



MINUTES

City Council Virtual Meeting

6:00 PM - June 16, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 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

ABSENT:

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

II ROLL CALL

III AGENDA APPROVAL

IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V TRAIN PLATFORM DISCUSSION - 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

VI PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation in Recognition of Juneteenth in the City of Ypsilanti. (added)**

A PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of

Juneteenth in the City of Ypsilanti

WHEREAS, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston, Texas, the last African Americans enslaved in the United States of America were set free, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the end of slavery produced opportunities for future legislation that would ensure personal freedom, respect, equality and those basic rights as outlined by the government to be distributed uniformly in a spirit of justice to citizens without partiality or bias; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the suffering endured by those previously enslaved, in honor of those who faced prejudice, and in celebration of those events and people that initiated a progressive shift towards a more unified nation, June 19th is observed as Juneteenth;

WHEREAS, this year marks the 155th anniversary of Juneteenth; and

WHEREAS, it is important for communities locally and abroad to recognize the roles, achievements, and contributions of Black Americans to our society, and honor their ancestral heritage upon whose shoulders many stand; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrations held across the United States serve as tools to develop civic respect for people of all cultures, to encourage advancement of education and self-improvement, and motivation for inclusion and equity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to acknowledge Juneteenth celebrations that occur throughout the month of June in the State of Michigan and supports such activities that promote unity, equality and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the City of Ypsilanti recognizes Juneteenth in the City of Ypsilanti; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Ypsilanti encourages all residents to participate in those Juneteenth activities that provide not only a sense of community to those within the City, but to all people in observation of unity and respect.

- b)** Reopening of City Services Amid the COVID-19 Crisis - City Manager Frances McMullan, Interim Human Resources Director Kim Jones

VII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a)** *Ordinance 1362* - An ordinance for a zoning text amendment for Drive-Thru Financial Services in Center Zoning District.
1. Resolution No. 2020-130, determination.
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2020-131. close the public hearing

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-131

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That a public hearing for an ordinance entitled Drive-Thru Financial Services in Center Zoning Districts by officially closed.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, To Call the Question

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-130

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has an adopted Master Plan that reflects the policy goals of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council deny the proposed ordinance changes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council deny the ordinance titled Drive-Through Financial Services in Center Zoning Districts.

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

VIII RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a)** Resolution No. 2020-132, approving the audit engagement letter with Rhemann, LLC.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-132

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the certain engagement letter between the City of Ypsilanti and Rehmann LLC for the annual audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, be and the same hereby is approved. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Nicole Brown
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Beth Bashert, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, and Lois Richardson

ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
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- b) Resolution No. 2020-133, approving the Minutes of June 2, 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-133

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of June 2, 2020 be approved.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson
SECONDER:	Council Member Nicole Brown

- c) Resolution No. 2020-134, supporting the SmartZone LDFA request to be a co-applicant on an Economic Development Agency grant.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-134

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for economic growth and success in the worldwide economy, and

WHEREAS, the EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works program and EAA program, and

WHEREAS, The LDFA has a goal to establish a connected high-tech ecosystem with infrastructure;

WHEREAS, An integral part of this goal is the connection of the Ann Arbor downtown Tech Park with the City of Ypsilanti and the American Center for Mobility;

WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor has already installed conduit and fiber in the downtown area which could be leveraged, but with little exception the system is full and cannot handle additional needs,

WHEREAS, the installation of a robust conduit and fiber system linking Downtown Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti, running through Ypsilanti Township and Pittsfield Township will leverage existing infrastructure investments and make it easier for company to innovate and grow, and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor SPARK, in partnership with its local partners in the City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Pittsfield Township will file

an application for the ANN ARBOR -YPSILANTI FIBER AND CONDUIT NETWORK BACKBONE , with the EDA under Funding Opportunity number PWEEA2020 requesting \$3,000,000, and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Smartzone will provide a match of \$600,000 to construct the ANN ARBOR -YPSILANTI FIBER AND CONDUIT NETWORK BACKBONE which will be used as a matching grant funds that are a cash match that is readily available and unencumbered, and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor SPARK will be the lead applicant, with City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Pittsfield Township as the co-applicants, and

WHEREAS, Ann Arbor SPARK will administer the grant, and

WHEREAS, City of Ypsilanti will not incur any costs associated with construction of the Fiber and Conduit Network Backbone

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti representatives of the effected taxing units will be given an opportunity for public comment at an informational meeting held on a date yet to be determined, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the SPARK CEO Paul Krutko, is the authorized representative on behalf of the EDA Grant, and is authorized to sign any and all documentation related to the grant.

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

- d)** Resolution No. 2020-135, approving a contract extension with Washtenaw County for IT services.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-135

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti wants to ensure staff has the necessary IT equipment and support to do their jobs effectively, and

Whereas, the City has been notified previously of severe security deficiencies in its IT environment, and

Whereas, the City has extensively research its options and requested proposal for managed IT Services and received several competitive bids to consider, and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to extend a six month contract with Washtenaw County to ensure a smooth migration of services to a managed service provider at a cost not to exceed \$86,496.86, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council accepts the contract extension provided by Washtenaw County.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2020-136, accepting the bid provided by Dewpoint and direct the City Manager to enter into a 60 month contract.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-136

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti wants to ensure staff has the necessary IT equipment and support to do their jobs effectively, and

Whereas, the City has been notified previously of severe security deficiencies in its IT environment, and

Whereas, the City has extensively research its options and requested proposal for managed IT Services and received several competitive bids to consider, and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to work with Dewpoint to mitigate security concerns, replace obsolete equipment and infrastructure, and moreover improve services, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council accepts the bid provided by Dewpoint and directs the City Manager to enter into a 60 month contract for the services therein.

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

- f) Resolution No. 2020-137, approving the re-appointment of Ka'Ron Gaines to the Human Relations Commission.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, Call the Question

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxen

AYES:	Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
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Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-137

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Ka’Ron Gaines Re-appointment 833 Armstrong Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Human Relations Commission	5/1/2023

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

- g)** Resolution No. 2020-138, approving an agreement with DTE Energy to install fifteen lights in Frog Island Park.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-138

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is working with Washtenaw County to complete improvements to Frog Island Park; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti wants to ensure the safety of those who use the improved trail; and,

Whereas, the addition of pathway lighting will promote safe use of the improved trail.

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves an agreement with DTE Energy to install fifteen (15) lights in Frog Island Park for the improved segment of the Border to Border Trail within the park for a price of \$57,003.27 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

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
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- h) Discussion Regarding How Open Meetings Will Function Amid COVID-19.
- i) Discussion regarding Board and Commission Policy for Re-appointment.

IX BOARD AND COMMISSIONS - NOMINATIONS

- a) **Parks and Recreation Commission - 1 absence out of 17 meetings (March 2018 through March 2020)**
Ben Conner-Barrie
Re-appointment
1111 Westmoorland
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- b) **Parks and Recreation Commission - 3 absences out of 17 meetings (March 2018 through March 2020)**
Kurt Kolmann
Re-appointment
326 Maple
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
- c) **Parks and Recreation Commission- 5 absences out of 17 meetings (March 2018 through March 2020)**
Ashanti Harris
Re-appointment
305 E Cross
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
- d) **Human Relations Commission - 5 absences out of 26 meetings (March 2018 through March 2020)**
Kyle Hunter
Re-appointment
109 Ferris #4
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

X COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIII COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Re-establishing City Services Timeline

XIV ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-138, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 pm

- 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.