



MINUTES

GOAL SESSIONS Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Council Chambers

The GOAL SESSIONS of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

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

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

The Mayor introduced the following people: Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, DPS Director Ron Akers, DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Fire Chief Ken Hobbs, Interim Human Resources Director Kim Jones, Treasurer and Finance Director Rheagan Basabica, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Stachnik, Project Manager Bonnie Wessler, City Attorney John Barr, City Manager Frances McMullan, Ypsilanti Housing Commissioner Tasha Palmer, and Ethics Board Member Brian Geiringer.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Nine people spoke.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2019-279, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2019-279.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2019-280, approving appointment of non-resident to boards and commissions.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2019-280.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Beth Bashert, and Annie Somerville
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- c) Discussion of Goals for 2020/21 and 2021/22, with Dr. Morgan Milner, Eastern Michigan University

Dr. Milner explained the goal setting process.

Council members and department heads prioritized their goals in each category. Mayor Bashert complemented the goals that were presented and thanked Dr. Milner for his guidance in the process. Council Member Brown stated that there are some goals that should be part of the process even if they do not have the most votes. City Manager McMullan added that many of these goals will be part of the budgeting process.

Council took a ten-minute break.

Mayor Bashert advanced to the next agenda item while Dr. Milner tallied the votes.

- d) Discussion regarding the FY 2020-2021 Capital Improvements Plan.

Project Manager Wessler explained the purpose and goals of the CIP. Council Member Morgan asked about the criteria for the CIP. Ms. Wessler stated that it typically costs more than \$8,000, lasts more than one year, and depreciates over time. Mayor Bashert asked when the CIP committee will be meeting. Ms. Wessler stated that they will be meeting in March and will continue to move up the process.

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

Dr. Milner presented the top goals for staff and Council. Dr. Milner will provide the report to the City Manager. Mayor Bashert expressed excitement that staff and Council had similar goals.

- f) Discussion regarding Marihuana Local Permitting Process (added)

Council Member Wilcoxon asked about the public notice for marijuana. City Manager McMullan stated the public notice was intended to set the deadlines, not the process. Economic Development Meyers stated that the purpose for sending out the public notice was to make it clear that applications will not be accepted on January 2, 2020. Mr. Meyers distributed the initial draft of the marijuana rubric to score new facilities. Council discussed the permitting process.

IX. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Somerville

1. Wants speed reduction on Cross and four-way stops at dangerous intersections.

Morgan

1. EMU and UM student holiday events for families of victims of gun violence.

Brown

1. EMU Epsilon Eta Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. had a cleanup day.

Richardson

1. Christmas Party and dinner at Parkridge.
2. Fire Department Holiday party was very nice and the department should be valued more.
3. Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. First Bicentennial planning meeting went well.
2. Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra concert was a great event.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Three people spoke.

XIV. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.