



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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Tooson, to excuse Council Members Wilcoxon and McLean. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

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

10 Members of the public spoke.

VI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

**A. Ordinance No. 1457 - Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days."
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-047, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2026-046, determination.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1457 - Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days."

Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-047, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2026-046, determination.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Council Member Fellows moved to add to the table the Alternate Data Center Resolution. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-046A Imposing a temporary 365-Day moratorium on data centers. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2026-048 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-048 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

B. Resolution No. 2026-049 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2026.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

C. Resolution No. 2026-050 Confirming and ratifying the appointment of Joy M. Glovik, upon the recommendation of Randolph Barker, Ypsilanti City Attorney.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

D. Resolution No. 2026-051 approving the purchases of 2 fully electric vehicles for the Parking Enforcement fleet in the total amount of \$64,438.00, to be expended from the appropriate motor pool capital accounts, with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

E. Resolution No. 2026-052 Approving the Second Amended Articles of Incorporation for the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA).

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

F. Resolution No. 2026-053 Approving and adopting the amended Rules and Regulations for the Historic District Commission, as presented.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

G. Resolution No. 2026-061 Authorizing the City Manager to make payment of \$39,075 to GiveDirect for the purposes of the RxKids Program and further authorize all future payments until the full \$100,000 has been expended.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-048.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026-054 Approving a YCUA Contract to allow bonds to be issued to provide for the financing of the WRRF improvements, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk sign the Contract for and on behalf of the City.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-054 Approving a YCUA Contract to allow bonds to be issued to provide for the financing of the WRRF improvements, and authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the Contract for and on behalf of the City. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

B. Resolution No. 2026-055 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant and loan agreements with DABC, pending review by the City Attorney, to use our Brownfield capture towards repayment of the loan portion of the funds.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-055. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Council member Simmons moved, supported by Council Member Fellows, to table Resolution No. 2026-055. Upon further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Council Member King moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-055 by removing the loan portion and instead using our Brownfield capture to leverage the grant. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-055 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the grant agreements with DABC, pending review by the City Attorney, and to use our Brownfield capture towards leverage, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

C. Resolution No. 2026-056 Appropriating funds for the rehabilitation of public restrooms in Riverside, Parkridge, and Prospect Parks and to establish design standards.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-056. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows offered a friendly amendment to the last clause for the proposal to be upon review and approval by City Council. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-056 Appropriating funds for the rehabilitation of public restrooms in Riverside, Parkridge, and Prospect Parks and to establish design standards. as presented. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

D. Resolution No. 2026-057 supporting Ypsilanti Township's recommended improvements for the Ecorse Road (M-17) corridor and committing to continued coordination with the Township, MDOT, and funding partners to advance implementation.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-057. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Tooson moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-057 by removing "recommended improvements" and replacing those words with "efforts". Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-057 supporting Ypsilanti Township's efforts for the Ecorse Road (M-17) corridor and committing to continued coordination with the Township, MDOT, and funding partners to advance implementation, as amended. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

E. Resolution No. 2026-058 Appointing two Council Members, as voting members, to the Tenant's Rights Subcommittee.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-058 Appointing Council Members Fellows and King, as voting members, to the Tenant's Rights Subcommittee. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

F. Resolution No. 2026-059 Appointing three Council Members, as voting members, to the Ad Hoc Citizens Committee for Water Street Redevelopment Area.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-059 Appointing Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, and Council Member Simmons, as voting members, to the Ad Hoc Citizens Committee for Water Street Redevelopment Area. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

G. Resolution No. 2026-060 Calling a Special Meeting and setting a specific date for a hearing on the findings and order of the hearing officer for the properties located at 558 Madison St., 539 S Huron St., 601 E Michigan, and 1032 Watling Blvd.; also directing the City Clerk to give notice to all interested parties.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-060 Calling a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6p.m. for a hearing on the findings and order of the hearing officer for the properties located at 558 Madison St., 539 S Huron St., 601 E Michigan, and 1032 Watling Blvd.; also directing the City Clerk to give notice to all interested parties. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

H. Resolution No. 2026-062, either approving or denying the FOIA denial appeal of Christopher M. Vukelich, Esq., of Tishkoff PLC.

This was not a hearing, but rather a Receive and File of the FOIA Appeal which will be heard on March 17, 2026.

Council Member King offered, supported by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting until 10:15p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

Council Member Tooson reported that he missed the last meeting and the next meeting is March 26th at 7pm in Council Chambers.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum and the commission is considering other days and times for meetings.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

No report.

D. Sustainability Commission

Council Member Simmons reported the meeting is next Monday.

E. Historic District Commission

No report.

F. Planning Commission

No report.

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

The Mayor reported by mentioning parking lots as many residents have expressed concerns and noted discussions will be forth coming.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

No report.

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Tooson -

- A special shout out to Justin Harper and the CLR Team for the event this past Saturday with a beautiful documentary about the mobile African American History Museum. It was wonderful to see all the kids there, and everybody having fun and learning.

Council Member King -

- Recently was able to attend the State of the State, spoke with Mayor Brown, and would like us to hold a State of the City address.

- Happy Women's History Month!

- Will be having a listening session at Park Ridge on March the 12th. Council Member Tooson will be there as well, from 6pm to 7:15.

- Questions as to how council members are kept up to date on things that are happening in the community, and what is the process for them to get information.

- Made it to so many events last month, really enjoyed celebrating Black History Month, and looking forward to even maybe the City of Ypsilanti doing an event in the future.

Council Member Fellows -

- Thanks to the public for staying this late with us, and uplift that this is one of our earlier meetings, and hopefully we can keep that going.
- Able to attend a wonderful Iftar celebration this past weekend with probably 200 people in attendance and Rashida Tlaib spoke.
- Hopefully reopening the Community Benefits Ordinance discussion soon, as well as talk about the law and ordinance, since that's seasonal.
- Thinks the Ipsy Big Ballot Initiatives will be coming before us soon.
- Looking forward to a report coming from the YPD, potentially, about things that happened related to the siege and surrounding events.

Council Member Simmons -

- We got an email saying that the police chief is still working on that report, and will be sharing it with Council. Do we have a sense of timing for that?
- Asking for some information about how much we bring in from parking versus how much it costs in terms of staffing, a breakdown in terms of location, or business districts, right now, just focusing on street parking.
- Wants to explore prosecuting ICE agents for breaking the law.
- Sharing no-cost tax preparation; EMU is a tax site and they have dates from the 31st through April 11th, Saturdays, 12 to 4 p.m., by appointments. There are other ones like United Way and one in Manchester.
- Discussed a presentation from Vera Action.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Regarding parking, there has been a discussion, nothing formal, at the DDA level about coming up with ideas to present to us around what could be mechanisms to fulfill the expectations that folks have. One being an explanation of how do folks expect for these lots to be maintained if we don't have a revenue stream; and what kind of partnership could that potentially look like? There is nothing on the agenda tonight about parking, but we can always talk about parking.
- For those who have not, please submit your evaluations for the City Manager and City Clerk.
- Attended the Beloved Community event from MLK Day, that was postponed due to the severe cold in January and got to talk and network with a bunch of community members and organizations about their vision for a beloved community and for beloved Ypsilanti.
- Parkridge had their Black History Month program which was wonderful.
- The grand reopening of the Senior Center was great.
- Was able to be the keynote at the Girl Scouts Empower Her Conference, which was created, put together, executed all by the young women, 10to13 year olds, who are members of the Girl Scouts from our local troop.
- Was able to sit for an interview for the Road Home documentary about housing in Washtenaw County.
- Happy Social Work Month and Happy Women's History Month.
- Will discuss possibility of a State of the City with the City Manager.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager will email notes to Council.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Parks & Arts Annual Report 2025

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- 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.**