



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member King entered the Council Chambers at 7:02p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the AGENDA. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows suggested Resolutions 2026-021, 2026-027, 2026-029, and 2026-030 be added to a Consent Agenda.

Council Member Fellows offered, supported by Council Member King, to remove Item D because the item does not require Council approval.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member Tooson 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. PUBLIC COMMENT - 60 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

17 Members of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Audit Results Presentation

Council Member Simmons left the Chambers at 7:54p.m. and returned at 7:56p.m.

Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 7:55p.m. and returned at 7:58p.m.

B. Voting Rights and Access Presentation with a DRAFT resolution.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2026-026 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-026 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda. 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)

B. Resolution No. 2026-021 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2026 and the special meeting of January 22, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-026.

C. Resolution No. 2026-027 Approving the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Growing Hope to use the S Washington St for the Saturday Farmers Market with an expiration of October

31, 2030, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on the City's behalf, per review by the City Attorney.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-026.

- D. Resolution No. 2026-029 Approving a professional engineering services contract with OHM for the pavement reconstruction on Cornell Road from Washtenaw Avenue to the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) (just south of Mayhew) in an amount not to exceed \$240,560; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.**

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-026.

- E. Resolution No. 2026-030 Approving MDOT Contract No. 25-5638 for rehabilitation of Harriet Street to Hawkins; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.**

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-026.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2026-022 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Yodit Mesfin Johnson to facilitate the second Water Street RFQ Committee meeting with Council, for a sum not to exceed \$1,500.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-022 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Yodit Mesfin Johnson to facilitate the second Water Street RFQ Committee meeting with Council, for a sum not to exceed \$1,500. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Tabled Resolution No. 2026-022. Council Member Tooson 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. 2026-023 Approving the proposal from AKT Peerless for Water Street Assessment Activities.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-023 Approving the proposal from AKT Peerless for Water Street Assessment Activities. 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)

- C. Resolution No. 2026-025 Adopting the Ypsilanti City Council 2026-2027 Goal-Setting Report as the city council's budget priorities for FY 2026-2027 and directing the City Manager to consider these adopted priorities during the preparation of the FY 2026-2027 budget in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Ypsilanti city charter.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-025 Adopting the Ypsilanti City Council 2026-2027 Goal-Setting Report as the city council's budget priorities for FY 2026-2027 and directing the City Manager to consider these adopted priorities during the preparation of the FY 2026-2027 budget in accordance with Section 5.02 of the Ypsilanti city charter. 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)

Council Member Simmons moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to extend the meeting until 11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously upon a voice vote.

- D. Resolution No. 2026-028 Directing the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission (YPAC) to review the city of Ypsilanti policies and protocols relevant to the situation at 1111 Cross Street, and directing the city manager, city attorney, police and fire chiefs to work with YPAC, and requesting that YPAC complete its review within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and present its findings to City Council in both written and presentation form.**

Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:48p.m. and returned at 9:51p.m.

Council Member McLean offered to Approve Resolution No. 2026-028. Council Member Tooson seconded the

motion.

Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 10:19p.m. and returned at 10:22p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Postponed Resolution No. 2026-028 until March 3rd. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- E. Discussion regarding A proposed Ordinance to make current employees of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) federal agencies ineligible for employment with the city of Ypsilanti, and to prohibit the city of Ypsilanti from contracting with businesses who employ former ICE or CBP employees.**

Council Member Simmons left the Chambers at 10:36p.m. and returned at 10:38p.m.

- F. Discussion on Advancing Regional Public Transportation: Initiating a D2A2 Connector Survey and Assessing Broader Transit Needs.**

- G. Discussion to determine topics for a presentation from the Ypsilanti Police Chief.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Table the Discussion to determine topics for a presentation from the Ypsilanti Police Chief. 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)

Council Member Fellows moved, seconded by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting until 11:30p.m., but amended the time to 11:15p.m. The amended motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Police Advisory Commission**

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting is February 26th.

- B. Human Relations Commission**

Council Member King reported that the last meeting was cancelled, but that the HRC has some questions that she will bring forward to Council.

- C. Parks and Arts Commission**

No report.

- D. Sustainability Commission**

Council Member Simmons reported that they will meet on Monday.

- E. Historic District Commission**

Council Member McLean reported that the meeting is next Tuesday.

- F. Planning Commission**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported that they met on the 21st. There's a report from the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee, and they're meeting less frequently, for a number of different reasons, but also learning to be more connected through social media activity. There was one public hearing for a daycare on South Grove that passed. Walk-up windows and harm reduction definitions were discussed, and a number of things have been sent to the attorney for review of the language. During new business there was talk about arts and crafts in residential neighborhoods and the fact that if you're making it there, selling it, then it's no longer just an educational thing, it's a manufacturing thing, so that's led to a whole other discussion.

- G. Zoning Board of Appeals**

No report.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

No report.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported that they will meet Wednesday.

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member King -

- Celebrating Black History Month
- Requesting more Team Building for the Council

Council Member Tooson -

- Saturday, February 28th, at 10 a.m. Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper will be doing the 50 Strong Breakfast at 550 Geddes Road, also in collaboration with the Black History 101 Mobile Museum, CLR, and the Brotherhood Circle, so that's all going to be one big day of fun.

Council Member Simmons -

- Discussed Data Center issues.
- Wondering if there is an alternative union from POAM.
- Bringing the discussion of Parking Meters forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved, supported by Council Member Fellows, to extend the meeting until 11:20p.m. The motion passed unanimously upon a voice vote.

Council Member Fellows -

- The Water Street RFQ Committee participation meeting happened this past week, there was a pretty good amount of interest & 3 people applied in person. Wondering how, the previous CBA committees were appointed, because Council should start appointing people by next meeting, and so we need to figure out the process for that.

Council Member McLean - no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon -

- Thank you to Code Enforcement for coming out to a house on Whittier with issues.
- Powerhouse stabilization update - we have estimates for what it would take to remove and what it would take to stabilize that, with a cost-benefit analysis. This project is going to take a lot of time, so we want to put it in the context of the other projects that we currently have for infrastructure, and what those look like.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Ensuring that Black History Month and other items are on a standing agenda list.
- Washtenaw County Sheriff will be hosting a Public Safety Town Hall on Thursday, at 5.15, at the Learning Resource Center and Registration is requested.
- DDA has been discussing parking and meters and what that looks like in the city moving forward.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Finance Committee meets tomorrow at 6:30p.m.
- 5 Police officers have been sent to the Academy and one was hired laterally.
- A snow plow naming contest is about to start in the City.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Submitting Planning Commission Annual Report

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

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:19p.m.

- A. 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.**



Resolution No. 2026-026
CONSENT
February 3, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

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OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE: