



# ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

**ABSENT:**

### I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

### II ROLL CALL

### III AGENDA APPROVAL

### IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

There was no public comment

### V CONSENT AGENDA

a) Resolution No. 2020-215, approving the Consent Agenda.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-215**

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

b) Resolution No. 2020-216, approving the minutes of October 6, 2020.

c) Resolution No. 2020-217, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

d) Resolution No. 2020-218, approving Ordinance 1368, An ordinance to Amend Chapter 58 of the Ypsilanti Code to provide consistent language of the definition of prohibited discrimination and to remove section 58-72 Affirmative Language. **(Second Reading)**

### VI RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-219, approving Ordinance 1367, An ordinance to amend the Noxious Weed Ordinance, Article IV. Weed Control, Section 110-80 et seq of the Ypsilanti City Code. **(Second Reading)**

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-219 as amended**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-220, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Highland Cemetary.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-220**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-221, approving an agreement with Washtenaw Community College to provide services at Parkridge Community Center.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2020-221**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-222, electing to comply with 2011 Public Act 152, by approving and adopting the Opt Out Option for the medical benefit plan coverage.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-222**

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-223, approving employee health insurance for 2021.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2020-223**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Anthony Morgan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

<b>AYES:</b>	Anthony Morgan, Brian Jones-Chance, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
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- f) Resolution No. 2020-224, approving the purchase of a Bobcat by the Department of Public Services.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-224**

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

- g) Resolution No. 2020-225, approving an extension of the Sidewalk Café Permit.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-225**

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

- h) Resolution No. 2020-226, approving an amendment to the Side lot Program to include 448 S Huron and 440 Second.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-226**

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

- i) Resolution No. 2020-227, establishing procedures for Open Meetings Pursuant to SB-1108.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-227**

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

- j) Discussion regarding speeding in city neighborhoods.
- k) Discussion regarding issues facing down town businesses as a result of housing insecurity.

## VII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

3. Urban County
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool

**VIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**IX COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

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**XI COMMUNICATIONS**

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2020-228, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:48 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.