



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 6:00 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 (6:35 pm), Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, and Council Member Annie Somerville

ABSENT: Council Member Anthony Morgan

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. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

A. Pending Litigation, Kamm v the City of Ypsilanti. *MCL 15.268(e)*

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m. to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to adjourn to closed session.

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

VII. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Bashert introduced the following individuals: Daniel Clark Rehman, City Planner Andy Aamot, City Attorney John Barr, Deputy Clerk Sarah Stachnik, Community Development Manager/DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, City Manager Frances McMullan, Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr, Police Chief Tony DeGuisti, City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, and Finance Director/Treasurer Rheagan Basabica

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Six people spoke.

IX. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the Financial Audit - Rehmann - Daniel Clark

Daniel Clark from the Rehmann Audit Group provided a presentation about the results of the audit. Council Member Symanns thanked Finance Director Rheagan Basabica and the team for all their work.

B. Resolution No. 2020-001A, supporting the legacy and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (added)

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-001A

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

X. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Approving an application for a Class C Redevelopment Liquor License for D n Z Hospitality.

1. Resolution No. 2020-001, determination
2. Open Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2020-002, close public hearing

Mayor Bashert opened public comment:

Two people spoke.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-001.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2020-002.

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

XI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A.** *Ordinance No. 1354, An Ordinance title "Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act Zoning Update".*
1. Resolution No. 2020-003, determination
 2. Open Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2020-004, close public hearing

Economic Development Director Meyers provided a brief presentation about the zoning update. Mayor Bashert opened public comment.

Two people spoke.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-004.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to amend all instances of the length of time for a special use permit to expire from sixty (60) days or greater to one hundred twenty (120) days or greater after a business ceases operation, without approval from planning commission.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to remove Sec. 122(b)(10).

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

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-003 as amended.

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

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A.** Resolution No. 2020-005, adopting policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying exemption by the Tax Board of Review.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-005.

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

- B.** Resolution No. 2020-006, approving Ordinance 1351, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Adult-Use Marihuana - limiting Marihana retailer permits to 7 until January 1, 2021

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-006.

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

- C.** Resolution No. 2020-007, approving Ordinance 1353 - to amend Chapter 8-Adult Use Marihuana to define safety sensitive job and limit no-drug testing to marihuana.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-007.

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

- D.** Resolution No. 2020-008, approving the minutes of November 12, November 15, November 19, December 3, December 10, December 17, 2019

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-008.

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
ABSENT:	Anthony Morgan

- E. Resolution No. 2020-009, supporting the construction of a YMCA Facility on the Seaver Farm Property in Ypsilanti Township.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-009.

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

- F. Resolution No. 2020-010, approving a budget amendment for the Rutherford Pool.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-010.

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

- G. Discussion regarding the City Council 2020 Goals Report.

Mayor and City Council discussed the goals to determine if they are reflective of the top priorities of Council and provide direction for the budgeting process.

- H. Discussion regarding Marihuana Facilities Scoring Rubric -Added

Economic Development Director Joe Meyers explained the changes to the rubric.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, moved to extend the meeting to 10:30.

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

XIII. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS - NOMINATIONS

- A. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION -ADDED**
Anne Stevenson - REAPPOINTMENT - EXP 12/31/2023
707 Collegewood
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- B. POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION**
Madeleine Baier - NEW MEMBER - EXP. 2/1/2023
330 Chidester St. #418
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- C. ARTS COMMISSION - 2 year term (Exp 2/1/2022)**
Lynnne Settles - NEW MEMBER
7388 Natalie Drive - Non-resident
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- D. ARTS COMMISSION - 2 year term (Exp 2/1/2022)**
Kimmie Wolfe - NEW MEMBER
808 Young St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
- E. ARTS COMMISSION - 1 year term (Exp 2/1/2021)**
Michael McAtee - NEW MEMBER
703 Virginia Pl
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
- F. ARTS COMMISSION - 1 year term (Exp 2/1/2021)**
Garrett Schumann - NEW MEMBER
1726 Collegewood St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- G. ARTS COMMISSION - 3 year term (2/1/2023)**
Jennifer Goulet - NEW MEMBER
2136 Collegewood St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- H. ARTS COMMISSION - 3 year term (Exp 2/1/2023)**
Jakara Ventour - NEW MEMBER
515 Perry St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- I. ARTS COMMISSION - 1 year term (Exp 2/1/2021)**
Gina Thompson - NEW MEMBER
1011 W. Cross St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- J. ARTS COMMISSION - 2 year term (Exp 2/1/2022)**
Matthew Kirkpatrick - NEW MEMBER
109 Catherine St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- K. ARTS COMMISSION - 3 year term (2/1/2023)**
Aaron Seagraves - NEW MEMBER
913 N Congress St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

XIV. BOARD AND COMMISSION - COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Sustainability Commission Resolution No. 2019-011 - Supporting Community Wide Carbon Neutrality by 2035
- B. Sustainability Commission Resolution No. 2019-012, supporting a commitment to the Washtenaw County Conservation District.

XV. LIAISON REPORTS

- 1. SEMCOG Update
- 2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- 3. Urban County
- 4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
- 5. Friends of Rutherford Pool
- 6. Housing Equity Leadership Team

XVI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Brown

- Martin Luther King Jr. events over the weekend at EMU
- Black Greek letters are celebrating their Founders Day this week.

Somerville

- Signage and tree issue at Michigan/Huron
- Speed reduction and enforcement in Depot Town
- Intersections to four way stops
- Addressed resident concern that affordable housing was not a Council goal.

Wilcoxon

- Resident asked about schedule for coal patching
- Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality event was great. Would like to have another meeting in the city and have information on the City website.

Richardson

- Safety issue on First and Harriet
- Pothole on Washtenaw
- Ward 2 constituent asking about the roads
- New kitchen at Parkridge is coming.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Bicentennial committee is meeting tomorrow night.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Wants to move forward with terminating the operating management agreement with Friends of the Freighthouse. Will have more information at the next meeting.

- A. **Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to extend the meeting until 10:40 p.m.**

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns

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

XIX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** 2020 Taskforce Information
- B.** Independent Auditors' Communication with Those Charged with Governance
- C.** City of Ypsilanti Police and Fire Retirement System Financial Statements Report

XX. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four people spoke.

XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

- A.** Resolution No. 2020-011, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

- B.** Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.