



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns 7:45 PM (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Mayor Lois Richardson (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Council Member Anthony Morgan 7:02 PM (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Mr. Brian Jones-Chance (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), and Council Member Annie Somerville (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County).

ABSENT: None

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

II ROLL CALL

Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Annie Somerville, to excuse Jennifer Symanns and Anthony Morgan. On a voice vote the motion carried.

III AGENDA APPROVAL

Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Nicole Brown to approve the agenda.

Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Steven Wilcoxon to amend the agenda by adding a motion to amend a resolution previously adopted, Resolution No. 2021-105E.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was amended with dissenting votes from Nicole Brown and Brian Jones-Chance.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as amended with dissenting votes from Brian Jones-Chance.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

11 members from the public spoke.

V PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation in Honor of Mary Anhut - Mayor Richardson

VI PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Adoption of Non-Motorized Plan Update
1. Resolution No. 2021-131, determination
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2021-132, closing the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-131

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission chartered the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee to work to enact recommendations of the original Non-Motorized Transportation Master Plan, adopted in 2010;

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee determined an update to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan was necessary;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission distributed the Plan Update for public comment;

WHEREAS, the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee supports this Plan Update;

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Planning Commission recommended City Council adopt the Plan Update;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the drafted Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-132

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan

SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance

VII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) *Ordinance 1377 - 2021 Spring/Summer Traffic Control Orders.*
1. Resolution No. 2021-133, determination
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2021-134, closing the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2021-133

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee has reviewed several traffic control requests and made appropriate recommendations based on best practices, City ordinance, and City policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends City Council provide final approval for the Traffic Control Orders listed above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby approves Traffic Control Orders as listed and adopts an ordinance entitled 2021 Spring/Summer Traffic Control Orders.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-134

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for Ordinance 1377 an ordinance entitled “2021 Spring/Summer Traffic Control Orders” is officially closed.

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

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2021-135, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution. 2021-135 As Amended

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-136, approving the minutes of June 15, 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-137, approving a Youth Mini-Grant for DAPCO.**
3. **Resolution No. 2021-138, approving an amendment to the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA) Articles of Incorporation to include Ann Arbor.**
4. **Resolution No. 2021-139, authorizing the purchase of the Glasdon Jubilee 29G recycling containers.**

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to move Resolution 2021-137 out of the consent agenda and into the Resolutions/Motions/Discussion section.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve consent agenda as amended

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-136, approving the minutes of June 15, 2021.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of June 15, 2021 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2021-137, approving a Youth Mini-Grant for DAPCO. (Moved and Heard Under Section IX)

- d) Resolution No. 2021-138, approving an amendment to the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA) Articles of Incorporation to include Ann Arbor.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is a member of the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA); and,

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor has requested to join WRRMA; and,

Whereas, including the City of Ann Arbor as a member of WRRMA requires City Council approve a revision to the Articles of Incorporation.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the revisions to the WRRMA Articles of Incorporation to include the City of Ann Arbor as a member.

- e) Resolution No. 2021-139, authorizing the purchase of the Glasdon Jubilee 29G recycling containers.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has been awarded grants for the purchase of public recycling containers; and,

Whereas, city staff has reviewed several options and is recommending the purchase of Glasdon Jubilee 29G recycling containers; and,

Whereas, the installation of public recycling containers promotes the city's goal of expanding recycling.

Now therefore be it resolved that that City Council authorizes the purchase of the Glasdon Jubilee 29G recycling containers in an amount of \$80,036.10 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-140, approving the sponsorship for the 2021 Summer Festival in the amount of \$5,000.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-140

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy, and pursuant to the policy, the City Council may sponsor an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and

Whereas, as the result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting prohibition of large public gatherings the Parkridge Summer Festival Committee had little time to fundraise for this event; and

Whereas, The Parkridge Summer Festival is one of the few annual events occurring in Ypsilanti's Southside; and

WHEREAS, without city Sponsorship the event is in danger of not having the financial capability to hold the event.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the sponsorship of the Parkridge Summer Festival in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be allocated from account 1-101-4-574-00.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-141, approving an agreement between the City and the Senior Center.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-141

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The certain "Lease, Operations and Management Agreement" between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Senior Center, a Michigan Non-profit Corporation is approved, and the mayor and city clerk are authorized to sign for and on behalf of the City, subject to the approval of the Ypsilanti City Attorney.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2021-142, approving the 2021-2022 Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-142

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the premium for the Property and Liability insurance renewal for the City of Ypsilanti effective August 1, 2021-2022 with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool be approved in the amount of \$394,190.00 be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign and approve payment of the invoice.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2021-143, approving the request of Kiwanis to locate a memorial boulder with plaque in Recreation Park.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-143

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis of Ypsilanti are celebrating their centennial year;

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis of Ypsilanti have contributed greatly to the parks and recreation system in Ypsilanti since their inception, particularly in Recreation Park and regarding the Rutherford Pool;

WHEREAS, the Kiwanis would like to place a marker to celebrate their centennial and their contributions in Recreation Park near the Rutherford Pool;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed and supports the request from the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club to place a commemorative marker in Recreation Park; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby supports the Kiwanis' request to place a boulder with commemorative plaque as specified in the memo dated May 3, 2021.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2021-144, approving the removal and replacement of the concrete at the Parkridge Basketball Court by GM and Sons.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-144

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the basketball court at Parkridge park is in poor condition; and,

Whereas, replacement of the concrete at the Parkridge basketball court will extend the life of the basketball courts and improve the condition of the park; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti Goal Setting Report for this fiscal year has a goal to continue to upgrade city parks.

Now therefore be it resolved that that City Council approves GM & Sons to complete the removal and replacement of the concrete at the Parkridge Park basketball court for the amount of \$68,810 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance

- f) Resolution No. 2021-145, approving a memorandum of understanding with Habitat for Humanity for a solar initiative.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-145

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City seeks to assist residents with the procurement and installation of solar roofs and is actively seeking grant funding opportunities to minimize costs to the homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Habitat specializes in providing home ownership opportunities to families of low income in Ypsilanti and has identified four homes that could benefit from solar installation. Habitat has expressed interest in cooperating with the City to serve as a fiduciary for grant funding opportunities given its 501C3 tax status; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in cooperating with Habitat to provide staffing to support grant identification, grant administration and oversight, and grant content development. Furthermore, the City will commit the staff needed to coordinate with homeowners throughout the process of solar installation.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the Memorandum of Understanding as provided.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance

- g) Resolution No. 2021-137, approving a Youth Mini-Grant for DAPCO.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-137

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, In the recently concluded FY 2021-2022, the City Council approved a \$25,000 grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, Destiny and Purpose Community Outreach (DAPCO) currently serving the youth in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, DAPCO has submitted a grant application for \$5,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a mini grant to DAPCO in the amount of \$5,000 for programs to assist community youth and prepare them for employment.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Brian Jones-Chance
NAYS:	Annie Somerville

- h) Motion to amend resolution previously adopted - Resolution No. 2021-105E

City Attorney Barr informed Council that in order to amend the budget ordinance a public hearing would need to be held and properly noticed.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to hold a discussion, for not more than thirty minutes, on said topic of the increase of police officers.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxen, Anthony Morgan, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville
NAYS:	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, and Brian Jones-Chance

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan to extend the meeting to 11:00 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- i) Discussion regarding permit parking zones in the downtown districts.

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

a) Police Advisory Commission

Precious Turman (Exp. 2/1/2024)
833 Armstrong Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

b) ~~Parks and Recreation Commission- Reappointment~~ - Removed 7-13-21

~~Cherisa Allen (Exp. 7/1/2024)
PO Box 972992
Ypsilanti, MI 48197~~

XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. **None**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **None**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **None**
5. Sustainability Commission. **None**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **None**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **None**

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Jones-Chance

- **Stated residents should apply to CERA for rental assistance.**

Wilcoxen

- **Thanked staff for their work in assisting the residents affected by the recent flooding.**
- **Stated he received a call from a resident living on Grant St. that was affected by flooding as a result of a City ally.**

Somerville

- **Thanked DPS for response regarding garbage cans in the park. Encourage the public to remove their trash when eating in the park.**
- **Thanked council for the discussion regarding the three budgeted police officers. Her concern is for more public participation, even if the outcome is the same.**

Morgan

- **Thanked those that created the jazz series.**
- **Support for Ericka Vonyea to the Planning Commission.**

Symanns

- **Commented on the flooding in Ward 2. It's concerning as the rain weather increases. The city needs to strategize for potential flooding events. It has been devastating to many residents.**
- **Thanked the Mayor, Council Member Wilcoxen, the City Manager, and staff for the assistance to the residents of Ward 2 following the flood.**
- **She shared there has been some destruction to the Border-to-Border Trail.**

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to extend the meeting 11:15 PM. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Brown

- **None**

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- **Joe Lawrence requested sponsorship which will be addressed next week.**
- **Received an invitation for a Treasury meeting regarding ARP funds.**

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a) 2021 Goals Update

Requested Council review the memo in this meetings packet.

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) August 26, 2021, 7:00 pm - Joint Council and Police Advisory Commission Meeting.
- b) Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting Notice

XVII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2021-146, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 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.