



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 7:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT:

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

Council Member Wilcoxen, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem to excuse Council Member Symanns. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation regarding National Hand Washing Week - City Manager Frances McMullan

VI CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2020-259, approving the Consent Agenda.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2020-260, approving the minutes of November 17, 2020.

2. Resolution No. 2020-261, approving appointments of Non-Residents to Boards and Commissions
3. Resolution No. 2020-262, approving Ordinance 1371 an ordinance to amend City Code by removing chapter 7 and 8 and replace it with a new Chapter 7 – MARIJUANA. (Second Reading)

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-259.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-260, approving the minutes of November 17, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of November 17, 2020 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-261, approving appointments of Non-Residents to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Beth Gibbons 7806 Berwick Dr. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)	Sustainability Commission	5/1/2022

- d) Resolution No. 2020-262, approving Ordinance 1371 an ordinance to amend City Code by removing chapter 7 and 8 and replace it with a new Chapter 7 – MARIJUANA. **(Second Reading)**

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 second and final reading.

VII RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-263, approving Ordinance 1370, an ordinance tilted Medical and Recreational Marijuana Facility Zoning Modifications. **(Second Reading)**

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 on second and final reading.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-263.

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

- b) Discussion regarding the potential Water Street Development (30 minutes)

VIII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - Mayor forwarded webinars
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - WATS supported a few City projects which will help with funding. Thanked DPS Director Akers and Project Manager Wessler for their work.
3. Urban County - none
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - Working on the lease and options agreement for the Riverside Arts Center.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - none

IX COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Morgan

-Will forward his report regarding community policing to Council

Somerville

- **Council Member Somerville, supported by Mayor Richardson moved to nominate James Ratzlaff to the Historic District Commission.**

Symanns

- Mini-grant allocation will be on the next agenda.

- **Council Member Symanns, seconded by Council Member Wilcoxon, moved to nominate Brian Coffey to the Board of Ethics.**

Wilcoxon

- None

Jones-Chance

- None

Brown

- Thanked staff, Economic Development Director Meyers, and City Manager McMullan for all their work providing information related to the Water Street development.

X COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Thanked staff for their work on the Water Street proposal.
- Asked Council to recommend people to the HRC.
- Ward 1 Town Hall about the Water Street development will be on December 10th at 7 pm.

XI COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- City received a grant award from EGLE to expand recycling. Thanked DPS Director Akers and staff for their work.
- Staff is healthy and administrative offices are working remotely or in shifts.
- Virtual holiday party for staff and Council is upcoming.

XII COMMUNICATIONS

XIII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-264, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 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.