



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

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

VACANT: Ward 1

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Peninsular Paper Dam Removal Update - Daniel Brown, Huron River Watershed Council.
- b) Presentation of CAFR Award 6/30/2019

VI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) *Ordinance 1370 -An Ordinance Entitled "Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facility Zoning Modifications"*
 - 1. Resolution No. 2020-246, determination.
 - 2. Public Hearing
 - 3. Resolution No. 2020-247. close the public hearing

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-247.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for an ordinance titled Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facility Modifications be officially closed.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville

AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
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Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to Call the Question.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-246.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the economic diversity and image of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in promoting and supporting local businesses and their growth; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the ordinance titled Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facility Modifications.

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

b) Ordinance 1371- An ordinance to amend City Code by merging Chapters 7 and 8.

1. Resolution No. 2020-248, determination.
2. Public Hearing
3. Resolution No. 2020-249. close the public hearing

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-249.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

That the public hearing for an ordinance entitled: An ordinance to merge Chapter 7 and 8 of the City Code into a single Chapter, Chapter 7, by officially closed.

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

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to Call the Question.

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

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-248.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 7-MARIHUANA & CHAPTER 8 – ADULT USE OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ON FIRST READING

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The certain ordinance entitled: An ordinance to merge Chapter 7 and 8 of the City Code into a single Chapter, Chapter 7, be adopted on first reading.

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2020-250, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown,

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2020-251, approving the minutes of November 9 and 10, 2020.
2. Resolution No. 2020-252, approving Ordinance 1357 - An ordinance to amend Section 46-34 of the Ypsilanti City Code to provide that Ethics Complaints be filed with the City Clerk (Second Reading)
3. Resolution No. 2020-253, approving Ordinance - 1369, An Ordinance Entitled “2019 WINTER TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS” (Second Reading)

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-251, approving the minutes of November 9 and 10, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of November 9 & 10, 2020 be approved.

- c)** Resolution No. 2020-252, approving Ordinance 1357 - An ordinance to amend Section 46-34 of the Ypsilanti City Code to provide that Ethics Complaints be filed with the City Clerk **(Second Reading)**

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

An ordinance to Amend Section 46-34 of the Ypsilanti City Code to provide that Ethics Complaints be filed with the City Clerk be adopted on Second and Final Reading.

- d)** Resolution No. 2020-253, approving Ordinance - 1369, An Ordinance Entitled "2019 WINTER TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS" **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee has reviewed several traffic control requests and made appropriate recommendations based on best practices, City ordinance, and City policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed and approved policy direction for parking system changes in Downtown, Depot Town, and West Cross; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee reviewed engineering recommendations for bridge weight limits; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee reviewed and recommended a request to limit parking adjacent to the Parkridge Community Center to guests of the PCC and the Ypsilanti Housing Commission Offices; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has seen fit to issue temporary Traffic Control Orders 2020-001 through 011 based on said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends City Council provide final approval for the Traffic Control Orders listed above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby approves Traffic Control Orders as listed and adopts an ordinance entitled 2019 Winter Traffic Control Orders on Second and Final Reading.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a)** Resolution No. 2020-254, approving to acquire and construct certain improvements to the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to acquire and construct certain improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, consisting of upgrades to the aeration blower system and replacement of the primary switchgear for the electrical supply to the plant, together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments thereto (the "Project"), to serve the City and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti (the "Township"); and

WHEREAS, a contract (the “Contract”) has been prepared among the City, the Township and the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) whereby the Authority will issue its bonds (the “Bonds”) on behalf of the City and the Township to provide for the financing of costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Body has carefully reviewed the Contract and finds that it provides the best means for accomplishing the Project and for providing the needed services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The Contract is hereby approved and the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Contract for and on behalf of the City; provided, however, that Contract shall not become effective until the expiration of forty-five (45) days after the publication of the attached notice as a display advertisement of at least ¼ page in size in the *Washtenaw Legal News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, which manner of publication is deemed by the Governing Body to be the most effective manner of informing the taxpayers and electors of the City of the details of the proposed Contract and the rights of referendum thereunder.
2. The City Clerk is directed to publish the attached notice in the newspaper above designated as soon as possible after the adoption hereof.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution be, and the same hereby are repealed.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-254.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-255, approving the 2020 Winter Special Assessments.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That, the City Treasurer be authorized to levy and assess on the December 2020 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$121,122.96

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-255.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-256, approving a late fine amnesty on all parking tickets issued on or before December 31, 2018 to extend through January 31, 2021.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has seen a significant reduction in parking meter revenue due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant balance of unpaid parking tickets; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that many people are also facing challenging financial circumstances; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby grants a late fine amnesty on all parking tickets issued on or before December 31, 2018, to extend through January 31, 2021.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-256.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-257, approving procedures for Board and Commission as a result in the voter approval of Prop A and B during the November General Election.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas the City Council adopts the following Boards and Commission Procedure:

Applications

Council Members will be informed automatically of online submissions. Paper applications will be forwarded to Council when received. Council shall consult the Submitted Board and Commission Applications Spreadsheet to check residency status.

Council should consult with staff liaisons, if applicable, when appointing members to commissions which have specific requirements or skill sets, especially the Historic District Commission, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Further qualifications shall be reviewed by members of Council seeking to nominate the applicant. Applicants should be encouraged to attend the applicable board or commission meeting prior to nomination.

The nomination, appointment, and notification process shall follow the procedure established at the Council Organizational meeting.

The applicable Board or Commission chair will be informed of any nominations.

Candidates should be encouraged to introduce themselves to Council during the meeting with their nomination. If Council Members have further questions for candidates after nomination, they should reach out to said candidate individually prior to appointment.

Nominations of Multiple Candidates for a Single Seat

During the “Boards and Commissions – Nominations” Section of the Agenda Council will indicate by vote which candidate will receive the nomination for appointment.

Appointment

Each applicant will be provided the Board and Commission Welcome Packet upon taking the Oath of Office as approved in Resolution No. 2019-258.

Vacancies and Expirations

The staff liaison or Clerk staff shall inform board and commission members of their upcoming term expiration at least one month prior to expiration to allow adequate time for reappointment or replacement. Liaisons will ask members of their intention to seek reappointment and inform the Clerk Office who will then provide the update to Council.

Now therefore be it resolved that this application and maintenance procedure for board and commission membership be approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-257.

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

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - none
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - meeting tomorrow
3. Urban County - none
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - upcoming visioning session on Thursday for long-term strategic planning
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - construction is ending, cost overruns for unforeseen costs were picked up by the Friends of Rutherford Pool. The cost of solar panels will be reduced from the anticipated price due to greater efficiency and panel cost reduction.

X. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Wilcoxon

- Nominated Beth Gibbons to the Sustainability Commission as a non-resident.
Seconded by Council Member Somerville.

Somerville

- None

Symanns

- Thanked staff for the speed signs throughout the City.

Morgan

- Apologized for his outburst earlier
- Wants all residents to stay safe and follow the executive orders.

Brown

- None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Encouraged residents to wear masks

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- In person meeting about the Water Street will now be virtual.
- City Hall will be closed for in-person business for the next three weeks.
- Encouraged residents to reduce time outside of the home and adhere to the CDC guidelines.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) 2021 Holiday Calendar
- b) Ward 1 Vacancy Interviews November 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm
- c) Housing Affordability Work Session December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-258, adjourning the City Council Meeting.
- 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.