



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89340658808>
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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Olivia Hill
34 E. Forest
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Clete McLaughlin (**Exp. 7/1/2024**)

New Appointment

8 N Normal
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

[Olivia Hill Application](#)

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CITY OF YPSILANTI

June 30, 2020

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Our Agenda for Today

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Team Members



Questions



Board Communications



Financial Results



Upcoming Accounting
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Meet the People on Your Team

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Daniel Clark, CPA
Principal



Taylor Schaefer
Senior



Cody Goldsworthy
Staff

Board Communications

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An unmodified opinion was given on the 6/30/2020 financial statements

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No new accounting pronouncements were adopted in FY20

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Accounting estimates by management were assessed and deemed reasonable

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No difficulties were encountered during the audit

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Two material misstatements were noted. One uncorrected immaterial misstatement was noted

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Two material weaknesses and one other matter were noted. No significant deficiencies were noted

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Assets and Deferred Outflows

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	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Variance
Cash and investments	\$20,149,000	\$17,958,000	\$2,191,000
Receivables	\$15,647,000	\$17,992,000	(\$2,345,000)
Land held for resale	\$1,162,000	\$1,162,000	-
Other assets	\$276,000	\$361,000	(\$85,000)
Net pension asset	\$3,696,000	\$3,087,000	\$609,000
Net capital asset	\$15,618,000	\$15,879,000	(\$261,000)
Deferred outflows – pension	\$1,784,000	\$3,970,000	(\$2,186,000)
Deferred outflows – OPEB	\$1,328,000	\$2,371,000	(\$1,043,000)
Total	\$59,660,000	\$62,780,000	(\$3,120,000)

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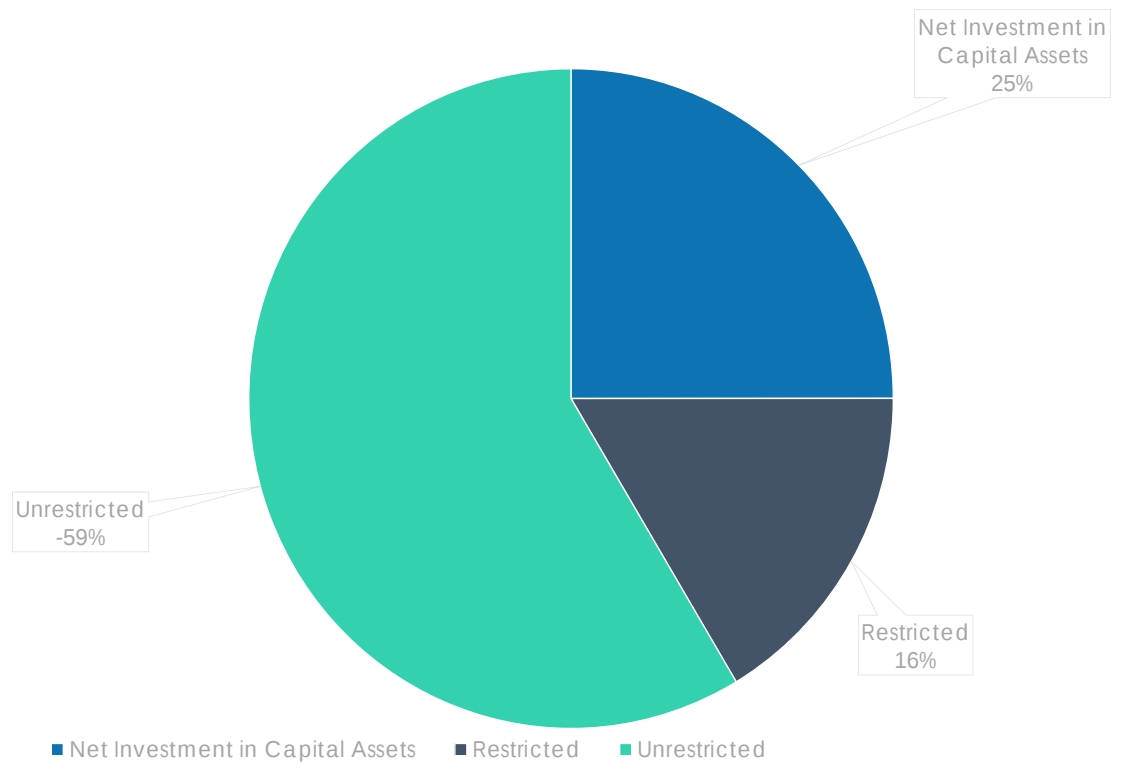
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows

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	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Variance
AP and other liabilities	\$2,140,000	\$1,331,000	\$809,000
Long-term debt	\$26,781,000	\$29,411,000	(\$2,630,000)
Net pension liability	\$26,088,000	\$24,718,000	\$1,370,000
Net OPEB	\$14,163,000	\$18,552,000	(\$4,389,000)
Deferred inflows - refunding	\$125,000	\$143,000	(\$18,000)
Deferred inflows - pension	\$2,000	\$142,000	(\$140,000)
Deferred inflows - OPEB	\$817,000	\$811,000	\$6,000
Total	\$70,116,000	\$75,108,000	(\$4,992,000)

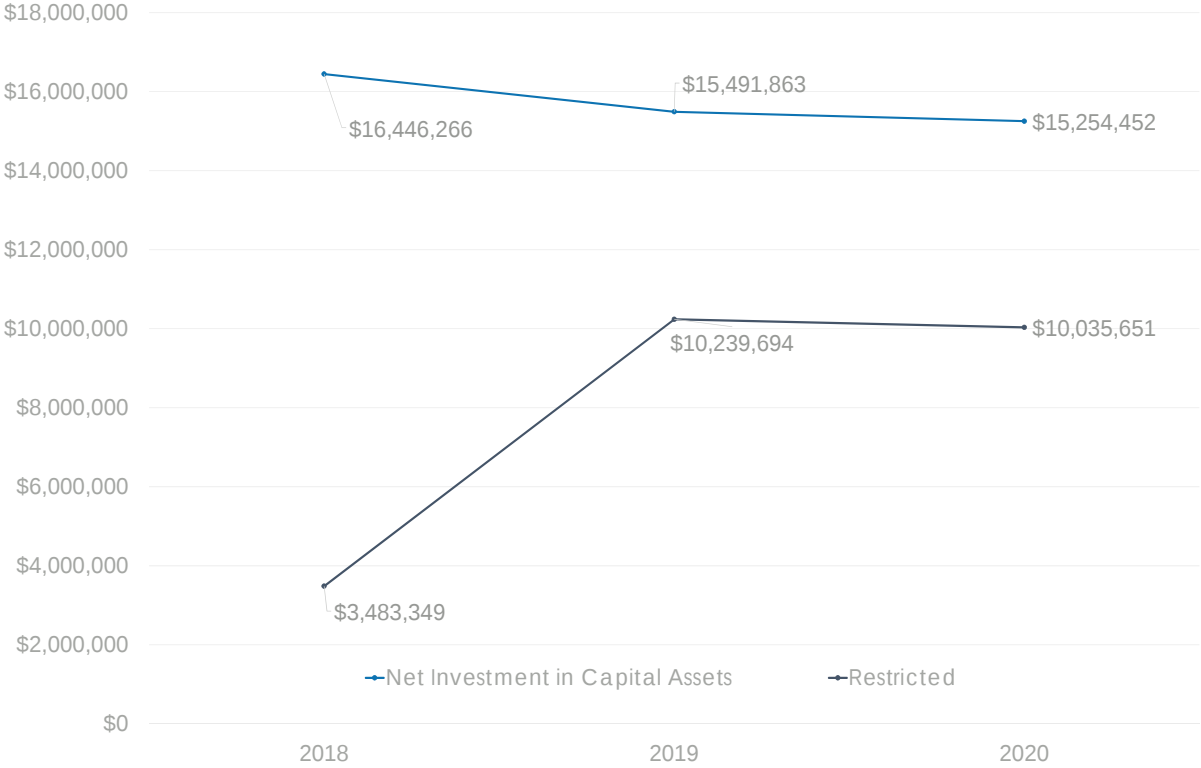
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Net Position



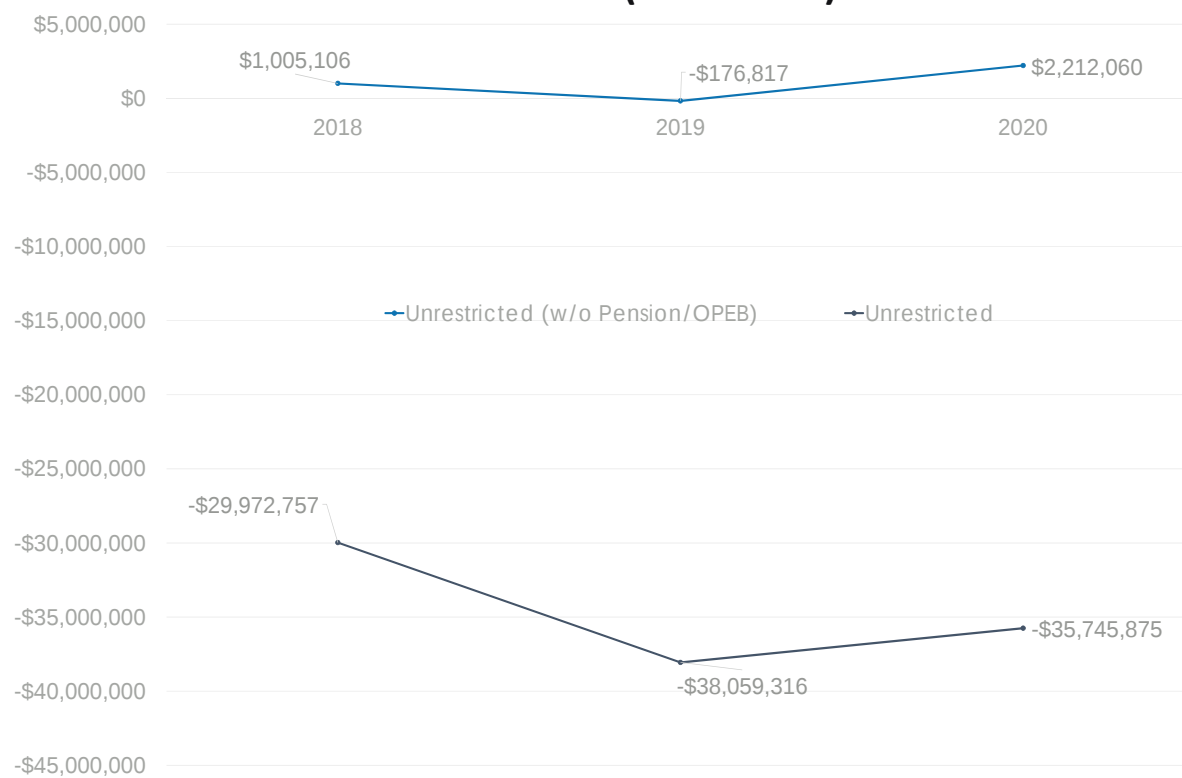
Net Position

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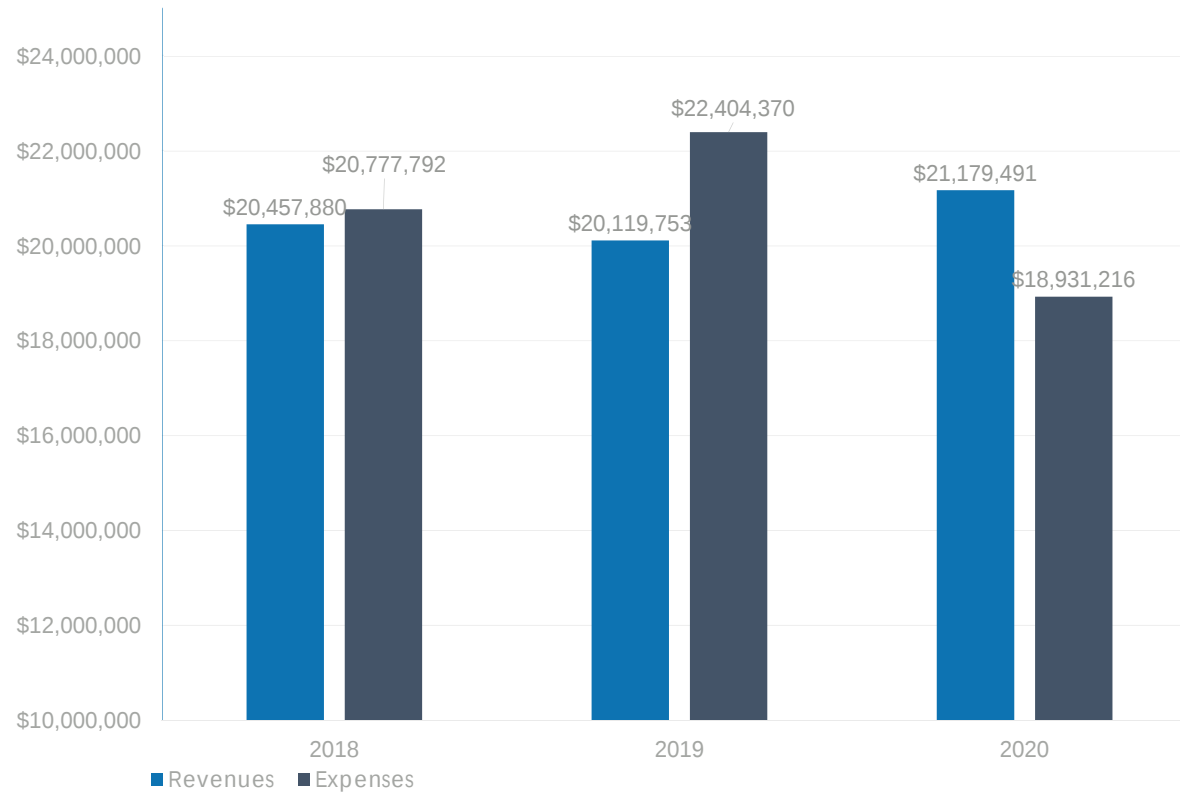
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Revenues vs. Expenses (Government-Wide)

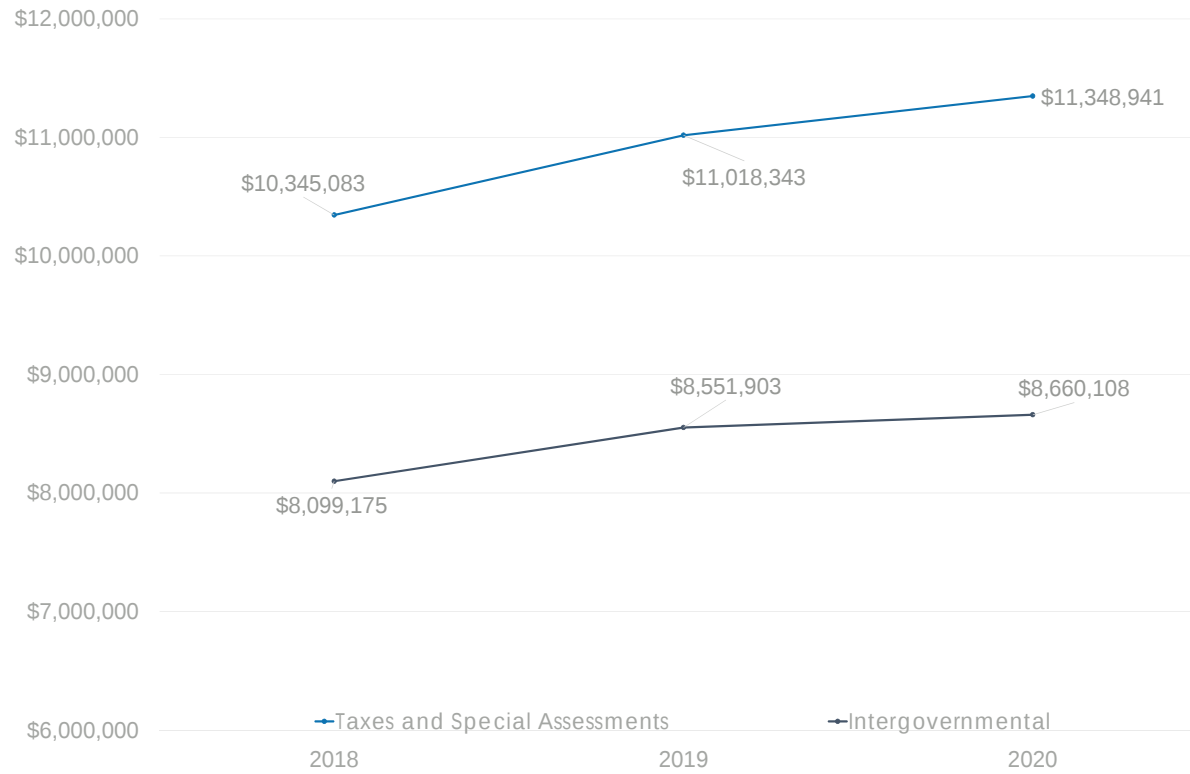
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Major Revenue Line Items (Governmental Funds)

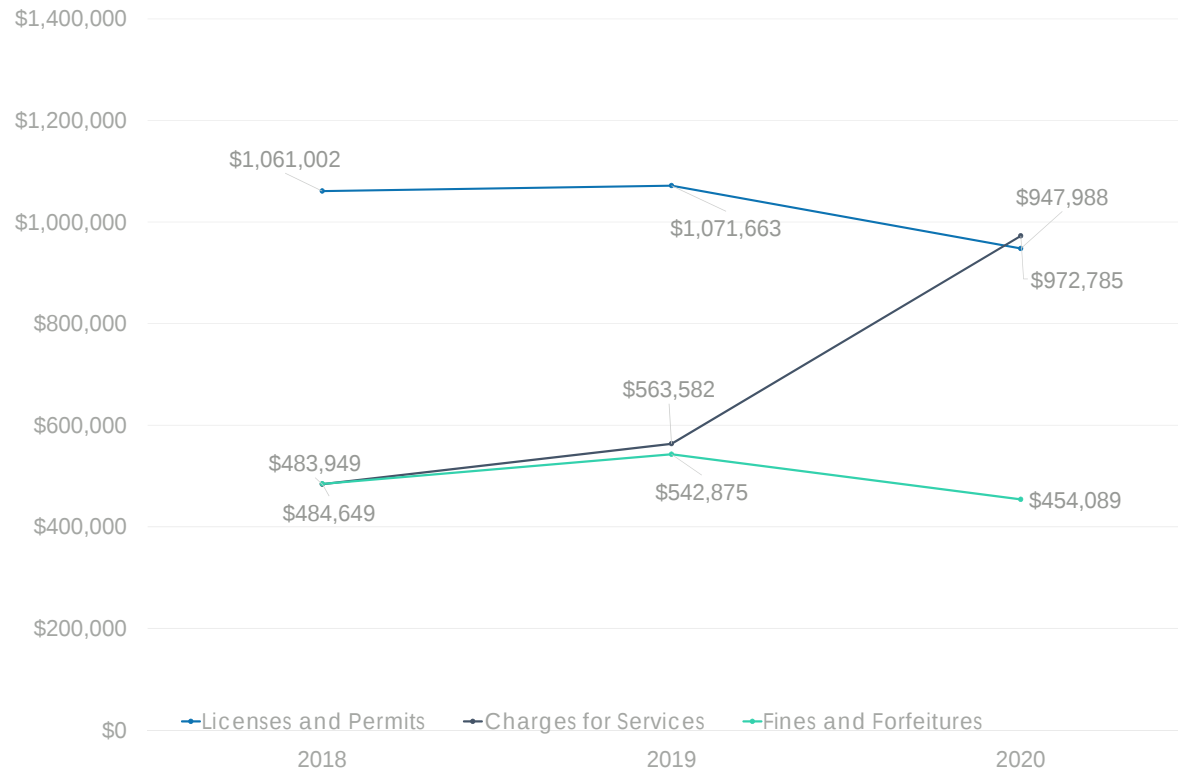
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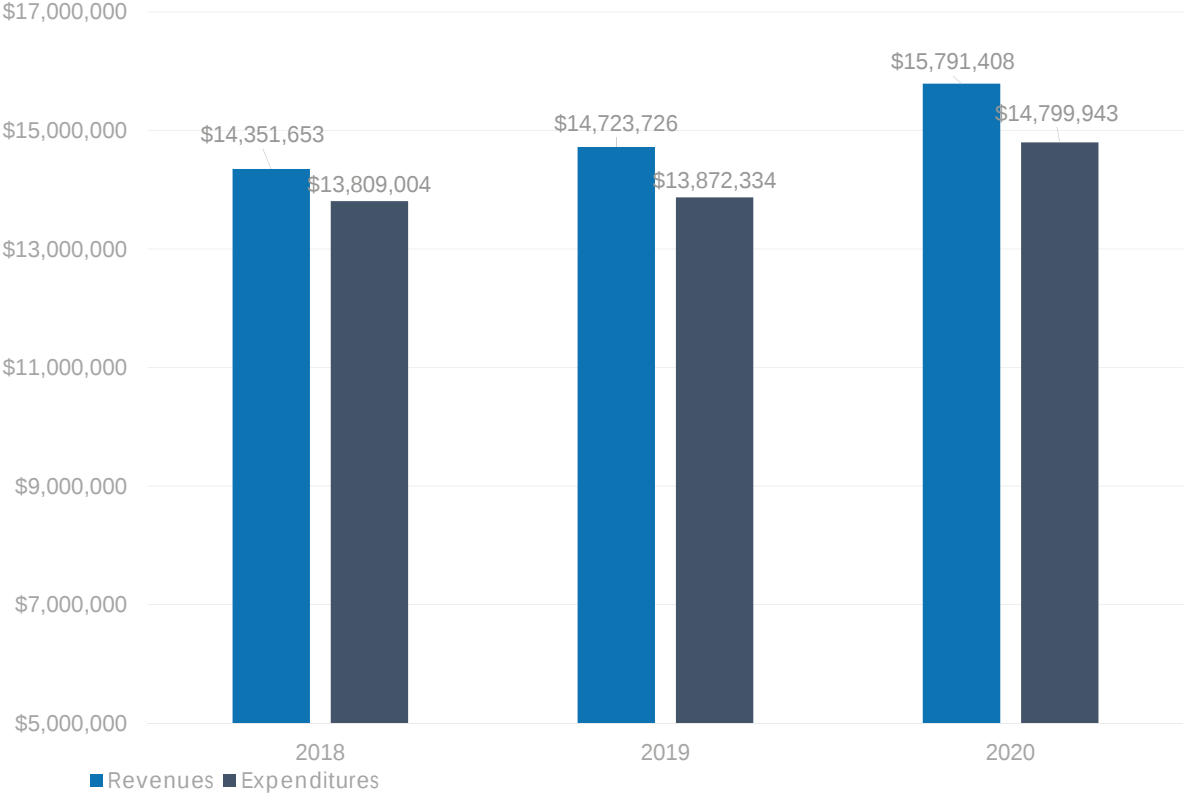
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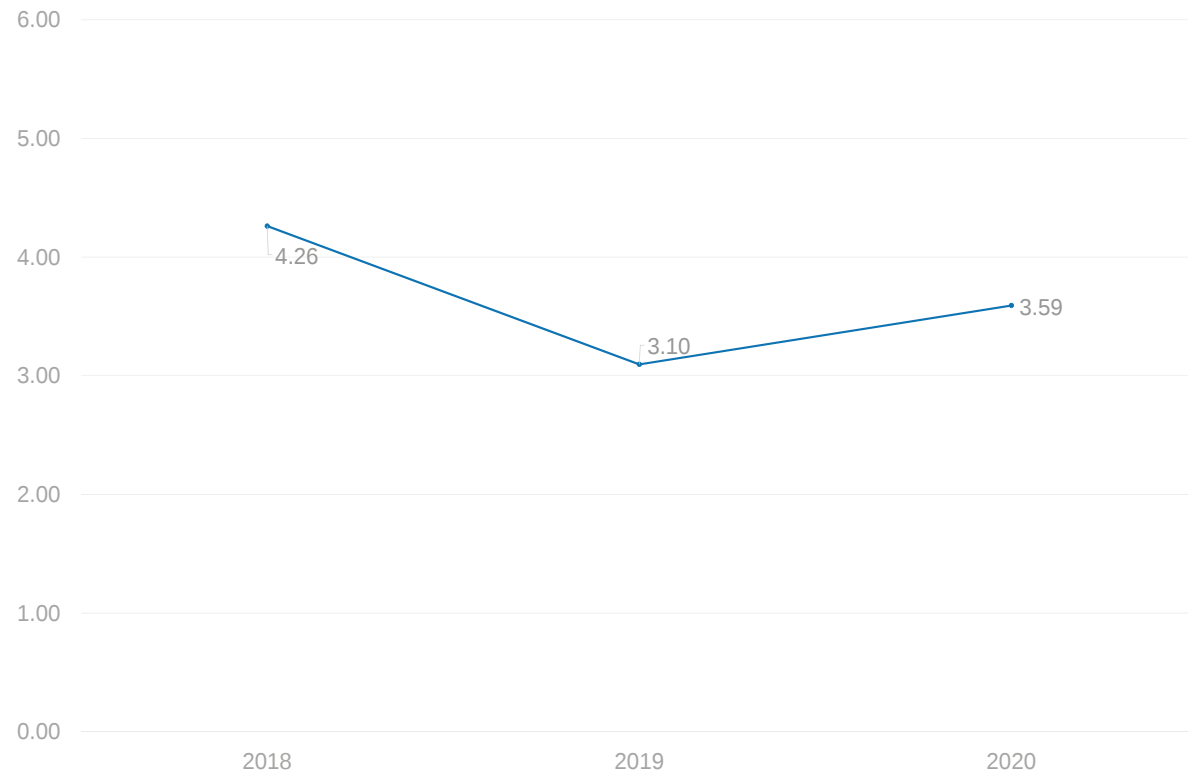
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Revenues vs. Expenditures (General Fund)



General Fund Coverage Ratio (in months)

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Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements (next three years)

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- 1** GASB 87 – Leases (FY22)
- 2** GASB 89 – Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period (FY22) – N/A
- 3** GASB 91 – Conduit Debt Obligations (FY23) – N/A
- 4** GASB 92 – Omnibus 2020 (FY22) – N/A
- 5** GASB 93 – Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates (FY22) – N/A
- 6** GASB 94 – Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements (FY23) – N/A
- 7** GASB 96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (FY23) – N/A

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Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements (next three years) (continued)

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GASB 97 – Certain Component Unit Criteria and IRC Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans (FY22) – N/A

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GASB 84 – Fiduciary Activities (FY21)

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Resolution No. 2021-010
January 26, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-011, approving the minutes of January 5th, 12th, 14th, and 19th 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-012, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions**

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-010



Resolution No. 2021-011
January 21, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of January 5, 12, 14, and 19, 2021 be approved.

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this
21 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-011



ACTION MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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, Council Member Annie Somerville, and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II ROLL CALL

Council Member Brian Jones, seconded by Annie Somerville. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-001, approving the minutes of December 15, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-001, approving the minutes of December 15, 2020.**

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-001.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
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. 2021-002, adopting rules governing operations of the parking bureau per 102-81.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council amended Ypsilanti City Code Section 102-81 to establish a Parking Violations Bureau for the purpose of handling all alleged parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, Public Act 154 of 1968, as amended (MCL 600.8395); and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council had adopted rules in 2016 governing the operation of the Parking Violations Bureau with Resolution 2016-005; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations have been updated to reflect updates and changes in the system since 2016; and

WHEREAS these Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Ypsilanti City Code, resolutions adopted by this City Council, the rules and procedures of the 14A2 District Court, and the laws of the State of Michigan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ypsilanti City Council approves the attached Rules and Regulations of the Parking Violations Bureau.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-002

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

- c) Resolution No. 2021-003, approving the community distribution of the Master Plan.

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to request Planning Commission to not include the Housing Affordability and Accessibility Plan in the Appendix or Chapter 7 in the Master Plan.

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, that City Council have final vote prior to Master Plan adoption.

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

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-003 as amended.

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

- d) Resolution No. 2021-004, approving the Metro Act Permit from Great Lakes Comnet dated April 4, 2014 to Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

Upon recommendation of the Director of the Ypsilanti Department of Public Services and the approval of the Ypsilanti City Attorney as to form,

The request for transfer of Metro Act Right-Of-Way Telecommunications Permit is approved and the Metro Act Permit granted to Great Lakes Comment on April 14, 2014 is transferred to Everstream GLC Holding Company, LLC.

The Transferee shall obey and observe all requirement of the permit.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021- 004.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2021-005, approving remainder of locations for small cell wireless applications 2020-002.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the State of Michigan adopted the “Small Wireless Communication Facilities Deployment Act” in late 2018 which required municipalities to allow small cell wireless facilities within public right of way; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti adopted an ordinance to regulate small cell wireless facilities within the constraints of this law; and,

Whereas, Verizon Wireless has submitted an application; and,

Whereas, City staff has reviewed the plans and application and has found that the plans are consistent with the requirements of city ordinances;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Ypsilanti approves the remaining sites on small cell wireless application 2020-002 for the following locations: 293 Olive; 301 W. Michigan Ave; and 401 N. Adams, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-005

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

- f) Resolution No. 2021-006, approving the Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes , and Energy and City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti was awarded a Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the purchase of public recycling containers; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti is interesting in expanding public recycling access in the City's downtown areas and parks; and,

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into an agreement with EGLE to accept the grant;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the Recycling and Organics Infrastructure Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and City of Ypsilanti for the purchase of public recycling containers, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-006

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

- g) Resolution No. 2021-007, approving the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the COAM.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the COAM collective bargaining agreement with the City expired on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have been engaged in contract negotiations on a successor contract; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement for the term commencing on January 1, 2021, and terminating on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to approve the new contract as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti does hereby approve the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the COAM, for the term commencing on January 1, 2021, and terminating on December 31, 2024, as presented, and authorizes the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-007

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

- h) Discussion regarding Employee Reviews of the City Manager and City Clerk.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve the evaluation process and have forms submitted by 1/31/2021

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

VI BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

a) Historic District Commission

Erika Lindsay (Reappointment Exp. 1/31/2024)
317 Prospect
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

~~Ron Rupert (Reappointment Exp. 1/31/2024) (Removed)~~
~~421 N Huron #1~~
~~Ypsilanti, MI 48197~~

VII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update (NONE)
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (Meet in 3 weeks)
3. Urban County (Meet on Thursday)

4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (Meet in 2 weeks)
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool (Meet tomorrow)

VIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

IX COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

X COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Goal Sessions - January 12th and 19th.

XII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2021-008, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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

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MINUTES

GOAL SESSIONS Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The GOAL SESSIONS of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 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 Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Anthony Morgan, seconded by Annie Somerville. On a voice vote the motion carried.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville. On a voice vote the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member of the public spoke.

V. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

a) Discussion of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Goals - Facilitator Dr. Jeffery Bernstein

Dr. Bernstein discussed with Council Members and Department Heads the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Goals.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



MINUTES

SPECIAL Meeting

6:00 PM - Thursday, January 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The SPECIAL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, seconded by Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

V. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-009, honoring Martin Luther King Jr Day.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., changed our Nation forever through his leadership, service, and clarity of vision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King devoted his life to strengthening the content of the American character and called on our Nation to live up to its founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Through his determination, spirit, and resolve, Dr. King helped lift souls and lead one of the greatest movements for equality and freedom in history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to honor the lasting legacy of this great American, remember the ideals for which he fought, and recommit ourselves to ensuring that our country's promise extends to all Americans across the great land; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 1983, Ronald Reagan, the 40th President of the United States, signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor Dr. King on the third Monday of January every year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as we observe Dr. King's birthday, the City of Ypsilanti encourages all Americans to honor Dr. King by living out his teachings as we continue to work for the day when the dignity and humanity of every person is respected and to celebrate his memory by performing acts of kindness through service to others.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-009

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Closed Session pursuant to section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending litigation – Anderson v the City of Ypsilanti. *MCL 15.268 Section 8 (e)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to adjourn in close session at 6:14 p.m

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

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to reconvene open session at 7:07 p.m.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m..



MINUTES

GOAL SESSIONS Meeting

6:00 AM - Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The GOAL SESSIONS of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 AM, 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 Brian Jones-Chance, and Council Member Annie Somerville

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Council Member Annie Somerville, seconded by Brian Jones-Chance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

5 members of the public spoke.

V. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

a) Discussion of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Goals - Facilitator Dr. Jeffrey Bernstein

Dr. Bernstein discussed with Council Members and Department Heads the potential priorities of goals for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

A recess was taken at 7:38 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Resolution No. 2021-012
January 26, 2021

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>
Erika Lindsay 317 Prospect Ypsilanti, MI 48198 Reappointment	HDC	1/31/2024
Devika Chourdhuri 2116 Roosevelt Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Reappointment	HRC	7/1/2024

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this
26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-012



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: John Barr
DATE: January 26, 2021
SUBJECT: Resolution to request Michigan legislature to allow municipalities to ban long guns and open carry in city hall.

DESCRIPTION:

Resolution to request Michigan legislature to allow municipalities to ban long guns and open carry in city hall.

SUMMARY:

The right of the people to own and carry arms is guaranteed by the U.S. and Michigan Constitutions. The courts have consistently ruled that the right is not absolute and reasonable and necessary regulation for the public health, safety and welfare is allowed.

In Michigan there is a common law right to own and carry firearms. The legislature has narrowed this right to prohibit concealed carry on the person or in an automobile without a license. Otherwise, the right still exists to own openly carry arms. This includes both hand guns and long guns.

The Michigan State legislature has "pre-empted the field" of gun regulation so local government has very little power in this regard. Because of recent events at the State Capital with demonstrators carrying arms into the capital, the State Capital Commission passed a rule banning long guns in the capital. The Commission has this power because it is a State Commission, not a local body.

Councilmember Morgan and the Mayor requested a resolution to request that the state legislature grant local government the same type of authority to protect City property.

A proposed resolution is attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and consideration of resolution.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2021-013
January 26, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the US Constitution and the Michigan Constitution protect the right of persons to keep and bear arms, and

Whereas, the right is not absolute, but can be subject to reasonable and needed restrictions, and

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature has passed laws controlling arms, but denying municipalities similar powers, and

Whereas, the State of Michigan Capital Commission has recently banned long guns from the State Capital, and

Whereas, the Ypsilanti City Council believes that the restriction is reasonable and needed for the safety and wellbeing of persons in the State Capital, and

Whereas, the same safety and wellbeing concerns apply to persons in the Ypsilanti City Hall and other municipal property summarily situated,

Now therefore, the Ypsilanti City Council does hereby request the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation with all convenient speed to allow local municipalities to ban long guns and open carry from legislative Council Chambers and public areas and other municipal facilities for the the safety and wellbeing of all persons, and

Further, that the Governor sign and approve the legislation as soon as presented, and

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the clerk of the Michigan Senate, House of Representatives, the Governor, and the city lobbyist.

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

#Resolution No. 2021-013

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this
26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-013



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Christopher Jacobs
DATE: January 26, 2021
SUBJECT: 2021 Street Closure Request

DESCRIPTION:
2021 Street Closure Request

SUMMARY:

One of the silver linings in 2020 for many businesses, residents, and visitors in Ypsilanti was the successful street closures of Washington St in Downtown and East Cross in Depot Town. From June to November 2020 we watched these public corridors be transformed and learned a ton through the process. As the battle against COVID-19 rages on, we recognize the need to continue using N Washington and E Cross to support restaurants, retail, and the overall health of our districts in 2021. There will certainly be indoor capacity restrictions well into 2021 and outdoor dining spaces have proven to be safer and preferred by customers. Some businesses outside of the street closures have received financial support from the YDDA to implement rear outdoor seating or sidewalk cafes such as Red Rock and Encuentro Latino. Others have transitioned to carry out models and express 15-minute parking spots have been implemented across the districts to accommodate these changes. On West Cross we supported two outdoor cafes with grants and completed a reconstruction of the alley which businesses have planned to use for rear outdoor cafes.

Overall, the districts have taken shape in dramatic ways to respond to the pandemic and 2021 is a major opportunity to build on those successes. One point of contention for the street closures in 2020 was the issue of live amplified music and entertainment in the street closure space. Fortunately, the City has a process to regulate this activity and staff recommends following that special event/noise permit policy in the street closure areas.

- 1.If a person or group wishes to use the street closures for live amplified music performances or events, they must submit a special event/noise permit request which is processed by the Police Department.
- 2.The DDA will work with PD to make a public calendar available on our website to show available/booked dates.
- 3.Live amplified music may only be permitted in the street closure areas on Fridays and Saturdays until 10pm. Furthermore, live amplified music in the street closure areas in only allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day and both street closures have designated music locations to minimize sound nuisance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority is requesting a special event permit to close the following streets:

E Cross Street– stretching from the clocktower to River Street – to all vehicles through the summer and limiting the shopping district to pedestrians only.

Downtown - closing North Washington Street from Pearl to Michigan Avenue, as well as South Washington Street between Michigan Avenue and the South Huron Parking Lot. The closures would remain in effect during overnight hours and last from April 1, 2021 until November 1, 2021. Michigan Ave, located in the middle of the closure zone Downtown, would remain open to East-West vehicle traffic.

The DDA has once again offered to help cover the cost of eliminated parking spaces with a \$2,500 payment to the City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Special Event Permit

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2021-014
January 26, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit the City of Ypsilanti and our businesses extremely hard; and

WHEREAS, the public health guidance indicates that outdoor dining is safer than indoor dining and consumers preferred these outdoor spaces in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks to assist in the recovery of our small businesses when weather allows customers to return to outdoor dining; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that indoor restaurant capacity will be reduced by 50% once allowed to reopen and vaccine distribution is not yet widely available or expected until mid to late 2021

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves a special event permit closing E Cross Street-stretching from Rice Street to River Street, North Washington Street from Pearl to Michigan Avenue, as well as the South Washington Street between Michigan Avenue and the South Huron Parking Lot. The closures would remain in effect during overnight hours and last from April 1, 2021 until November 1, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Live amplified music is only permitted on Fridays and Saturdays until 10pm in the areas of street closure. Additionally, live amplified music is only permitted between Memorial Day and Labor Day in the designated street closure areas.

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-014



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Christopher Jacobs
DATE: January 26, 2021
SUBJECT: Peninsular Dam MOU with HRWC

DESCRIPTION:

Peninsular Dam MOU with HRWC

SUMMARY:

In 2017 the City entered into a cooperative agreement to study the feasibility of the strategic removal of the Peninsular Dam and for HRWC to contract for such a feasibility. HRWC authorized, contracted for and received a feasibility study and the parties agree that the goal (removal of Peninsular Dam) is feasible. The City and HRWC desire to further advance the goal by securing a removal design and any necessary supporting analysis for the removal of the Peninsular Dam.

We anticipate that the removal design will explore the environmental and financial impacts of removal of the dam, the logistical and practical implication relating to such removal and the legal effects of such removal would have on the property owners adjacent to relevant portions of the Huron River, remediation of the impoundment and sources of public or private grants or funding available for such work.

HRWC is in the best position to lead the effort to request proposals and identify qualified engineering and other professional consultants to prepare the removal plan and supporting analysis and data. The City previously committed \$500,000 toward the removal of the Peninsular Dam and we anticipate the cost in this stage will be \$240,600. The City agrees to provide match funding of \$33,000. HRWC agrees to provide match funding of \$6,000. The remaining balance will be provided by a grant awarded from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Habitat Grant Program. The awarded funds from the MDNR FHGP require all proposed project work to be completed by October of 2021.

The attached MOU is provided to define the relationship between the City of Ypsilanti and Huron River Watershed Council for the purpose of completing the work outlined.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: MOU

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2021-015
January 26, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has identified the removal of Peninsular Dam as a strategic priority; and

WHEREAS, the Huron River Watershed Council has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of design removal and has selected a qualified engineering firm to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provided is necessary to define the working relationship between the City of Ypsilanti and the Huron River Watershed Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the MOU as provided and shall reimburse the HRWC for an amount not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$33,000.00) toward completion of the approved scope of work in the MDNR FHGP grant described herein.

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this 26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-015

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YPSILANTI AND
THE HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL FOR COOPERATION IN OBTAINING
PENINSULAR PAPER DAM REMOVAL DESIGN AND SUPPORTING ANALYSIS

This agreement is made between the City of Ypsilanti, a Michigan home rule city of One S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (“City”) and the Huron River Watershed Council, a Michigan public non-profit organization of 1100 N. Main Street, Suit 210, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (“HRWC”) (collectively the parties) on the date signed by both parties (“Effective Date”).

RECITALS:

- A. The City owns a parcel of land located at the northwest corner of the Huron River and Leforge Road in the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, having a parcel identification number of 11-11-05-100-013 (“Peninsular Park”).
- B. The City also owns the Peninsular Dam, which is adjacent to Peninsular Park and crosses and dams the Huron River.
- C. The City and HRWC are interested in the removal of Peninsular Dam and related impoundment restorative activities (the goal).
- D. In furtherance of that goal the City and HRWC on December 19, 2017 entered into a cooperative agreement to study the feasibility of the strategic removal of the Peninsular Dam and for HRWC to contract for such a feasibility.
- E. HRWC authorized, contracted for and received a feasibility study and the parties agree that the goal (removal of Peninsular Dam) is feasible.
- F. The City and HRWC desire to further advance the goal by securing a removal design and any necessary supporting analysis for the removal of the Peninsular Dam.
- G. The parties anticipate that the removal design will explore the environmental and financial impacts of removal of the dam, the logistical and practical implication relating to such removal and the legal effects of such removal would have on the property owners adjacent to relevant portions of the Huron River, remediation of the impoundment and sources of public or private grants or funding available for such work (The Work).
- H. The parties desire to identify qualified engineering firms and other necessary professional consultants to complete The Work.
- I. The parties agree that HRWC is in the best position to lead the effort to request proposals and identify qualified engineering and other professional consultants to prepare the removal plan and supporting analysis and data (The Work).
- J. The City previously committed \$500,000 toward the removal of the Peninsular Dam.

- K. The parties anticipate the cost of The Work will be \$240,600. The City agrees to provide match funding of \$33,000. HRWC agrees to provide match funding of \$6,000. The remaining balance will be provided by a grant awarded from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”) Fisheries Habitat Grant Program (“FHGP”). The awarded funds from the MDNR FHGP require all proposed project work (The Work) to be completed by October of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the agreements of the parties, hereto, the City and HRWC mutually agree as follows:

1. The HRWC shall, for the parties, bid, obtain and administer contracts for The Work with engineering firms to be selected, and shall provide administrative management, planning services and technical guidance in accordance with existing awarded MDNR FHGP as described herein. The HRWC may also provide administrative management, planning services and technical guidance in accordance with relevant future public or private grants as agreed by the parties.
2. The HRWC will collaborate with and continue to help the City (City Council members and City staff) establish, convene, and support necessary committees of subject matter experts, municipal officials, and area residents to advise progression toward the removal of the Peninsular Dam and related restoration activities of the Peninsular Dam impoundment (the goal) through at least October 2021. HRWC may provide a continuation of these services beyond October 2021 as agreed by the parties.
3. The City shall reimburse the HRWC for an amount not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$33,000.00) toward completion of the approved scope of work in the MDNR FHGP grant described herein.
4. HRWC shall be responsible for management of awarded MDNR FHGP funds and additional related costs. HRWC shall keep books and accounts of all such funds and costs and provide access, including copying to the City upon request.
5. All results, all supporting documentation, and all reports resulting from the scope of work related to the MDNR FHGP grant described herein will be owned jointly by the parties and will be provided by HRWC or engineering or consulting firms to the City at the request of the City Council or Ypsilanti City Manager.
6. Three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy in PDF file format of the final report completed by the selected engineering firm will be provided by HRWC to the City.
7. The parties shall use the results of the study to guide future discussion and decisions with regard to Peninsular Park and the Peninsular Dam.

8. The City shall be a third-party beneficiary of the contract between the HRWC and the Contractor(s). The parties agree that all contracts for the work shall contain provisions substantially similar to the attached contract addendum form ("Exhibit A").
9. Both parties agree that they have insurance to protect their individual interests.
10. Neither party will indemnify the other.
11. HRWC agrees to abide by ordinances and policies of City, including but not limited to the Living Wage Ordinance and the non-discrimination policies and ordinances of City.
12. Both parties certify that they are not an "Iran Linked Business" as specified in MCL 129.211.
13. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.
14. This agreement, and its attachments, is the sole contract agreement between the parties. Any changes, additions, or deletions shall not be effective of actionable unless they are in writing and signed by the parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned have set their hands this ____ day of _____, 2021.

HURON RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

BY: _____

Rebecca Esselman
Executive Director

CITY OF YPSILANTI

BY: _____

Lois Richardson, Mayor

BY: _____

Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk

Approved as to Form

John M. Barr
Ypsilanti City Attorney

Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions Participation Resume

The people of Ypsilanti are involved in their City government and are an important part of the community's achievements. Individuals interested in receiving more information in regards to serving on an advisory board or commission are invited to contact the City Clerk's Office at 734-483-1100. Alternatively, citizens who would like to participate can submit their information in the form below.

Qualifications

Must be a resident/business owner in the city for at least two years. Or Council must determine your expertise is essential and not available in an applicant that meets the qualifications above. Must be eligible to vote in the state if not applying for youth membership.

Name	Olivia Hill
Email Address	
Address	
City	Ypsilanti
State	MI
Zip Code	48198
Phone Number	
Number of Years in the Community	7
Ward You Live In	3
Education	Bachelor of Science from Eastern Michigan University
Occupation	Business Technology Consultant
Employer	Torrent Consulting
Are you applying for youth membership?	No
Are you registered to vote in the City of Ypsilanti?	Yes

I would like to be considered and could devote sufficient time to serve on the following board or commission:

Human Relations Commission

Party Affiliation

Democratic

Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving on these boards/commissions?

I am interested in serving on the Human Relations Commission because I believe it is essential for government to seek out a voice for the voiceless and always pursue justice for all people. As a part of the Human Relations Commission, I think that it is an important duty to look for instances of prejudice and discrimination in the community and dig in to find the best recommendations for our local government. I would be very proud to serve my community and help those around me by bringing attention to issues that impact them every day.

Work/volunteer experience related to the board or commission:

Throughout my time at Torrent Consulting, I have spearheaded the Ann Arbor office's social impact program. With our social impact program, we have looked to level the playing field for youth in the Ann Arbor area. I was proudly able to develop a partnership with The Neutral Zone in Ann Arbor to host career and educational workshops for their S.C.O.R.E. program which stands for School & Career Opportunities R Endless. This program helps at-risk youth set goals for academic and career success. Torrent's belief (and my own) is that talent is spread equally but opportunity is not. There are many roadblocks within our community that keep certain groups from having full access to the opportunities that other have. I am extremely passionate about doing what I can to level the playing field and provide the correct tools for individuals who may be experiencing different challenges than myself.

I understand that appointment to a City of Ypsilanti board or commission requires regular attendance at board meetings.

Yes

I hereby certify that all of the information above is true.

Yes

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Name	Clete McLaughlin
Email Address	
Address	
City	Ypsilanti
State	MI
Zip Code	48197
Phone Number	
Number of Years in the Community	5
Ward You Live In	ward 1
Education	Culinary Arts, Business
Occupation	Asst. Director of Operations
Employer	Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
Are you applying for youth membership?	Field not completed.
Are you registered to vote in the City of Ypsilanti?	Yes

I would like to be considered and could devote sufficient time to serve on the following board or commission:

Ypsilanti Housing Commission, Human Relations Commission

Party Affiliation

Field not completed.

Field not completed.

Why are you interested in serving on these boards/commissions?

I am interested in community integration. Being on this board will help connect people and become a voice for the people in the community, As a resident and a person that has experienced inequality and housing insecurity, I think this seat will allow me to share a meaningful perspective.

Work/volunteer experience related to the board or commission:

Working with the homeless community and growing up in poverty has driven me to find every opportunity to help my community. I have done community outreach, case management, community integration through my non-profit JustUs, and lived in the community for 5 years now, I taught youth at Corner Health and am involved in Ypsilanti Pride. All of these experiences will make me a great fit for the Human Relations Board of Commissions seat.

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Yes

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Resolution No. 2021-016
January 26, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or three (3) members of Council.

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

This resolution is adopted by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti and approved by the Mayor this
26 day of January 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-016