



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:30 PM - Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, Mayor Lois Richardson, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

ABSENT: Council Member Steven Wilcoxon

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

II ROLL CALL

III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a) I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Jones-Chance to approve the agenda. On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

V CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

- a) To discuss pending litigation MCL 15.268(e) - City of Ypsilanti v Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to adjourn to Closed Session

Meeting Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:32 pm

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to reconvene to Open Session Meeting reconvened at 7:08 pm

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

VI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members of the public spoke

VII PRESENTATIONS

- a) MACP/MLEAC Presentation of the City of Ypsilanti Accreditation Credentials.
- b) UMS Freighthouse PILOT Programing Presentation

VIII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1397, an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, an ordinance entitled "**An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10 – Amusements and Entertainments, Article VI – Events, Division 2 - Permits of the City Code of Ordinances**"
 - 1. Resolution No. 2022-167, determination
 - 2. Public Hearing
 - 3. Resolution No. 2022-168, closing the public hearing

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution 2022-168

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for an ordinance to amend Chapter 10 – Amusements and Entertainments, Article VI – Events, Division 2 – Permits of the City Code of Ordinances be officially closed.

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

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-167

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, City Council wishes to encourage community event programming in our parks system and city facilities; and

Whereas, the City does not have a Parks and Recreation Department dedicated to developing such community event programming internally; and

Whereas, a community events policy has been successful in utilizing the Freighthouse for free community event programming developed by external partners; and

Whereas, the hardship fee waiver process has not been effective for reviewing these requests over the last several years; and

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council amends Chapter 10 – Amusements and Entertainments, Article VI – Events, Division 2 – Permits of the City Code of Ordinances on First Reading.

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

IX CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-169, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-169

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

- 1. Resolution No. 2022-170, approving the minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting.**
- 2. Resolution No. 2022-171, approving the use of pyrotechnics on EMUs campus during the live concert event.**
- 3. Resolution No. 2022-172, approving the declaration to Turn the Town Teal for cervical cancer awareness.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2022-170, approving the minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of July 12, 2022 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2022-171, approving the use of pyrotechnics on EMUs campus during the live concert event.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Jennifer Nelson of FFX Effects Inc, on behalf of the Greta Van Fleet Concert has applied for a fireworks permit to allow indoor pyrotechnics at the Eastern Michigan Convocation Center; and

Whereas, FFX Effects will operate the display and has obtained public liability insurance in the amount of \$6,000,000 and has added the City of Ypsilanti as an additional insured.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves indoor pyrotechnics to be displayed on September 14, 2022 at the EMU Convocation Center, subject to the inspection and approval of the Ypsilanti Fire Department.

- d) Resolution No. 2022-172, approving the declaration to Turn the Town Teal for ovarian cancer awareness.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, *Turn the Town Teal* is a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms;

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers and a leading cause of cancer-related death in women. There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer; It is referred to as "The Silent Disease"; and

Whereas, each year the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA), a nonprofit and partner member of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, sponsors "*Turn the Towns Teal*", a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer; and

Whereas, this event is held in conjunction with National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, from September 1 to September 30; and

Whereas, the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance would like to tie teal ribbons throughout the city, post awareness posters at establishments, and distribute information cards; and

Whereas, the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA), will cover all expenses incurred by this campaign and there will be no cost to the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council supports this national campaign and approves of teal ribbons being tied throughout the city September 1st - September 30, 2022, along with lawn signs, awareness posters and information cards being provided for establishments that are interested.

X RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) ~~Resolution No. 2022-139, approving the appointment of Valory Brown to the Downtown Development Authority. (Postponed June 7th)~~ **Postponed until August 9th**
- b) Resolution No. 2022-173, approving a temporary Art Installation at Prospect Park between August 6, 2022 and October 8, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-173

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City Council has determined that the creation and presence of public art will advance the interests of the city, improve the aesthetic quality of public spaces and structures, provide cultural and recreational opportunities, contribute to the local heritage, and promote the general welfare of the community.

Whereas, The City Council wishes to encourage and promote art in the city, cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets, and promote the city policy of pride, diversity and heritage; and

Whereas, as tasked by City Council §79-3(c) of the City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances, the Arts Commission has reviewed the proposed art installation and finds it satisfactory with the Commissions review guidelines, and compliant with the City of Ypsilanti's Public Art Policy.

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council approves the temporary Public Art Installation, MJ's Mushrooms, by artist Jessica Reitmeyer in Prospect Park between August 6, 2022 and October 8, 2022.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2022-174, approving an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with UMS.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-174

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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WHEREAS, the City owns the Ypsilanti Freighthouse Plaza, located at 100 Market Place; and

WHEREAS, University Musical Society has established itself as a premier arts organization in southeast Michigan and expressed interest in an annual residency to offer 5.5 weeks of programming at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse in 2023 and 8 weeks in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in cooperating with University Musical Society to ensure equitable and prioritized access for Ypsilanti residents to enjoy programming during the proposed residency periods and the proposed agreement meets the financial interests of the City while protecting its priorities including the ability to generate revenue from private events, offer the Freighthouse as a daytime warming center, and organize community event programming during the months UMS is not in residency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the city enter the attached Memorandum of Understanding with University Musical Society for use of the Freighthouse during the months of April and September in 2023 and 2024.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2022-175, approving the application for a grant for the purchase of 96 gallon recycling carts.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Evan Sweet, To approve Resolution No. 2022-175

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has been awarded a grant for the purchase of recycling carts for eligible properties in the city from the non-profit, the Recycling Partnership; and,

Whereas, an agreement has been provided to identify the roles and responsibilities of the City and the Recycling Partnership; and,

Whereas, the grant will allow the city to purchase recycling carts, furthering the city's goal to increase the volume of recycling within the community;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement, subject to review by the City Attorney.

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

XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- a) **Parks and Recreation Commission**
Julia Collins - Reappointment (Exp. 7/1/2025)
206 Oak Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

b) **Bicentennial Committee**

Arieona Klaus
208 Ballard St. #1
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

XII BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission.- **None**
2. Human Relations Commission.- **Meeting is tomorrow**
3. Arts Commission.- **None**
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. - **Stated that the Commission is moving forward with the Fall River Days. The Commission has restructured leadership as a result of his leaving the commission.**
5. Sustainability Commission.- **None**
6. Historic District Commission.- **None**
7. Planning Commission.- **(See motions under Mr. Jones-Chance Proposed Business)**
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - **None**

XIII LIAISON REPORTS

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

XIV COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) **Mr. Jones-Chance**

- Stated there has been speeding issues on S. Park and South Streets. He requested that speed control measures be added to that location.
- Asked that the Freighthouse be considered to house drug counseling services during the times of the warming and cooling centers.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, moved to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on September 13, 2022.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, moved to direct staff to create a moratorium on Adult-Use Recreational Retail Facilities to appear on the August 9th Agenda for Council Approval.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, moved to direct staff to schedule a joint meeting the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board.

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

b) Sommerville

- Stated there there are are speeding issues in Ward 3 and asked that staff review what speed control options are available for residents.
- Thanked staff for responding to a complaint over the weekend regarding trash in a city park.
- Informed Council that the official date of the Bicentennial is August 19, 2023.

c) Brown

- Thanks DPS Director Ron Akers for his service to the City and wished him well in his future pursuits.

d) Symanns

- Stated she has received speeding concerns from residents on Douglas and requested the speed monitors be installed.
- Thanks DPS Director Ron Akers for his service to the city.

e) Sweet

- None

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

a) Richardson

- The Heritage Park Neighborhood Association is holding an event this Saturday, July 30th from 11 am until 3pm.
- Thanks DPS Director Ron Akers for his service.

XVI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XVII COMMUNICATIONS

a) Potential Dates for Council Meeting on EMU Campus

- September 13th
- September 27th
- October 4th
- October 18th

XVIII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

XIX REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XX ADJOURNMENT

a) Resolution No. 2022-176, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 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.