the commission that has been applied to, to encourage transparency and public access to the commission appointment process and allow commissions to review and advise council of those applications that appear to help it meet its strategic initiatives and fulfill its charge, as written in the charter.

## **XIV COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

### Wilcoxen

1. Working on the dam

### Richardson

1. Press release was sent to Clerk Hellenga for the relief funds for Abaco. She is looking for businesses to match funds. Fire station will be open from 8 am - 4 pm Monday- Friday for donations.
2. Funds are still being raised for art students from YCS to get to DC.
3. Palm Leaf Club is having their fundraising event on Friday evening.

## **XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

1. Many commissioners are interested in attending the parliamentary procedure training. Clerk Hellenga stated that he will open the training for all commissioners and will move it to the senior center.
2. Planning will begin soon for Ypsilanti's 200th anniversary in 2023.

## **XVI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Clerk Hellenga stated that staff requested a work session before the October 15th meeting to discuss the parking strategy.

## **XVII COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Proposed parking work session - October 15th at 6:00 pm prior to the regular meeting.

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

1. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, stated that she is disappointed that the Human Relations Commission resolution was not discussed. She discussed her work on the HRC.
2. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, stated that the most progressive policies start at the municipal level. She spoke in favor of policies that deprioritize cars. She asked about the practice for notifying commissioners of their term expiration because she is displeased in the current process.
3. Brian Geiringer, Ward 1, was displeased with the current process for notifying commissioners of their term expiration. He added that does not approve of Council Member Symanns amendment to the marijuana ordinance. He commented that the board and commission appointment process should be more transparent.
4. Bill Teepen, 718 Lowell, listed some provisions that he would like included in the marijuana ordinance.

## **XIX REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

## **XX ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Resolution No. 2019-223, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.**