



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, August 27, 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

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

III INVOCATION

IV 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.

V AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

VI INTRODUCTIONS

YCUA Director Jeff Castro, YCUA Board Member Michael Bodary, YCUA Finance Officer Dwayne Harrigan, OHM Vice President of Engineering Kent Early, HR Director Rebecca Craigmile-Heyn, DDA Director Chris Jacobs, DPS Director Ron Akers, Development Director Joe Meyers, City Manager Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga

VII PRESENTATIONS

- a) 2019 Park Improvement Update - Christopher Jacobs, Community Development/DDA Director

Community Development Director Christopher Jacobs provided an update about recent park improvements. Council Member Wilcoxon asked if the other

sign at Candy Cane park will be updated. Mr. Jacobs responded that another sign may be in the next round of funding. Mr. Morgan thanked Mr. Jacobs for his work. Mayor Bashert added that the parks look great and they are being used more.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. Beverly Washington James, 968 Monroe, thanked three staff members at the police and fire departments for their assistance with her alarm during the blackout.
2. Chris Jackson, Sticky Ypsi, stated that he wants to be a good neighbor. He has had the privilege of talking to residents and he has heard that there are young people with a lack of resources who are transitioning from high school to college. They are providing 5 students with laptops to begin their college career.
3. Gail Wolkoff, Educate Youth 104 S. Huron, thanked City Council for funding youth programming and for giving money after the shooting over the summer. Funding from the City has covered programming for 16 students, including Friday night movies, swimming at Recreation Park, painting, yoga, and college visits.
4. Kari Burton, 102 Spring, asked about the status of Ordinance 1271 because she still has 60 trucks passing her house at night. The sidewalks are broken in front of her rental properties because of the roadway. She asked Council to allow her to wait to fix the sidewalk until the roadway is fixed.
5. Janelle Sterling, 32 Photo, stated that she lives next to Cultivate Coffee and Tap House. She requested that some do something about the daily excessive noise. The neighbors are also asking for a dead-end sign at Ninde St to stop people from driving on their lawn to turn around. She received a letter from the HDC when she stripped the paint off her door, but the business next door has not been cited for anything.
6. Bryan Foley, 425 Ainsworth Circle, thanked DPS for cleaning out the baseball diamond at Parkridge Park. It was cleaned beyond expectations and they continued to maintain it. The horseshoe pit has been covered for decades, but now people are able to use it. The foreman stayed late to install all the benches on Friday. He thanked DPS, DPS Director Ron Akers, and City Manager Frances McMullan for sending the workers.
7. Anthony Williamson, 591 Armstrong, thanked Council for the speedbumps and stop signs in Parkridge. He asked for more enforcement at the stop signs. Parkridge Park looks beautiful. The office was painted, but they need more facilities improvements. They have had some literacy improvement programming. Mr. Williamson also asked about the process for the festival funding.
8. Cream Inc, 111 S Wallace, stated that they raised \$2,240 through their GoFundMe account. Within the first 30 minutes of the Gun BuyBack event, they ran out of money and bought back 8 guns and 16 rifles. He added that the GoFundMe account will continue as a community endowment and residents can make requests to Council to access it for related community events or needs. There were items stolen from the Parkridge Community Center during the festival. They have set up a GoFundMe to recover some of the items that were stolen.
9. Kyle Hunter, 430 S Adams, spoke in opposition to the removal of the flags from

council chambers.

Mayor Bashert asked City Attorney Barr about the truck ordinance. Mr. Barr responded that he can bring it before Council in an upcoming meeting. Mayor Bashert asked staff to look into the sidewalk issue.

IX ORDINANCES FIRST READING

a) *Ordinance No. 1340* - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal rates.

1. Resolution No. 2019-165, determination
2. Open Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2019-166, close public hearing

YUCA Director Castro gave a brief explanation regarding the sewerage rate increases.

Public Hearing

1. Michael Bodary, 1206 Westmoorland, stated that it is unfortunate that water and sewer rates have risen, but it is due to the increase from the supplier. He thanked Council for appointing him as a member of YCUA Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2019-166.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2019-165.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the supplier changed because there was a decrease last year. Mr. Castro replied that the supplier remained the same. Ms. Richardson asked why the rates increased drastically. Mr. Castro responded that it is not a drastic increase compared to the average increase. He added that they use storage to keep rates low.

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

b) *Ordinance No. 1341* - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates.

1. Resolution No. 2019-167, determination

2. Open Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2019-168, close public hearing

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-168.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-167.

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

- c) *Ordinance No. 1342* - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code adding Chapter 79, Article I Ypsilanti Arts Commission".
1. Resolution No. 2019-169, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2019-170, close public hearing

Public Hearing

1. Jennifer Goulet, 2136 Collegewood, spoke in favor of the Arts Ordinance. The City has a legacy of arts, culture, and creativity. She prepared a written statement for Council. This is a tremendous opportunity for arts and creative assets in the city. She recommended establishing a plan for the arts and culture.
2. Alice Kepchar, 213 S Hamilton, spoke in favor of the Arts Ordinance as a non-profit theater group.
3. Jessica Tenbusch, owner of Ypsi Alloy Studios, spoke in favor of the Arts Ordinance.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-170 to close the public hearing.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to table Resolution No. 169.

Mayor Bashert stated that she has received some feedback from Ms. Goulet about some improvements to the ordinance. She entertained a motion to table the ordinance until September 10th.

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

X CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2019-171, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019- 171.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-172, approving the minutes of July 16, 2019.
- c) Resolution No. 2019-173, approving appointments to boards and commissions
- d) Resolution No. 2019-174, declaring the month of September as, "Turn the Town Teal" in the City of Ypsilanti and approving teal ribbons be placed in observance of the campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer.
- e) Resolution No. 2019-175, appointing David Blakely from the Department of Public Services as employee delegate, and Lizabeth Schmidt from the Police Department as the alternate to the MERS Annual Meeting.

XI RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2019-176, approving a solid waste contract with Stevens Disposal & Recycling Service.

Mayor Bashert asked about on-call pickup. Mr. Barr responded that if someone has a special need they can call in to get that picked up. Ms. Bashert asked about liquidated damages. Mr. Barr responded that when damage is difficult to prove, there is an agreed-upon amount for that damage. Ms. Bashert asked if the non-discrimination ordinance is the same as the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

Council Member Morgan asked what method is used to determine if businesses are linked with Iran economic sanctions. Mr. Barr responded that they are required to file a disclosure statement.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-176.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-177, awarding the brown waste trash contract to GFL.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-177.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2019-178, approving Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant for Sewer Video Investigation to Advanced Underground.

Video not present technical difficulties

DPS Director Akers provided a brief explanation about the sewer video investigation.

Council Member Wilcoxon asked if this is just the inspection or if it includes cleaning and repairs. Mr. Akers responded that it only includes inspection. Mr. Wilcoxon asked if the new vactor truck will be able to do the root removal. Mr. Akers responded that it depends on how stuck the roots are. Mayor Bashert asked when they expect the vactor truck to arrive. Mr. Akers responded that it is expected in January or February. Mayor Bashert asked if the cleaning will mitigate the increased flooding that is occurring due to climate change. Mr. Akers replied that the Asset Management Plan will calculate what the system can handle. He added that areas were chosen to include recurring problem areas and areas throughout the city. The data collected will be used as part of the Asset Management Plan.

Council Member Symanns asked if this is a one time project, or if it will occur in other parts of the city. Mr. Akers responded that there may be other grants available for further investigation. Mr. Wilcoxon asked if there was a comprehensive video of the city system. Mr. Akers responded that there is not; this video would be a representative sample of the city. Mr. Morgan asked if the range of bids indicated different levels of service provided. Mr. Akers responded that they were bid for the same work. Council Member Symanns asked about the inspection timeline. Mr. Akers responded that the video will happen in the fall and significant issues can be handled by the vactor truck in the spring.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-178.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2019-179, authorizing City Manager Frances McMullan and Director of Public Services Ron Akers as the authorized Representatives of the SAW Grant Agreement.

Video not present technical difficulties

DPS Director Akers explained the purpose of the submitted resolution.

Council Member Wilcoxon asked why there was only one designated signer in the first agreement. Mr. Early responded that there was an interim City Manager at the time. Mayor Bashert asked if it is typical to have the City Manager and the department head as authorized signers. Mr. Barr responded that it is appropriate.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-179.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2019-180, approving the award of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) ADA Ramps Program to Saladino Construction.

DPS Director Akers asked for this item to be tabled until the September 10th meeting to address a minor item.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to table Resolution No. 2019-180.

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

- f) Resolution No. 2019-181, approving contract with OHM to provide construction engineering for the 2019 Major Road Program not to exceed \$90,700.

DPS Director Akers gave a brief overview of the project. Council Member Wilcoxon asked if the road project will happen simultaneously or if there is a schedule. Mr. Akers responded that they will happen simultaneously; they are meeting with the contractor on Friday to get a better idea of the construction schedule. He added that there is a tentative start date of September 9th. Mayor Bashert asked if this project will address the speeding on N and S Congress. Staff will confirm if this area is included. Mr. Wilcoxon mentioned the petition by residents to put in a speed table at Congress and Oakwood. Mr. Early stated that sections of Congress will be narrowed as part of the project.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-181.

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

- g) Resolution No. 2019-182, approving MDOT Contract #19-5347 for pedestrian gateway treatment installation work along various routes in the city.

DPS Director Akers provided a brief overview of the project.

Council Member Morgan asked about the timeline of the project. Mr. Akers responded that it will likely start through the fall. Mr. Morgan if there were any foreseeable obstacles. Mr. Akers responded that they will need to communicate with the County Road Commission and AAATA for portions of the project, but it should be done in the fall. Council Member Wilcoxon asked how the sites were chosen. Mr. Akers will follow-up with the City Planner about that process. Council discussed other roads and intersections that need improvement in the city.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-182.

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

- h) Resolution No. 2019-183, approving Property and Liability Insurance Renewal with Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool.

Mayor Bashert asked City Manager McMullan how much was budgeted for the insurance renewal. Ms. McMullan stated that the City typically budgets for a 5% increase; this rate increase is due to the increase in full-time staff. Ms. Bashert asked for clarity from the Finance Director about how this increased cost is being handled in the budget. Ms. McMullan responded that it is likely that there will be a request for a budget amendment at a future meeting. Council Member Morgan asked for clarity about the loss ratio. Mr. Barr stated that this is a function of the loss history. Mr. Wilcoxon asked about the dam coverage. Ms. McMullan stated that there is a \$500,000 coverage for the dam on the current liability insurance. Mr. Wilcoxon asked about the increases litigation trends. Mr. Barr responded that litigation varies; there has not been much litigation in the past few years, but there have been a few recent cases.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-183.

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

- i) Resolution No. 2019-184, approving update to voting information provided to tenants upon occupancy as required by Ordinance No. 1320.

Council Member Somerville stated her support for the resolution. Council Member Symanns asked if this is a common practice among municipalities. City Manager McMullan stated that this came out of a suggestion. Council Member Morgan asked about email retention, increased voter turnout, and consequences for not providing this information. Clerk Hellenga responded that failure to provide this information would violate the ordinance. The ordinance does not address email retention. Mr. Morgan asked about the complaint process. Mr. Hellenga replied that a citizen could file a complaint in the Clerk Department and the City

Attorney would investigate.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2019-184.

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

- j) Resolution No. 2019-185, approving Board and Commission funds distribution policy.

Council Member Morgan asked if this is an annual disbursement. Mayor Bashert responded that it is part of the budget and would be considered annually; this is the first year this was included. Council Member Wilcoxon asked how the remaining funds are allocated. Clerk Hellenga replied that it would be first come first serve.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-185.

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

- k) Resolution No. 2019-186, authorizing and limiting display of city, state and federal flags and symbols in City Hall. (added)

Council Member Morgan stated that it is critical to be inclusive of all members of the community. He does not think that the flags add or take away from the work of Council. He added that he has a clear understanding of who he represents beyond the flags. Council Member Symanns stated that she struggles with this decision because of the meaning of the flags, but understands that it would be difficult to draw the line about which groups to include. She added that Council support is shown through its actions. Council Member Brown stated that she enjoyed having the flags up, but agrees that Council shows its support through actions. She added that she is concerned that there is not a current process to decide what flags are displayed. She stated that if the flags come down, this would be done in an effort to be more inclusive and these communities are still supported by Council.

Council Member Somerville stated that she is in favor of implementing a policy for determining how flags are displayed and thinks that suggesting they may face First Amendment rights issues is a fear tactic. Ms. Somerville added that she would not have an issue if the room was filled with flags and would feel comfortable refusing a request to display the Confederate flag because it represents hate, terrorism, and white supremacy. City Manager McMullan stated that it was brought to her attention as a potential issue. She stated that a few municipalities display the City, State, and US flag and others would be displayed by resolution on special occasions.

Mayor Bashert suggested that a newly-elected Council could vote on a set of flags that represent the mood of the Council or discuss a time limit for flags to be displayed. She added that it is benign neglect that they are still displaying flags set by a former council and these communities can not be treated with benign neglect. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that the addition of the other flags was not originally displayed with Council approval. She added that it would be safer to remove the flags to avoid any First Amendment rights concerns.

Ms. Symanns asked Mr. Barr what the City's legal exposure would be to retain the flags. City Attorney Barr stated that it would be difficult to defend against a First Amendment suit once some flags are displayed. The Council continued discussion related to the flags and First Amendment protections.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-186.

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

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - RAC negotiations, new parking strategies at next month's meeting, and cigarette butt recycling.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - Month delay to get the bid approved.
6. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) Wilcoxon

1. He attended a town hall from Rep. Dingle about PFAS. It would be good to have primers before town halls. It is interesting that it was held at EMU rather than other elsewhere in the City.
2. The Ward 2 meeting was at the Senior Center. He was a little disappointed with the low turnout of 12 people. He will ask the planning department about a city-wide wrap-up meeting.
3. Staff is working on the preproposal grant to the Department of Natural Resources for the dam removal. He will be meeting with landowners next week.

b) Somerville

1. She hosted a town hall about social equity in recreational marijuana. There was good feedback about local ways to implement social equity. She is looking for a location for further conversations in early September and is working with Mr. Wilcoxon on a potential ordinance.
2. She is working with staff to host a movie (The Great Pumpkin) in the

park, tentatively set on October 24th. She may be asking for support from Council.

3. She stated that a resident would like to provide input about the crosswalk to address issues for people who are visually impaired.
4. She would like to see speed reduction from Depot Town to W Cross.
5. She stated that people continue to park on the crosswalks in Depot Town. City Manager mentioned that enforcement in increasing and striping is an option.
6. She added that the City needs to continue to communicate with residents about recycling.

c) Bashert

1. She informed DPS that the sand/ pea gravel in some parks need to be replaced.
2. She asked Mr. Barr for language about the rights of a blocked/closed alley.

d) Brown

1. She is excited about live streaming so that more residents can view City Council meetings.
2. She will be catching up with emails this week after being out of the country.

e) Symanns

1. She asked about the process and rotation schedule for the speed signs. They were in Collegewood for a couple of weeks and were appreciated. She will be in contact with DPS.
2. The striping looks great on Cornell. The intersection at Cornell and Collegewood is a four-way stop but only has striping on the Collegewood side.
3. She asked about the ownership of the broken railing by the Water Tower.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to extend to the City Council meeting until 10:15 p.m.

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

f) Morgan

1. He thanked DTMC and Parkridge for their summer youth programs. He also thanked DPS and Director Ron Akers for his leadership.
2. The Ward 3 Visioning Session was exciting to hear from residents. The City Planner was central to facilitating that.
3. He has received a few complaints about leaf and sewer flooding on Norris and on Maple.
4. He attended the meeting with Ypsilanti Township and YMCA about the new recreation center.
5. He has been working with State representatives to shape the language about the social equity program.
6. He hopes Y-Town SWAG will continue to grow.

7. He is excited that weekend festivals were so popular.
8. He thanked City Manager McMullan for her leadership and vision and thanked the Mayor for her consistency.

g) Richardson

1. She thanked Joe for the benches at Parkridge.
2. She asked that Council Members be courteous and inform the ward representatives if they hold a meeting in their ward.
3. She is interested in a budget adjustment from the millage to restore Friday services at the police department.
4. The Summerfest was fantastic. She hopes it will continue to grow. Mayor Bashert asked that waived fees for events be approved by Council.
5. She will work with Council Member Somerville about the marijuana town hall.
6. She will be attending the workmen's compensation fund meeting for MML.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- a) She asked staff if there was a possibility to improve the City website.
- b) EMU, the County, and the City have been working on an event for elected officials to be held at the Freighthouse on October 9th.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to extend the City Council meeting until 10:30 p.m.

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

- c) She is working with the City Manager, City Attorney, and YCS for a truancy ordinance using restorative justice tactics.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a) The Fire Labor Contract will be on the September 10th meeting.
- b) A presentation about parking strategy implementation will be on September 10th meeting. They have posted a job for the parking manager and will be interviewing people later this week.
- c) The CRISI grant has opened and has an October 18th deadline. They need updated support letters and a second financial source, which they will entertain MDOT or MEDC. They received the check back from OHM about the BUILD grant.

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Potential dates for Parliamentary Procedure Training
- September 12, 13, 18, 19, or 20th from 1 to 4 pm

Clerk Hellenga will contact MML for alternative dates.

- b) Scheduling a Joint Session of City Council, Planning Commission, and Sustainability Commission for final public hearing and adoption of the Master Plan.

Tuesday, November 26th at 7 p.m.

- c) The Clerk Department will be available during First Fridays from 5 to 6 pm. We will be registering voters and signing up those interested in being on the Permanent Absentee List. Weather permitting we will be located at the Library Plaza, 229 W. Michigan Ave.

Clerk Hellenga added that the Clerk department will be participating in the Risk Limiting Audit Pilot, a new audit system to ensure the outcome of an election.

XVII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. Sylvester Smith, 212 S Hamilton, has had a long history with his neighbors using and damaging his driveway. His neighbor also has trash and overgrown weeds in his yard. There are also issues with speed on Hamilton.

Mayor Bashert asked staff to look into ordinance enforcement and send enforcement tomorrow. Mayor Pro-Tem will follow-up with him about these issues.

XVIII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2019-187, adjourning the City Council meeting

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-187, adjourning the City Council meeting.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown