



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
Council Chambers

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Evan Sweet

**ABSENT:** Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, and Council Member Annie Somerville

### I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

### 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

Mr. Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Sweet to approve the agenda. On a voice vote the agenda was approved.

### VI PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation in dedication to Hispanic Heritage Month. - Mayor Richardson  
b) Proclamation in Honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Ypsilanti Thrift Shop - Mayor Pro-Tem Brown and Council Members Somerville and Sweet

### VII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

No members of the public spoke

### VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-226, approving the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the following items be approved:**

1. **Resolution No. 2022-227, approving the minutes of the September 13, 2022 City Council Meeting.**
2. **Resolution No. 2022-228, approving Ordinance No. 1403 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to impose a moratorium on issuance of new marihuana permits for sale or dispensing of marihuana in the City of Ypsilanti for 180 days". (Second Reading)**

**Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-226**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2022-227, approving the minutes of the September 13, 2022 City Council Meeting.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of September 13, 2022 be approved.**

- c) Resolution No. 2022-228, approving Ordinance No. 1403 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to impose a moratorium on issuance of new marihuana permits for sale or dispensing of marihuana in the City of Ypsilanti for 180 days". **(Second Reading)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to impose a moratorium on issuance of marihuana permits for sale or dispensing of marihuana in the City of Ypsilanti for 180 days" be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

## **IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- a) Resolution No. 2022-229, approving the memorandum of understanding with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County to support a warming center.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti recognizes the importance of a warming center during the cold harsh winter months in Michigan and seeks to assist our most vulnerable; and**

**WHEREAS, the City operates the Ypsilanti Freighthouse and generates revenue to help support the ongoing maintenance and community purpose of the space; and**

**WHEREAS, the investment in a warming center at the Freighthouse is part of a broader strategy to prioritize community health collaboration with**

**community partners like the County Shelter Association and Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority; and**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County to support the Warming Center operation beginning in November 2022 and ending in April 2023.**

**Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-229**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Evan Sweet
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Annie Somerville

## **X BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS**

### **a) Police Advisory Commission (Exp. 07/01/2025)**

Anthony Morgan  
108 N Normal St  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve the nomination of Anthony Morgan to the Police Advisory Commission**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Evan Sweet
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Annie Somerville

## **XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a) Police Advisory Commission potential joint meeting dates - October 4th, October 18th, and November 2nd. (added)**

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve the joint meeting date for October 4, 2022**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, and Evan Sweet
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Annie Somerville

## **XII BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS**

1. Police Advisory Commission. - None
2. Human Relations Commission. - None
3. Arts Commission. - None
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. - Council Member Sweet stated the Commission recently hosted the Fall River Days and it was an excellent event.

5. Sustainability Commission. - None
6. Historic District Commission. - None
7. Planning Commission. - None
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - None
9. Bicentennial Committee - Mr. Jones-Chance stated the Committee recently hosted their homecoming 1973 event which was well attended.

### **XIII LIAISON REPORTS**

1. SEMCOG Update - Mayor Richardson stated the General Assembly will be held on October 14, 2022.
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - Council member Sweet stated that the pool is wrapping up its closing for the season, and planning for next seasons with hopes to leverage funding to provide swim lessons to kids.

### **XIV COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

- a) **Sweet**  
None
- b) **Symanns**
  1. Reminded Council to submit their evaluations for the City Manager and City Clerk with hopes to hold evaluations in October.
- c) **Mr. Jones-Chance**
  1. Stated he enjoyed to joint meeting with the YCS Board and is looking forward to continued collaboration.

### **XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- a)
  1. Mayor Richardson stated she enjoyed the joint meeting with the YCS Board and provided kudos to the Superintendent.
  2. Stated Nat Alston came to the city for a Human Resources convention and fell in love with the city and formed a memorandum of understanding with YCS and has been promoting the district ever since.
  3. Stated she received a comment regarding vermin on Ferris Street and asked for staff to look into solutions.
  4. The Men and Women to make a change will be hosting a walk against domestic violence this Saturday at 8pm.
  5. Stated there will be a violence intervention rally on October 8th from 10 am to 1pm at Parkridge Center.
  6. Stated it was unfortunate and disturbing to hear a person was able to get to the third floor with concealed weapons, and that the police allowed the individual to leave without arresting the individual.

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

- a)
  1. Stated there was an individual that was allowed to enter the building and go to the third floor as is protocol. She and staff have been reviewing additional safety measures to ensure that staff will be safe.

2. She was been working with the police department on staffing issues and has been identifying several strategies to improve functionality.
3. She stated that all staff evaluations have been completed.
4. Union negotiations are near completion and she will be bringing a report to City Council.
5. She has been working with the Office of Community and Economic Development on the approved developments, and toward further developments in the city.
6. She congratulated Bonnie Wessler on her appointment to the Department of Public Services Director.

## **XVII COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) October 18th - City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting at the EMU Student Center

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

## **XIX REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

## **XX ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2022-230, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:54 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.