



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM - Thursday, January 22, 2026  
Council Chambers  
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson.

ABSENT: Council Member McLean appeared via Zoom, so was not able to vote.

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

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve the AGENDA as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion. The motion passed upon voice vote.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 60 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**

3 Members of the public spoke.

**VI. BUDGET PRIORITIES AND GOAL SESSION**

**A. Department Budget Priorities - Facilitator Dr. Morgan Milner**

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

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Resolution No. 2026-019 Entering into a Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e), for the purpose of discussing the following pending litigation:**

**1. Lorrie L. Thomas v. City of Ypsilanti, et al.**

**2. VTP River Woods LLC and VTP Arbor One LLC v City of Ypsilanti.**

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 9:23p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-019 Entering into a Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e), for the purpose of discussing the following pending litigation:

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2. VTP River Woods LLC and VTP Arbor One LLC v City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

Council Member Fellows returned to Chambers at 9:24p.m.

**B. Resolution No. 2026-020 Leaving the Closed Session and returning to the Open Session of this meeting.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-020 Leaving the Closed Session and returning to the Open Session of this meeting. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows  
No: 0 None  
Absent: (1) Patrick McLean

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 10p.m.

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