



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, September 10, 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 pm.

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

- a) The agenda was approved as amended.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to table Ordinance No. 1344 to September 24, 2019.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to table Ordinance No. 1342 to September 24, 2019.

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

NAYS:	Beth Bashert
ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve the agenda as amended.

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

VI INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Bashert introduced the following individuals; City Manager McMullan, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, Community Development/DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, DPS Director Ron Akers, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Non-Motorized Commissioner Bob Krzewinski, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, and Deputy City Clerk Sarah Stachnik.

VII PRESENTATIONS

a) Edward Byrne Memorial Grant - Chief Tony DeGiusti

Police Chief DeGiusti informed Council that the grant money will be spent on fingerprinting equipment that needs to be replaced. The equipment will require an additional \$4,053 from the budget.

b) Parking Strategy Implementation Plan Presentation - Christopher Jacobs - Community Development/DDA Director

Community Development Director Jacobs provided an overview of the proposed parking changes.

Council Member Somerville asked about employee parking availability and cost in Depot Town. Clerk Hellenga stated the current cost for parking permits. Ms. Somerville expressed concern with the price of the downtown permits. Mr. Hellenga added that downtown permits were established in the mid-1990s. Mayor Bashert added that employers often subsidize the parking permits. Economic Development Director Meyers added that the parking manager will also look at meter usage throughout the city. Council Member Morgan asked how the overtime cost was determined. Mr. Jacobs responded that it was calculated by DPS Director Akers. Mr. Morgan asked if the parking manager would be a DDA or city employee. Mr. Jacobs responded that it would be a city employee, but would work closely with the DDA. Mr. Morgan asked if repairs are required to add spaces. Mr. Jacobs responded that there would be some repairs to the Freighthouse lot with further infrastructure improvements in the future.

Ms. Somerville stated her concern for the amount of employee parking available. Mr. Jacobs responded that the Frog Island lot will still be free. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson expressed concern with requiring permits on Ferris St.

Mr. Jacobs responded that the S Huron lot would serve these businesses. Mr. Meyers stated that employees are currently parking on Ferris which is why staff recommended permit parking. Ms. Richardson expressed concern that these changes would no longer make Ypsilanti a friendly city. Mayor Bashert stated that this is a stressful decision for Council to make, but changes need to be made to improve the parking situation in the business districts.

- c) Road diets on Hamilton, Huron, & Washtenaw - Bonnie Wessler, City Planner - **Click [Here](#) for Full Draft Report or Click [Here](#) for Report Review**

City Planner Wessler provided a brief update regarding the road diets on Hamilton, Huron, and Washtenaw. Mayor Bashert asked if the increased wait times for cars in certain areas of the city would result in increased pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative. Council Member Morgan asked if the projected road rating includes proposed changes. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative. She added that there is not currently a rating system for multimodal transportation.

VIII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. Cheryl Weber, 1808 Collegewood, expressed her concern about the proposed parking strategies in Depot Town. She added that there needs to be ADA parking and loading zones for businesses.
2. Celeste McClellan, 314 Maple St, stated that she appreciates that City Council is trying to improve the parking situation. She added that she hopes that some parking will remain 30-minute parking to accommodate food co-op customers. She asked that they continue to work with business owners to develop these policies and provide enough parking for employees.
3. Susan Carter, 410 Maple, expressed her concern that this strategy will take away park and ride spaces at the Transit Center and will restrict access to handicapped people and people without smartphones. She added that the kiosk locations are not convenient and would like to see 30-minute parking. She also stated that she is curious about how the farmers market would work and is concerned about overflow parking on Maple Street.
4. Liano Sharon, 2022 Washtenaw, stated that it is an oversight that the marijuana ordinance does not appear to include micro-businesses. It also does not specify the number of facilities allowed.
5. Tessa Sarapo, 40 E Cross, stated that she thinks meter parking will discourage people from coming to the city. She also spoke in favor of 30-minute parking.
6. Corinne Sikorski, owner of 312 N River, stated that one of the reasons the Co-op moved from Perrin was because there was two-hour parking. She added that 30-minute parking would benefit all the businesses in Depot Town and the location of the kiosks is very inaccessible for customers. She also asked Council to consider other ways to deal with the sidewalk issues caused by city trees that are not maintained.
7. Sean Thomas, 919 W Cross, stated that he is disappointed that the flags were removed.
8. Brian Foley, 425 Ainsworth, thanked Council for taking recreational marijuana off the agenda and asked that they speak people involved with substance abuse about the negative effects of legalized marijuana. He added that Ypsilanti has a drug problem.
9. TC Collins, 3109 Woodland Hills, expressed concern about the amount of

waste and garbage that is not properly handled during the festivals. He added that there needs to be more accessible parking and suggested adding the one-cent option for four minutes of parking. He stated that the road diets need to consider the outer city, not just the inner city.

10. Srikar Chiravuri, CREAM, Inc, stated that they wrapped up a successful gun buyback program and continue to offer incorporation services to anyone looking to start a business. They will have a follow-up press conference about the gun buyback program and will be at the Blackstone Bookstore on October 5th from 12-4 pm.
11. Brian Geiringer stated that he lives in the gerrymandered part of Ward 1. He stated that he does not like the presentations before public comment because there are a lot of people who had to leave without having an opportunity to speak. He attended the Ward 1 visioning session and did not think it was successful due to the lack of attendance. He thinks flyering and kiosks would be helpful for communication. He hopes that lower-income folks are including in the arts commission.
12. Hugo Mack, 265 Stadium, stated that he is a candidate for Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney in 2020. He wanted to introduce himself and listen to citizens. The next Prosecuting Attorney needs to be concerned about restorative justice and not just be a trial advocate. He hopes to meet with everyone to explain his vision and address the issues facing Ypsilanti.
13. Gail Wolkoff, 1720 Whittier, stated that we need to move forward beyond the flag issue. She asked residents to volunteer as reading buddies to address the reading problem in public schools. She added that is essential that the marijuana incarnation problem is resolved before opening this issue of recreational marijuana.
14. Rex Richie, 1065 Maplewood, stated that the parking issue is very serious. He said that there needs to be more parking, not more expensive parking and they are not taking everyone's ideas into consideration. He added that there are other parking systems that would not cost anything.
15. Sally Richie, 1065 Maplewood, stated that there is no cost to the City to use AirGarage. She recommended that the City look into that program.

Mayor Bashert thanked everyone who spoke about the parking situation for providing their input. She stated that the flags were never meant to be put up permanently and City remains committed to diversity. She stated that it is a crime that there is no public recycling and that there was not more involvement in the visioning sessions.

IX ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) ~~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~~ **(Tabled until 9/24/19)**
- b) *Ordinance No. 1343 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code repealing Division 4. Heritage Festival, sections 10-306 and 10-307".*
 1. Resolution No. 2019-188, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2019-189, close public hearing

Council Member Somerville stated that it was brought forward because there are many residents who have expressed concerns about the festival.

Public Hearing

1. Lester Heddle, 2058 Washtenaw, thanked everyone involved in the festival and thanked Council, DPS, and the police department for their support. He stated that three years ago they began to try to rebuild the festival. This year they attracted 25-30,000 people this year which is significantly higher than the last couple of years.
2. TC Collins, 3109 Woodland Hills, stated that the Heritage Festival and the Parkridge Festival have to work together and have more attractions.
3. Bryan Foley, 425 Ainsworth, stated that the Parkridge Festival committee has an excellent relationship with YpsiFest.
4. Sally Richie, 1065 Maplewood, stated that YpsiFest should be treated like any other festival in Depot Town and should not have a separate ordinance. She is in favor of getting rid of the ordinance but not the YpsiFest.
5. Rex Richie, 1065 Maplewood, stated that closing Cross Street hurts businesses when the festival is small.
6. Scott Vergal, Chairman of YpsiFest, appreciated the feedback about recycling, they are looking at alternatives. He stated that they have resolved previous differences with the SummerFest. He spoke in favor of the ordinance because it protects their vendors. He stated that they did not close Cross Street this year because they are trying to be good neighbors and work with Depot Town businesses.
7. Gail Wolkoff, 1728 Whittier, stated that the vendors need to have clear boundaries about what can be sold, and these things must be representative of City values.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-189.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-188.

Mayor Bashert asked what would change if the ordinance is repealed. City Attorney Barr stated that the special control of the area would be removed. They would still be able to have the festival, but they would need a special event permit. Ms. Bashert asked if the ordinance is still relevant to the festival because the name has changed. Mr. Barr responded in the affirmative. Council Member Somerville asked if there was a restriction on youth when the ordinance was passed. Council Member Wilcoxen asked why the new iteration of the festival is grandfathered into the ordinance. Mr. Barr stated that the city does not have any input into who is part of the committee. Mr. Heddle stated that it has always been

Ypsilanti Heritage, Arts, and Entertainment and run by the same organization and nonprofit.

Ms. Somerville stated that this issue was brought up because of the youth restriction, and the special events permit is sufficient because outside vendors would be required to get a permit. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson agreed that this festival should stand on its own, and does not support a festival that does not allow youth without an adult. Council Member Morgan stated that a ban is not a solution and is interested in how the festival has affected the local businesses. Ms. Bashert stated that she thinks the festival is not at a size that requires the ordinance, and the special events permit is sufficient. She added that the extra protections may make sense if the festival grows and they will not continue to support the festival with youth restrictions.

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

- c) ~~Ordinance No. 1344 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code adding a new Chapter 8 Recreational Marijuana - Adult Use".~~
- ~~1. Resolution No. 2019-190, determination~~
 - ~~2. Open Public Hearing~~
 - ~~3. Resolution No. 2019-191, close public hearing (Tabled until 9/24/19)~~
- d) Ordinance No. 1345 - An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend City Code by adding Chapter 99 - Small Cell Wireless Facilities".
1. Resolution No. 2019-192, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2019-193, close public hearing

Mr. Barr provided a brief explanation of the ordinance.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-193.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-192.

Council Member Morgan expressed concern about potential health effects from microwave radiation.

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

- e) *Ordinance No. 1346-* An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 1 General Provisions of the Ypsilanti City Code, by amending section 1-14 Enforcement Authority for the code to include all law enforcement officers with jurisdiction to act as law enforcement officers within the city."
1. Resolution No. 2019-194, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2019-195, close public hearing

Police Chief DeGuisti provided a brief explanation of the ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson thought that this was already established under the Safety Alliance. The Chief stated that this allows the Sheriff's department to enforce city ordinances within the city, which is separate from jurisdiction. Mr. Morgan asked if they are trained in the same way as Ypsilanti Police. Chief DeGuisti stated that they do not have authority over their training; however, there are some similarities and some trainings are county-wide.

Public Hearing

1. Kari Burton, 102 Spring, asked about the communication system.

Mayor Bashert stated that they have shared the 911 calling center with the Sherriff.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 195.

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

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-194.

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

- f) *Ordinance No. 1347 -* An Ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to approve Traffic Control Orders".
1. Resolution No. 2019-196, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2019-197, close public hearing

City Planner Wessler provided a brief explanation of the ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked why the ordinance is coming up after the work is done. Ms. Wessler stated that it is a state requirement that these orders be approved by ordinance.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2019-197.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
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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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-196.

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

X CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2019-198, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-198.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-199, approving the minutes of August 27, 2019.
- c) Resolution No. 2019-200, approving *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. **(Second Reading)**
- d) Resolution No. 2019-201, approving *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. **(Second Reading)**
- e) Resolution No. 2019-202, approving the purchase of two 2020 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs from Gorno Ford.
- f) Resolution No. 2019-203, appointing City Manager Frances McMullan as an officer delegate to the MERS Conference.
- g) Resolution No. 2019-204, approving a fireworks display permit for ACE Pyro, LLC, on behalf of Eastern Michigan University.

XI RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2019-205, approving fees associated with Small Cell Wireless Facilities.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-205.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-206, awarding a mini-grant to The CREAM Inc., in the amount of \$5,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked that the funding be for direct service to youth, and she does not see the gun buyback program as direct youth service. Council Member Brown stated that the CREAM, Inc. has many programs, including the buyback, that directly affect youth. City Manager McMullan stated that they have a record of youth involvement and supporting mental health in the city. Ms. Richardson asked for an amendment to include these other youth programs. Council Member Morgan expressed his support for the organization. Council Member Somerville stated that she is glad that CREAM Inc submitted an application.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to amend Resolution No. 2019-206 to include that the grant will support their work with Ypsilanti youth.

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

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2019-206.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2019-207, approving the DTE Easement to provide electrical services to 116-118 Michigan Ave.

DPS Director gave a brief description regarding the easement request.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-207.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2019-208, approving agreement between Washtenaw County and the City of Ypsilanti for Subaward of Federal Financial Assistance (CDBG)

DPS Director Akers explained the purpose of this resolution and gave an overview of the requirement. Mayor Bashert asked if the City is required to complete the ramps that were not completed last year. Mr. Akers responded that there are upcoming projects that will fulfill the requirement. Ms. Bashert asked how the ramps were chosen. Mr. Akers responded that some were based on resident complaints. He added that in the future, DPS will plan to work with the non-motorized committee to prioritize ramps. Ms. Bashert stated that there is a

building on Michigan Ave that could use ramps.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-208.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2019-180, approving the Community Development Block Grant ADA Ramp Program to Saladino Construction. **(tabled August 27, 2019)**

DPS Director Akers provided a brief description about this project. Mr. Wilcoxon asked if they received the bid last year. Mr. Akers responded in the affirmative. Mr. Morgan asked if they are on schedule to complete by October 25th. Mr. Akers responded that they should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019-180.

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

- f) Resolution No. 2019-211, approving the grant application from Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Connecting Communities Program. **(added)**

City Planner Wessler provided a brief explanation of the application. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson thanked Ms. Wessler for following through with the project. Council Member Morgan asked who will be responsible for maintenance. Ms. Wessler responded that MDOT will be responsible for heavy-duty maintenance. They are proposing that the City and Township alternate years for snow removal and light maintenance. The City and MDOT would be responsible for areas north of the bridge and Ypsilanti Township and Washtenaw County Road Commission for anything south of the bridge. Mayor Bashert stated that Ypsilanti Township has expressed support for working collaboratively on this project and increasing safety.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-211.

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

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville

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

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - none
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - none
3. Urban County - working on priority project funding for the train platform.
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - retreat is upcoming.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - heard back from the State about what needs to be changed in the bid.
6. Housing Equity Leadership Team - none

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Wilcoxon

None

Richardson

1. Asked Council to support a city-wide relief fund for the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian. She spoke with Chief Hobbs to use the Fire Department as a dropoff site. Council Member Somerville suggested starting a crowd-funding campaign. Council Member Brown mentioned collaborating with other organizations that are doing this work. Council Members Brown and Somerville will work with Mayor Pro-Tem to develop a steering committee for this effort.
2. Attended the quarterly board meeting of the MML Workers Compensation Fund and they will be receiving a dividend.
3. Approached about speed control on Hawkins and Burton Ct. Resident petition is upcoming.

Morgan

1. Received calls about tickets and code enforcement. He will look into some ordinances that may be out of date.
2. Thanked those involved with the SWAG initiative.
3. Stated that the city is very inclusive and he is very proud to serve the city that is full of pride, diversity, and heritage.

Symanns

1. A resident commended Monica for her service in answering questions.
2. A resident stated that she is dissatisfied that they are unable to recycle glass from home.
3. The tree removal process is not communicated well. DPS Director Akers stated that they recently added the removal list back on the website and will provide more information. Much of the tree removal currently comes from citizen complaints. They are working on renewing the Tree City classification which will provide more opportunities for grants for tree planting.
4. Asked Mr. Akers to look at the striping and crosswalks on Cornell between Washtenaw and Collegewood for improvements next year.

Brown

1. There are two mini-grant items coming up on the next agenda.
2. Council chambers could be more accessible. Perhaps a mobile microphone or

- a designated area in the front.
3. Asked Council and staff to think about gendered language while speaking.

Somerville

1. Thanked Ron for being responsive to emails.
2. Stated there was a lot of information missing in the marijuana ordinance and would like to see a lot changed before the next council meeting. She is happy to meet with anyone individually to discuss it. Ms. Richardson asked for a work session to discuss the ordinance. Ms. Bashert stated that the complete ordinance will likely answer many questions.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Festival of the Honey Bee was great and Elize Jekabson should be very proud.
2. Met with YMCA Director in Ann Arbor and spoke about the proposed center in the Township. It will be a large project and there are many plans for programming.
3. Attended public events and spoke at the rotary club and attended an event Public Servants at the Bethesda Church.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

1. Road Prioritization work session is coming up.
2. Water Street update work session in early November.

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Potential Meeting Date to Schedule Road Prioritization
- b) Proposed Downtown Parking Permit Ordinance - **(First Reading September 24, 2019)**
- c) Parliamentary Training Dates - October 9, 10, 16, & 24.
October 16, 2019 at 6 pm.
- d) **Nominations - Added**

Historic District Commission

Amy Swift

203 Jarvis St

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Human Relations Commission

Liano Sharon

2022 Washtenaw Road

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

XVII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1. Liano Sharon, 2022 Washtenaw, offered to share contact information for people that have worked with other city's to draft language regarding

- recreational marijuana, and particularly microbusinesses.
2. Tru, CREAM Inc, thanked everyone for their support for the buyback program. They plan to have more programs to stop the violence.

XVIII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX CLOSED SESSION

- a) Closed session to discuss labor negotiations. OMA 15-268(c) **(added)**

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to adjourn to closed session.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:33 p.m.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to reconvene to open session.

The meeting reconvened at 10:47 p.m.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-210, approving a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and IAFF. **(added)**

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2019-210.

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

XX ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2019-209, adjourning the City Council meeting.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2019-209 adjourning the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.