



**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 20, 2026  
EMU Student Center  
900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member McLean, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson. ABSENT: None.

**III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS**

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem called a Point of Order and stated that Resolution No. 2026-018 was added to the agenda without following the proper procedure of being brought forward by 2 Council Members and should be removed.

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend the AGENDA by adding Resolution No. 20216-018 to the beginning of the agenda. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Council Members Fellows & Simmons amended the motion to add this item as a discussion after Resolution No. 2026-013.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Simmons moved to Amend the AGENDA by moving Resolutions 011, 012, and 017 to the Consent Agenda. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**V. BUDGET PRIORITY & GOALS SESSION**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - 45 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**

22 Members of the public spoke.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Resolution No. 2026-001 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon left the Chambers at 8:12p.m. and returned at 8:14p.m.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-001 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- B. Resolution No. 2026-002 Approving the minutes of the December 9, 2025 City Council meeting.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.
- C. Resolution No. 2026-003 Reappointing Resident James Chesnut to the Historic District Commission, with a term ending December 31, 2028.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.
- D. Resolution No. 2026-004 Authorizing the extension of the 2024 Three-year Cracksealing contract (Resolution #2024-222) to include Major roads and change order one (1) in the amount of \$59,104.50.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.
- E. Resolution No. 2026-011 Appointing Resident Lisa Voelker to the Tenants' Rights Committee, with a term ending October 21, 2028.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.
- F. Resolution No. 2026-012 Appointing Resident Amelia Rondel to the Human Relations Commission, with a term ending October 21, 2028.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.
- G. Resolution No. 2026-017 Approving the Fee Waiver for Council Members Simmons and Fellows to use the Freighthouse for a Ward 3 Townhall Meeting on February 18th, per policy.**  
Approved as part of Resolution No. 2026-001 and the Consent Agenda.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- A. Resolution No. 2026-005, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Roads & Shoals, LLC, for use at 2 W Michigan Avenue. Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-006, closing the public hearing.**  
Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-005, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Roads & Shoals, LLC, for use at 2 W Michigan Avenue. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.  
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-006, closing the public hearing.  
Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean  
No: 1 Amber Fellows  
Absent: (0)
- B. Resolution No. 2026-007, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Hermanos Coney Island Inc., for use at 402 W Michigan Avenue. Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-008, closing the public hearing.**  
Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-007, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Hermanos Coney Island Inc., for use at 402 W Michigan Avenue. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.  
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-008, closing the public hearing.  
Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows  
No: 0 None  
Absent: (0)
- C. Public Hearing for public comment on the draft EPA Brownfield Cleanup grant and the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives & A Water St. Clean Up Update. Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-009, closing the public hearing.**  
Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.  
  
Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Close the Public Hearing for public comment on the draft EPA Brownfield Cleanup grant. Council Member King seconded the motion.  
Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows  
No: 0 None  
Absent: (0)
- D. Resolution No. 2026-010 Approving a YCUA Contract and Authorizing Notice for Water Mains and Lead Service Line Project.**

Council Member Tooson left the Chambers at 8:53p.m. and returned at 8:56p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-010 Approving a YCUA Contract and Authorizing Notice for Water Mains and Lead Service Line Project. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 9:09p.m. and returned at 9:11p.m.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**E. Resolution No. 2026-013 Adopting the City of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Master Plan and recommending that the Plan be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval.**

**Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-014, close the public hearing.**

**Resolution No. 2026-013, determination.**

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 9:24p.m. and returned at 9:26p.m.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-013 Adopting the City of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Master Plan and recommending that the Plan be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-014, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2026-013, determination.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**F. Discussion Condemning the militarized police siege on West Cross St., calling for all charges to be dropped, and demanding immediate systemic reform.**

Council Member Simmons left the Council Chambers at 9:38p.m. and returned to Chambers at 9:42p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to extend the meeting until 11p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Fellows to direct the City Manager to apply to the County Sherrif's Office to FOIA this information. The motion died for lack of support.

**G. Resolution No. 2026-015 Supporting Senate Bill 510 to Support Unmasking Law Enforcement Officials.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-015 Supporting Senate Bill 510 to Support Unmasking Law Enforcement Officials. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**H. Resolution No. 2026-016 Changing the City Council Rules for Public Comment.**

Council Member McLean left the Council Chambers at 10:52p.m. and returned at 10:53p.m.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-016 Changing the City Council Rules for Public Comment. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Council Member McLean moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-016 by removing Section 3. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. The amendment passed upon a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 2 Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-016 Changing the City Council Rules for Public Comment, as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows offered, supported by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting until 11:15p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

**IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Police Advisory Commission**

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting has been cancelled.

**B. Human Relations Commission**

Council Member King reported that that there was no meeting, but that the Commission has some questions for Council that King would like the Clerk to have at the next meeting. Also, Chair, Kat Layton, has resigned from the commission.

**C. Parks and Arts Commission**

No report.

**D. Sustainability Commission**

No report.

**E. Historic District Commission**

Council Member McLean reported that the next meeting is February 10th.

**F. Planning Commission**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported that the next meeting is tomorrow.

**G. Zoning Board of Appeals**

No report.

**X. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. SEMCOG Update**

No report.

**B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study**

No meeting this month.

**C. Urban County**

The Mayor reported that they have been going through trainings this month.

**D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority**

No report.

**E. Friends of Rutherford Pool**

No report.

**XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**Council Member King** - Will be meeting constituents at the Library on Wednesday, 5:30-7p.m.

**Council Member Tooson** - Brotherhood Circle meeting is this Saturday, 10am-1pm at Parkridge.

**Council Member Simmons** - Voicing questions regarding the new Social District.

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member King, to extend the meeting until 11:30p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

**Council Member Fellows** - Believes that more explanation should be given regarding public comment and the rules.

**Council Member McLean** - Thanks to EMU for hosting this meeting and the wonderful MLK Day event  
- Took a wonderful school tour.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon** - Pen Dam Update - they are moving to the 90% engineering phase & are meeting with the Wolf Pack to see how they can help.

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- MLK Day event at EMU was wonderful and there were many other events throughout the City.
- The YCS tour was awesome!

**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

Thursday there will be a Budget Study session at 6p.m. and two closed sessions, following that.

**XIV. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. A YPAC Resolution Requesting That City Council Direct the City Manager to Develop an Extraordinary Emergency Response Cost-Recovery Ordinance and Establish a Dedicated Police Hiring Incentive Fund to Support a Forgivable Down-Payment Assistance Program and Other Recruitment and Retention Incentives.**
  
- B. Submitting Annual Report of the Historic District Commission.**

**XV. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**

**XVI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR**

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:18p.m.

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