



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:00 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, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Morgan, seconded by Council Member Wilcoxon moved to excuse Jennifer Symanns. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. WORK SESSION - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

a) Water Street Development - Costs associated with remediation.

Renovare Development and Nathan Vought from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority provided brief presentations regarding

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One person spoke.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Resolution No. 2020-265, approving the Consent Agenda.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2020-266, approving the minutes of November 24, December 1, December 8, 2020.
2. Resolution No. 2020-267, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions
3. Resolution No. 2020-268, amending Resolution 2020-134 to add the City Manager as the Authorized Representative of the EDA Grant for the Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti Fiber and Conduit Network Backbone.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-265.

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

- b) Resolutions No. 2020-266, approving the minutes from November 24, December 1, & December 8, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of November 24, December 1, and December 8, 2020 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-267, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Brian Coffey 1807 Roosevelt Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (New Appointment)	Ethics Commission	2/1/2024
James Ratzlaff 12/31/2023 305 S Washington Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (New Appointment)	Historic District Commission	

- d) Resolution No. 2020-268, amending Resolution 2020-134 to add the City Manager as the Authorized Representative of the EDA Grant for the Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti Fiber and Conduit Network Backbone.

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 PWEAA2020 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 City Manager, Frances McMullan, is the authorized representative on behalf of the EDA Grant, and is authorized to sign any and all documentation related to the grant.

VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-269, awarding the bid to Clean Air Concepts to replace the vehicle exhaust system on the YFD's apparatus floor.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The YFD was awarded the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to include the installation of a direct source capture exhaust system. The amount of the grant awarded was \$69, 943.64. The YFD's 10% share is \$6,994.36; and

WHEREAS, Clean Air Concepts provided the lowest bid at \$57, 207.00; and

WHEREAS, YFD is requesting approval to award the bid to Clean Air Concepts to start the process of replacing the vehicle exhaust system on the YFD's apparatus floor; and

WHEREAS, This new exhaust capture system will essentially eliminate 100 percent of the diesel and automotive exhaust gases currently emitted presenting danger to fire personnel and the community; and

Whereas, Clean Air Concepts will provide the associated labor, materials, and equipment needed to complete the exhaust capture system including but not limited to all things related to removing diesel and automotive exhaust gases within the confines of the Ypsilanti Fire Station; and

Whereas, The entire project will include the purchase, delivery, installation of the direct source capture exhaust system and complete repair to the existing manual ventilation system. Per the AFG, the funds will cover all associated permit fees, all electrical modifications, a 5-year warranty for parts and labor, basic system training, and any modifications that must be made to the current exhaust systems on the apparatus. Remaining funds will be used to repair the existing manual ventilation system.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves awarding the bid to Clean Air Concepts, to start the process of replacing the vehicle exhaust system on the YFD's apparatus floor.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-269.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2020-270, approving the proposal from OHM for design engineering services for the Forest Street Bridge.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti have been allocated funds by the Michigan Department of Transportation to perform rehabilitation work on the Forest Street Bridge; and,

Whereas, the City engineer OHM has prepared a proposal to provide design engineering services for the project; and,

Whereas, design engineering is necessary to begin the project in the 2022 construction season;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the proposal from OHM for design engineering services for an amount of \$79,500.

THAT the City Clerk is authorized to sign this proposal and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager, to facilitate the completion of this work.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-270.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2020-271, approving funding for the Huron River Road Diet and Conceptual Engineering Study.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti have been allocated Federal funds through the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study to reconstruct Huron River Drive between Cornell and Leforge; and,

Whereas, the City engineer OHM has prepared a proposal to provide a road diet study and conceptual engineering design for the project; and,

Whereas, the road diet study and conceptual design is necessary to identify necessary improvements to make the road safe for motorized and non-motorized users;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the proposal from OHM for the road diet study and conceptual engineering design for an amount of \$95,910.

THAT the Mayor is authorized to sign this proposal and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager, to facilitate the completion of this work.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution 2020-271.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2020-272, authorizing the City Manager to adjust the budget to pay invoices for the Rutherford Pool.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti approved \$25,000 in support of the Rutherford Pool Renovations in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the remainder of funding will be paid from Friends of Rutherford Pool and a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant awarded in November 2018; and

WHEREAS, The City must be reimbursed the grant award of \$300,000 and make the capital improvement funds available by budget amendment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the City Manager to adjust the budget to pay invoices for the Rutherford Pool Renovations.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-272.

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

e) Resolution No. 2020-273, awarding Educate Youth a mini-grant. (Added)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, In the recently concluded FY 2020-2021, the City Council approved a \$25,000 grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, Educate Youth is an organization currently serving the youth in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, Educate Youth has submitted a grant application for \$5,000; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a mini grant to Educate Youth in the amount of \$5,000 to support youth programing.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-273.

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

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - General Assembly Meeting in January. Program offers free videos for businesses.
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - Virtual pub crawl and gift card drawings. Thanked Director Akers and DPS for the holiday lights.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - Roof construction and solar panel update.

IX. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Symanns

- City Manager and City Clerk review format will be on the next agenda.

Brown

- Tree trimming is ongoing on the South Side.

Somerville

- Thanked staff for the holiday lights.

Jones-Chance

- Stated that we need to keep the affordable housing conversation going.

Morgan

- YPAC meeting is this Thursday.
- CIVIC program to engage law enforcement.
- 100 Families 100 Homes Program
- Cream Inc's Covid Relief Tour event on December 21st.
- Everybody Eating for families to pick up meals 21-23.
- Thanked Ron Akers, fire department, and staff.

Wilcoxon

- Thanked Mr. Akers for helping a resident.
- Sustainability Commission is going through their goals.
- Penn Dam removal bids are under review. Public engagement will begin.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Richardson

- Received a request from Supervisor Stumbo asking the City to support a Representative Peterson's Bill to get a sickle cell license plate.

Council Member Somerville, seconded by Council member Wilcoxon moved to support Representative Peterson's Bill and forward the letter to the senate majority leader to hold a hearing.

- Asked to be notified of action against the City when it occurs.
- Asked for recommendations to the HRC.
- Women and Men Working for Change will be serving dinner on December 23rd.
- Parkridge Center will open virtual learning labs when school reopens.
- Excited that the vaccine is beginning to be distributed but masks and distancing are still important.
- Wished everyone a safe and prosperous holiday season and new year.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Goal setting is tentatively scheduled for January 12th and 19th.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-274, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 274.

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

- 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.