



ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, October 18, 2022
EMU Student Center Ballroom

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:05 PM, in the EMU Student Center Ballroom, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: None

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Jones-Chance to approve the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the agenda was approved as amended.

Change: Adding Resolution No. 2022-237A immediately following the Closed Session.

VI CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 TO 7:00 PM

- a) Closed Session to discuss pending litigation - MCL 15.268 (e) Ypsilanti Art Theatre Corp v the City of Ypsilanti
- b) Closed Session to discuss negotiations of a collective bargaining unit - MCL 15.268 (b)

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:08 pm

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |

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| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Brian Jones-Chance, Annie Somerville, and Evan Sweet |
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Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to reconvene to Open Session at 6:59 pm

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

- c) Resolution No. 2022-237

VII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Seven members of the public spoke

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-237, approving the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-237

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

- b) Resolution No. 2022-238, approving the minutes of October 3, 2022.
- c) Resolution No. 2022-239, approving the acceptance of Parcel A from the Clark Road Family Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership and Clark Road Senior Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership
- d) Resolution No. 2022-240, designating Director of Public Services Bonnie Wessler as the single Street Administrator of the City of Ypsilanti.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-241, approving the TPOAM labor contract.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-241

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

- b) Resolution No. 2022-242, approving the agreement between Washtenaw County and the City of Ypsilanti for Subaward of Federal Financial Assistance for the Parkridge Ramps.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-242

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

- c) Resolution No. 2022-243, approving the agreement between Washtenaw County and the City of Ypsilanti for Subaward of Federal Financial Assistance and authorizes for Parkridge Accessibility.

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2022-243

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

- d) Resolution No. 2022-244, awarding the Parkridge Park Accessibility Improvements & CDBG Ramp Upgrades contract to GM & Sons.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, to approve Resolution No. 2022-244

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

- e) Discussion regarding Chapter 7 and Associated Zoning Codes with the Planning Commission.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to direct staff to examine potential buffers to expand to 1,000 ft from all facility types except designated consumption sites from retail with an additional exemption for cultivation and processing facilities.

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

- f) Discussion regarding potential negotiations with the Downtown Development Authority on how Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Revenues can assist in the the reconstruction of the Frog Island Parking Lot.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to direct staff to enter into more expansive negotiations for the reconstruction of the Frog Island Parking Lot

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

X 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

XI 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

XII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four members of the public spoke.

XVI REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-245, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 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.