



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Member Jennifer Symanns 7:14 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 8:41 PM (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

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

### 2 ROLL CALL

Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mr. Jones-Chance to excuse Mayor Richardson and Jenifer Symanns. On a voice vote the motion carried.

### 3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Steve Wilcoxon to approve the agenda. On a voice vote the motion carried.

### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

8 members from the public spoke.

### 5 CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2021-147, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-147

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the following items be approved:**

1. **Resolution No. 2021-148, approving the minutes of July 13, 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-149, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**
3. **Resolution No. 2021-150, approving Ordinance 1377 - 2021 Spring/Summer Traffic Control Orders (Second Reading).**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-148, approving the minutes of July 13, 2021.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of July 13, 2021 be approved.**

- c) Resolution No. 2021-149, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT, the following be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b><u>Precious Turman</u></b>	<b><u>Police Advisory Commission</u></b>	<b><u>2/1/2024</u></b>
<b><u>New Appointment</u></b>		
<b><u>833 Armstrong Sr.</u></b>		
<b><u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u></b>		

- d) Resolution No. 2021-150, approving Ordinance 1377 - 2021 Spring/Summer Traffic Control Orders (Second Reading).

**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 on Second and Final Reading.**

**6 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- a) Resolution No. 2021-151, approving the development concept with Renovare Development for 220 N Park and directs staff to begin negotiations.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-151**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti owns the 220 N. Park property and is in the process of working with Renovare Development redevelop the site; and**

**Whereas, Public Engagement Sessions happened on the conceptual site plan in June 2021; and**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves development concept proposed by Renovare Development and directs staff to enter into negotiations with the developer on obtaining site control to proceed with the development.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-152, approving the request to be a sponsor of the 2021 Frog Island Jazz Series.

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to support the jazz fest in the amount of \$5,000 from the Marijuana Revenue Sharing.**

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

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to waive fees in the amount of \$4,497.50**

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-152 as amended

**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 may co-sponsor an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and**

**Whereas, this year the Frog Island Jazz Series will take place Fridays July 2nd through September 3rd in Riverside Park; and**

**Whereas, the Frog Island Jazz Series event organizer is requesting that the City be a co-sponsor of the 2021 concert series; and**

**WHEREAS, City Council agrees that becoming a co-sponsor of the 2021 Frog Island Jazz Series would be in the general interest of the public and advance the City's public image;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to be a sponsor of the 2021 Frog Island Jazz Series in the amount of \$5,000 to be allocated from the Marijuana State Revenue Sharing and waive fees in the amount of \$4,497.50.**

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

- c) Resolution No. 2021-153, designating a delegate and alternate to the MML Annual Meeting to represent the City.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, move to nominate Council Member Wilcoxon as a delegate to the MML Convention**

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

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to nominate Mr. Brian Jones-Chance as an alternate delegate**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED.</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Council Member Anthony Morgan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Council Member Annie Somerville

<b>AYES:</b>	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lois Richardson

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-153 as amended

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**that Council Member Wilcoxen be appointed as Delegate**

**and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance be appointed as Alternate**

**for the Annual Convention of the Michigan Municipal League to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 22-24, 2021**

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

- d) Resolution No. 2021-154, approving the payment of the discounted rate of \$40,717.00 to Hartintercivic for the Service and Maintenance Agreement for voting machines.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-154

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, in 2017 fifteen Verity Scans and seven Voter Assist Terminals (VATs) were purchased through the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) Grant from Hart Intercivic; and**

**Whereas, the Service and Maintenance agreements for years one through five were included in the original price; and**

**WHEREAS, individual jurisdictions would be responsible for payment of the Service and Maintenance agreement for years six through ten, which was originally planned to be budgeted for FY22-23; and**

**Whereas, Hart Intercivic has provided an option for a 10% discount if full payment is received prior to August 31, 2021.**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the quote of \$40,717.20.00 with Hart Intercivic for payment of the Service and Maintenance Agreement years six through ten.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FY21-22 Budget be amended by allocating \$40,717.20 to Account #101-7-2621-799-00 for payment.**

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

**7 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS**

a) Ericka-Vonyea Hayes - Exp. 5/1/24 (Added 7-19-2021)

**Non-Resident**

8888 Brookwood Apt 302

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**8 BOARD AND COMMISSION - REPORTS**

1. Police Advisory Commission. **Meeting 7/22**
2. Human Relations Commission. **None**
3. Arts Commission. **Proposal to engage with YES and Riverside**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. **Not able to attend**
5. Sustainability Commission. **None**
6. Historic District Commission. **None**
7. Planning Commission. **None**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals **None**

**9 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**

**10 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**Morgan**

- Stated he met with residents in Ward 3 regarding the development of 220 N Park. And is interested to hear their concerns.

**Wilcoxon**

- Thanked DPS Director Akers and DPS for responding to a resident in Normal Park.
- Stated that the Public Engagement meeting regarding the Penn Dam removal will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Somerville**

- Stated she will bring forth a resolution, with the support of Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, to support Sickle Cell research.

### Symanns

- Asked that the information from FEMA be added to the City's website to help with the recent damage.

### Jones-Chance

- Stated he met with Educate Youth yesterday and hopes to begin a series of Youth Days in the City.

### Brown

- Stated she was at the meeting with Educate Youth and heard amazing ideas and feedback from the organization.

## 11 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Asked Council to collectively set a date for a meeting with representatives from the Washtenaw County Housing Alliance after returning August 17th
  - Ask staff to come up with dates to work with Council Members to set up community input sessions regarding the American Rescue Plan Funds.
- a) Joint Work Session with the Washtenaw County Housing Coalition (added 7-20-21)

## 12 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Glad that Council Member Somerville mentioned that staff meet with Council first.
- Wanted to know when to present what the City needs are or losses from the pandemic

## 13 ADJOURNMENT

### The meeting was adjourn at 8:52 PM

- a) Resolution No. 2021-155, adjourning the City Council Meeting.
- 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.