



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, June 4, 2019
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Beth Bashert, Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Nicole Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, and Council Member Annie Somerville

ABSENT:

I CALL TO ORDER

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

II INVOCATION

Mayor Bashert asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

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

Council Member Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Morgan to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as submitted.

V APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO WARD 3

- a) Resolution No. 2019-114, appointing a Council Member to Ward 3.

Council Member Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to appoint Desirae Simmons to the Ward 3 Council Seat

RESULT:	DEFEATED.
MOVER:	Council Member Lois Richardson
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon and Lois Richardson
NAYS:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, and Anthony Morgan

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to appoint Tyler Weston to the Ward 3 Council Seat

RESULT:	DEFEATED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, and Nicole Brown
NAYS:	Steven Wilcoxon, Lois Richardson, and Anthony Morgan

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to appoint Annie Somerville to the Ward 3 Council Seat

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, and Anthony Morgan
NAYS:	Nicole Brown and Lois Richardson

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to appoint Annie Somerville to the Ward 3 Council Seat

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Anthony Morgan

b) Oath of Office for Ward 3 Appointment

City Clerk Hellenga gave the Oath of Office to Council Member Somerville.

VI INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Bashert introduced the following individuals; AAATA CEO Matt Carpenter, Human Resources Manager Rebecca Craigmile, Finance Director Rheagan Basabica, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Stachnik, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Assistant to the City Manager Ryan Hunter, City Manager Frances McMullan, Interim Public Services Director Brad Holman, Interim Fire Chief Ken Hobbs, Police Chief Tony DeGuisti, Housing Commission Director Zach Fosler

VII PRESENTATIONS

a) Proclamation of National Gun Violence Awareness Day

Mayor Bashert added that we lost a member of our community from our city last month and encourages continued conversations about gun violence. Council Member Morgan added that certain populations are affected more by gun violence and violence increases during the warmer months. He encourages practicing gun safety and awareness and to find ways to get guns off the street.

b) Proclamation observing National Pollinator Month

c) Ypsilanti Housing Commission Update - Zach Fosler

Housing Commission Director Zach Fosler provided a presentation about the Housing Commission and their recent projects.

Council Member Morgan asked what the demographics are of the 1,000 residents in the current affordable housing. Mr. Fosler responded that they are largely minority, with an estimated 70-80% African American. Mr. Morgan also asked how long people stay in low-income housing. Mr. Fosler responded that there is a range and the goal is not always self-sufficiency. Mayor Bashert noted that so much of what they are doing is cutting edge. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson noted that public housing has produced many professional people in the past, including John Barfield. Ms. Richardson thanked Mr. Fosler for bringing it back.

d) Ypsilanti Transit Center Update - AAATA Rep. Matthew Carpenter

Jesse Miller, the Ypsilanti appointed member to the AAATA and AAATA CEO Matthew Carpenter provided presentations about the Ypsilanti Transit Center update.

Council Member Wilcoxon asked about other potential sites. Mr. Carpenter gave examples including Depot Town, Water Street, Key Bank, and car dealership lot. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson has been active in the increasing of the bus transportation network and it really to see the difference in increased service. It was a pleasure to have worked with AAATA and excited for the expansion.

Council Member Morgan asked if AAATA will continue to cover 100% of the operating cost. Mr. Carpenter replied that this will continue. Mr. Morgan also asked about the projection of ridership and how that will affect the City and economic development impact. Mr. Carpenter replied that this is a good next step. Mr. Wilcoxon asked if there was any consideration about having 2 terminals. Mr. Carpenter replied there was not much consideration. He sees the potential for a stop in Depot Town and collecting commuter rail passengers. There is not enough space in Depot Town and it not necessarily what you want there with the high traffic volume. Two terminals in a city of this size would create a complicated network.

Mr. Wilcoxon inquired about the potential for long-range buses. Mr. Carpenter responded that it is possible, but it depends on what the community needs. Ms. Richardson asked if Greyhound still makes a stop here. Mr. Carpenter added that he knows that parking is a sensitive topic and TheRide will be a willing partner. Ms. Bashert said that improving public transit is in the Master Plan and looks forward to increasing services.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. TC Collins, 3109 Wooden Hills Ann Arbor, stated that he is the founder of Willow Run Acres. He teaches gardening to several demographics and organizations throughout Southeast Michigan and Ohio and has a seed bank. His son also has a seed bank and taught his peers about gardening and farming.
2. Jim Fink, 206 S Washington, stated that staff may have misunderstood the neighborhood request for speed bumps on Washington. The issue is that people do not stop at the stop sign. He wants to see speed bumps at the stop signs. The weather does affect speed. He asked that council not adopt the staff recommendation.
3. Aaron Johnson, 119 S Washington, has the same issue about speed control on Washington. He noted that the percentage of speeding is understated in the report. There are also seasonal options for speed bumps that would not interfere with snow removal equipment.
4. Steve Pierce, 118 S Washington, stated that children living by speed bumps are 50% less likely to be injured by a car. In the neighborhood study, 40% of cars did not stop at the stop sign and they did not receive the city traffic study. Traffic enforcement has not been given and speed bumps are the next best option. Please put them at the stop sign.
5. Celeste Kampuwala, 1739 Timber Trail Ann Arbor, represents Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Everyone for Gun Safety. National Gun Violence Awareness Day is on Friday. There will be an event on Saturday in Riverside Park. She thanked council for their work to end gun violence.
6. Risa Roache, 108 Buffalo, does not want speed bumps on S Washington.
7. The Cream Incorporated, 301 W Michigan, represents the Knowledge Chapter which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit offering business and volunteer opportunities and marketing services. They are offering a free performing arts camp for males age 5-12. They also offer community service and empowerment resources.
8. Pace Nielson, 215 S Washington, has young children and asked council to install speed bumps on Washington.
9. Matthew Kirkpatrick, 109 Catherine, has a young daughter and supports speed bumps on Washington because people blow through the stop signs on Catherine and Washington. It is very dangerous.
10. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, congratulated Annie Somerville. She has also noticed a progressive erosion of democracy. She knows that Desirae Simmons and said that council does not respect the voices of democracy. She says that they need to take heed of what the public wants. Public comment should be moved prior to presentations to encourage more participation.
11. Brian Geiringer, 415 Pearl, congratulated Annie Somerville and thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson and Council Member Wilcoxen. He stated that Desirae Simmons had more vocal support and is disappointed in Council's decision but it willing to move forward.
12. Melvin Parson, 806 Hilyard Robinson Way, Executive Director of We the People Opportunity Center and is concerned about what happens in the community. Traffic controls are necessary for New Parkridge on Armstrong and Hilyard Robinson Way. The community strongly encourages speed bumps and speed humps as soon as possible.

13. Zac Fosler, Ypsilanti Housing Commission, asked for traffic control on Armstrong. Staff recommendations are acceptable and there is potential for financial assistance. Hilyard Robinson Way is owned by the Housing Commission and they are planning to do analysis on that street.
14. Sam Jones-Darling, Ward 3, gave parting advice. Council needs to hold the AAATA accountable and there should be more representation. He advocates for the continued support of affordable housing and to work with the County and Ann Arbor. There should be a training program about gentrification. He welcomed and congratulated Council Member Somerville.
15. Phalynn Pasha, 806 Armstrong, is in favor of traffic controlling methods to protect her children.
16. Anthony Williamson, Parkridge Community Center, is frustrated because the folks he represents are never there and their voices are not heard. He is tired of what has not been happening. This stuff needs to be fairer for those folks who are more disadvantaged.

IX CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2019-115, approving the Consent Agenda

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve the Consent Agenda

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2019-116, approving the minutes from May 16, 2019.
- c) Resolution No. 2019-117, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

X RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2019-107, approving the collective bargaining agreement with POAM. **(Postpone)**

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to postpone Resolution No. 2019-107 until the June 18th Council Meeting

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- b) Resolution No. 2019-118, approving the appointment of a non-resident to boards and commissions.

Mayor Bashert noted that Mr. Collins is a nonresident and there is one nonresident seat on the Sustainability Commission. Ms. Bashert thinks his work

is great. Council Member Morgan asked what the purpose is of a nonresident seat. Ms. Bashert replied that it was in an effort to not limit outside sustainability expertise. Council Member Wilcoxon was concerned about the lack of information given. Ms. Bashert noted that his application was not reflective of his work but through conversations with him felt that he would be an excellent addition to the commission.

Council Member Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-118

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Lois Richardson
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- c) Resolution No. 2019-119, approving the Retainer Agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-119

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Lois Richardson
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon, Lois Richardson, Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- d) Resolution No. 2019-120, requesting the Michigan State Legislature to pass House Bills 4351 through 4360.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson requested this resolution. She stated that it is a very serious issue and hoped that Council passes unanimously. Council Member Morgan reiterated that this is a monetary issue after they served their time. Michigan is a high penal state. Mayor Bashert is excited to see these bills and this is just one of many much-needed prison reforms.

Council Member Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-120

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Lois Richardson
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- e) Resolution No. 2019-121, approving Ordinance No. 1337 –An Ordinance to amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Fiscal Years. **(Second Reading)**

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-121

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

- f) Resolution No. 2019-122, approving *Ordinance No. 1338* - An Ordinance entitled, "2019-2020 Tax Levy Ordinance" (**Second Reading**)

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approved Resolution No. 2019-122

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- g) Resolution No. 2019-123, authorizing the City Finance Director/Treasurer to levy and assess unpaid special assessments on the July 2019 tax roll.

Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the documents were hard to follow with the parcel number and requests that items are listed by property address in the future. Mayor Bashert requested a more detailed report of outstanding fines.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approved Resolution No. 2019-123

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- h) Resolution No. 2019-124, approving the Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Council Member Wilcoxen asked for clarification about the zoning map amendment. Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided a brief presentation about the changes made to the fee schedule. Some fees were adjusted to cover the costs including special events, planning, parking, and building. Mr. Morgan asked if there was a difference between commercial and residential buildings. Mr. Meyers replied that there is no difference. Other changes were made to reflect mailing and staffing costs. Ms. Richardson asked why some fees were doubled. Mr. Meyers added that they evaluated the cost of mailing and staff time. Some fees have not been changed in 10 years. Mr. Barr explained that many ordinances set fees which would require a change to the ordinance. Several years ago staff pulled all fees to see the fee schedule

altogether and allow changes throughout the year. Mr. Barr also added that the City cannot make a profit on fees, just cover the cost.

Mayor Bashert asked why special event parking space rental and parking space rental are different fees. Mr. Meyers replied that one is just special events and the other would, for example, taking up a spot on Michigan Ave like Herbal Solutions. The park reservation fee is a per two-hour charge. Mr. Morgan asked when the site restoration fee is charged. Mr. Meyers replied that it includes the cost to clean up the site and overtime. Mr. Holman noted that a dumpster used on Saturday would not be picked up until Monday and there could be damage that occurs over the weekend. This fee covers minor charges like trash. City Manager McMullan added that the City does charge when there is extensive damage that occurs.

Ms. Richardson asked about the increased costs of appeals and area variances. Mr. Meyers responded that it is the cost of mail noticing and staff time.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-124

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
NAYS:	Lois Richardson

- i) Discussion on recommendations of the Traffic Review Committee to install traffic calming methods on Armstrong

City Planner Wessler gave a brief presentation about traffic calming on Armstrong. Ms. Richardson stated that the speed bumps costs should be separate from these other methods. The residents asked for speed bumps and that should be the focus. Mr. Morgan brought up the new development nearby and asked why they did not do more traffic calming. Ms. Wessler replied that they did do some, however, speed bumps were not possible because of snow removal equipment. Ms. Bashert would like to know what equipment would be needed to put in a crosswalk to crosswalk speed bumps.

- j) Discussion on recommendations of the Traffic Review Committee to install traffic calming methods on Washington

Ms. Wessler gave a brief presentation about traffic calming on Washington. Ms. Richardson stated that because the residents began the process before the 51% resident petition requirement, they should be exempt. Marking of the crosswalks is not enough because people speed and do not stop at the stop signs. Ms. Brown stated that she thinks temporary speed bumps near the stop signs make a lot of sense. Ms. Brown asked if there is a possibility to move the

stop signs and address the greenery that may cover the signs. Ms. Wessler replied that it is not feasible until the street is redone but the greenery is mostly public. Ms. Bashert stated that she is hesitant about the speed bumps because of the lack of support from residents. Mr. Morgan added that it may also be residents who are speeding and it may be helpful to have a speeding awareness campaign. Ms. Somerville asked about Safe Routes to Schools. Ms. Wessler responded that they are hoping to work with schools over the summer. Ms. Brown stated that due to traffic volume she is in support of speed bumps even without the the support on the initial petition.

XI LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
5. Ypsilanti Youth Safety Collaboration - Mayor Bashert stated that they disbanding. Council Member Morgan is interested in recreating something in the future.
6. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
7. Housing Equity Leadership Team - affordable versus inclusionary housing discussion

XII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Morgan

1. He would like to further discuss speed bumps and speed humps.
2. He welcomed Council Member Somerville to Ward 3.

Wilcoxon

1. People are bringing alleys up more and more. He would like to talk to Brad about filling them in and Joe about inspections.

Somerville

1. She asked about the sidewalk on the bridge in Depot Town.

Richardson

1. The dangerous building on Prospect must come down or be boarded up.
2. Parkridge will be hosting a summer camp starting on the first Monday in July.

XIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. There will be a resolution about Elvis Fest to name the days Elvisdays.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

1. Public Safety Open House on Saturday June 8.
2. Celebration for Pete Murdock on Sunday in Prospect Park.
3. Thanked Council and staff for their support during the budget process.

XV COMMUNICATIONS

a) Nomination

Human Relations Commission

V Rosser - Appointment Exp 7/1/2022

915 Woods

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

b) SmartZone LDFA Communications

Thirteen students have been placed in technology work environments for the summer.

c) Human Relations Commission Resolution No. 2019-006 recommending amendment to the Immigration Solicitation Ordinance

Mayor Bashert asked Mr. Barr if the Do Not Ask Policy is compliant. If it is she would like it brought to Council and if not would like to know.

d) Human Relations Commission Resolution No. 2019-007, recommending terms be increased from three years to five years.

Set aside.

XVI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. Steve Pierce, 118 S Washington, thanked Council for the discussion about speed bumps, but the process can be improved. It is not just residents traveling through the area. The 51% resident petition was unknown to them. Traffic Review Committee should engage the community in the process and the report would have been more reflective. The information should be shared back to the community.
2. Sam Jones-Darling, Ward 3, would like to touch the no-solicitation ordinance. Don't listen to the legal counsel when they give bad legal advice. The Human Relations Commission term length was intended to outlast Counsel in order to not cede to political pressure. Ypsilanti can be a model.

XVII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII ADJOURNMENT

a) Resolution No. 2019-125, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown

SECONDER: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

AYES: Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville