



MINUTES

GOAL SESSIONS Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Council Chambers

The GOAL SESSIONS of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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

Mayor Bashert introduced the following people: Dr. Morgan Milner, Fire Chief Hobbs, DPS Ron Akers, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Police Chief DeGuisti, Finance Director Rheagan Basabica, Interim Human Resources Director Kim Jacobs, Assistant to the City Manager Jackie Jones, Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, and City Manager Frances McMullan

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

8 people spoke.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2019-278, appointing a delegate and alternate to the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2019- 278.

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

- b) Discussion of Goals for 2020/21 and 2021/22, with Dr. Morgan Milner, Eastern Michigan University

Dr. Milner provided an explanation about the goal setting process.

Mayor Bashert presented her goals. Fire Chief Hobbs asked about the barriers to recycling. Council Member Somerville asked DPS Director Akers about residential recycling above commercial benefits. Mr. Akers provided some information about current recycling options that DPS is looking into.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson presented her goals.

Council Member Brown presented her goals. Council Member Morgan asked about what would improve positive working environment between staff and Council. Ms. Brown responded that respecting opinions and communicating effectively and respectfully would be helpful.

Council Member Morgan presented his goals.

Council Member Wilcoxon presented his goals.

Council Member Somerville presented her goals. Ms. Bashert appreciated Ms. Somerville's advocacy for Frog Island, but it expressed caution about light pollution. Ms. Bashert added that she is interested in the social worker at the police department.

Ms. Richardson added that there needs to be a hawk light at Hamilton and Towne Center. Mr. Wilcoxon asked if the Border to Border Trail through Frog Island will have lighting. Mr. Akers stated that there are not set plans for lighting, but they are looking into options. Ms. Somerville added that she would like speed reduction on Cross from Depot Town to EMU.

Council took a five-minute break.

City Manager McMullan presented her goals. Mr. Morgan asked if it was possible to use the compensation study for the whole city. Ms. McMullan stated that it would be shared as much as possible.

Economic Director Meyers presented goals for the Community and Economic Development Department.

Chief DeGuisti provided goals for the Police Department. Ms. Brown asked if the mental health officers are first aid trained. Chief DeGuisti responded that most of

them are and further training is part of the One Mind Campaign. Ms. Somerville suggested collaborating with MSW students at EMU and UM. Morgan asked if the One Mind Campaign will also help homeless youth. Chief DeGuisti responded that the One Mind campaign is focused on mental health, but other initiatives are more directed to youth. Mayor Bashert asked about body cams. Chief replied that cameras are working well and is interested in looking at vehicle cameras. Ms. Somerville asked about safety lights for employees. Chief DeGuisti to look into it.

Fire Chief Hobbs presented goals for the Fire Department.

DPS Director Akers presented goals for the Department of Public Services. Ms. Somerville suggested turning the grass into rain gardens to remove the need to mow.

Ms. Richardson thanked Mr. Akers for fixing the heating at Parkridge.

Christopher Jacobs presented goals for the DDA.

Finance Director Rheagan Basabica presented goals for the Finance and Treasury Departments.

Interim Human Resources Director Kim Jones presented goals for the Human Resources Department.

City Clerk Andrew Hellenga presented goals for the Clerk Department. Mayor Bashert spoke in favor of training.

Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr presented goals for the City Attorney's Office.

Dr. Milner explained the process for the next goal session. Mayor Bashert thanked Dr. Milner for his work.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Brown asked if a mattress in the yard had been removed. City Manager McMullan stated that it had been removed. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked about the dangerous building on Grove and Prospect. Council Member Somerville stated that residents should not be cited for snow that is pushed on the sidewalk during street plowing.

NOMINATIONS

Mayor Bashert stated her reasons for nominating Mr. Ajlouny.

- a) Downtown Development Authority**
Paul Ajlouny (Exp. 7/1/2022) - **New Appointment**
2196 Vail Ct
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

X. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

5 people spoke.

XI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Bashert expressed excitement for the goals submitted. Ms. Bashert apologized to Chief DeGuisti for her behavior last week. Ms. Bashert added that the Freighthouse is a difficult situation and would like to be transparent during the process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson spoke against the removal of Anne Brown from the Huron River Watershed Council. Ms. Richardson added that there is not enough effort to get minority members on commissions. Council Member Brown spoke against the removal of Anne Brown and added that Council should have a more active role in commission appointments. Ms. Brown added that Council should be informed when a commissioner is not reappointed. Ms. Somerville stated that she will follow up about the weed ordinance and spoke against Anne Brown's removal.

Mayor Bashert stated that she is still learning the commission appointment process and would like a formal removal process. Ms. Bashert added her reasons for not reappointing Anne Brown to the Huron River Watershed Council.

XII. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager McMullan thanked staff for their goals.

Ms. McMullan thanked the public for being here and encouraged them to continue to be a part of the process.

- a) Discussion regarding the Capital Improvements Plan is scheduled for the December 17th Goal Session Meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.