



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364251086>
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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1001 Pearl St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
- D. **Sustainability Commission (added)**
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401 W. Michigan Ave. #614
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Proclamation for Workers Memorial Day

State of Michigan
City of Ypsilanti
Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force and frontline responders who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents, negligence, lack of adequate protections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti looks to pay tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our city; and

WHEREAS, every year on April 28th, the City of Ypsilanti joins with workers and communities around the world in recognizing Workers Memorial Day to honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics there were 5,333 worker fatalities from work-related incidences in the USA in 2019, with 165 of those in Michigan, and among Michigan private industry employers over 86,000 injuries and illnesses were reported by workers in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, has made paramount the failings of workplace safety standards and inadequate protections for workers on the job, and the importance placed on public health and workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, frontline workers in particular have again put their lives on the line to save our lives, provide us with essential services, and keep us safe; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Ypsilanti, That members of City of Ypsilanti honor workers and officially designate April 28th, 2021 as Workers Memorial Day. We offer this expression of heartfelt appreciation of the American worker; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, that the City of Ypsilanti shall designate, by this proclamation, April 28th 2021 as a celebration of the importance of workers in City of Ypsilanti.

Given under my hand and seal of the
City of Ypsilanti April 28, 2021.

Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor



Resolution No. 2021-076
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-077, approving the minutes of April 6 and 13, 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-078, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**
3. **Resolution No. 2021-079, excepting the City Manager evaluation.**

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
20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-076



Resolution No. 2021-077
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of April 6 and 13, 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
20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-077



MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 6:10 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Mr. Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted. Moved Council Member Symanns, seconded by Mr. Jones-Chance. On a voice vote the motion carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session for Employee Evaluations, *MCL 15.268, Section 8(a)*

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M. Council Member Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones Chance.

The meeting reconvened at 7:01 P.M. Council Member Symanns moved, seconded by Mr. Jones Chance. On a voice vote the motion carried

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation honoring the 200th anniversary of Greece's Independence.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Three members from the public spoke.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2021-064, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-064

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2021-065, approving the minutes of March 16, 2021.**
2. **Resolution No. 2021-066, approving the purchase of Election Equipment.**
3. **Resolution No. 2021-067, approving the display of teal ribbons for sexual assault awareness month in the City of Ypsilanti.**

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

- B. Resolution No, 2021-065, approving the minutes of March 16, 2021.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of March 16, 2021 be approved.

- C. Resolution No. 2021-066, approving the purchase of Election Equipment.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, during the 2020 Election Cycle the City of Ypsilanti was approved for a grant of \$105,969 by the Center of Tech and Civic Life; and

Whereas, the city has been awarded an extension until June 30, 2021, to expend the remaining funds of \$37,207.12 and

Whereas, in order for the Absentee Voter Count Board to more efficiently process the increase in absentee ballots caused by no

reason absentee ballots, the Clerk Department requests to expend the remaining funds to purchase four additional scans in the amount of \$22,180.00, and service maintenance for years six through ten in the amount of \$11,280, for a total of \$33,460.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the purchase of four tabulators and associated maintenance agreements from Hart Intracivic.

- D. Resolution No. 2021-067, approving the display of teal ribbons for sexual assault awareness month in the City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, most sexual assaults are not committed by strangers, at least 84% of survivors knew their perpetrator prior to the assault; and

Whereas, SafeHouse has requested tying teal ribbons around trees and/or poles in the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, SafeHouse provides 1-on-1 Counseling, support groups, legal Advocacy, Shelter, and friend and Family support for sexual assault survivors who live, work, and school, or were assaulted in Washtenaw County; and

Whereas, SafeHouse intends to hang ribbons in Depot Town, West Cross, near the water tower, and Michigan Ave, near the library; and

Whereas, the ribbon will be placed along with an information sheet, providing information on sexual assault and the contact information for SafeHouse.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council supports this campaign and approves of teal ribbons being tied in the specified location from April 1st - April 30, 2021, along with the proposed information sheets.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2021-068, declaring Juneteenth, June 19th, as a holiday in the City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2021-068

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

Whereas, communities of color, and especially Ypsilanti, Michigan are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and Black Americans continue to face the lingering effects of racism, and

Whereas, we must work together to continue to build a just Ypsilanti, free from prejudice, bigotry and racism, and

Whereas, Ypsilanti, Michigan has a proud record of fighting bigotry, slavery and racism, including, prior to the Civil War being a part of the underground railway to help slaves to freedom, and sending soldiers, black and white to fight and die for the Union in the Civil War to free the slaves, and passing ordinances to prohibit discrimination, and

Whereas, June 19, 1865 marks when the final group of Black Americans understood that they were free, when Union Army General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, where he read General Order #3, stating that all slaves were free, and that former masters and slaves were absolutely equal in personal and property rights. and

Whereas, Juneteenth, June 19, 1865, acting as the date of emancipation, became a long-standing day of celebration, meant to honor Black Americans resilience and the end of slavery, and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the City of Ypsilanti to honor and celebrate June 19 of every year as Juneteenth,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL, that June 19th of every year beginning in the year 2021 and continuing for every year thereafter, in perpetuity, be and the same is hereby declared as JUNETEENTH, an official Ypsilanti City Holiday

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

- B. Resolution No. 2021-069, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Ypsilanti.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-069

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

Whereas, the United States of America, the State of Michigan, the County of Washtenaw and the City of Ypsilanti, and indeed, the world, are in the midst of a medical Covid 19 virus pandemic, and

Whereas, the pandemic is a severe threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Ypsilanti, and the Covid 19 virus is spread by close physical proximity of persons, and

Whereas, the City Council and City boards and commissions have been meeting virtually because of the danger of contracting the Covid 19 virus during in-person meetings, and

Whereas, virtual meetings were authorized by Act 254 of the Public Acts of 2020, and

Whereas, Act 254 of the Public Acts of 2020 allows virtual meetings in case of a local emergency, and

Whereas, Washtenaw County has declared a local, state of emergency, and,

Whereas, the Washtenaw County Health Department statistics show that the City of Ypsilanti, zip codes 48197 and 48198 have the highest rates of Covid 19 virus infection in the county, and

Whereas, Ypsilanti Mayor Lois Richardson has declared a local state of emergency in the City of Ypsilanti because of the continued Covid 19 virus pandemic risk and danger,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti does hereby approve and adopt the State of Emergency declared by the Mayor and in accordance with Act 254 of the Public Acts of 2020 determine and order that meetings of Ypsilanti City Council and all boards and commissions shall be virtual until December 31, 2021, or until further action of the Mayor and City Council.

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

- C. Resolution No. 2021-070, approving an application to MDOT Local Bridge Program for the Factory Street and Leforge Street Bridges.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-070

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the bridges on Factory Street and LeForge Street over the Huron River in the City of Ypsilanti needs preventative maintenance repairs to extend the life of the bridge; and,

Whereas, OHM, consulting engineers for the City of Ypsilanti, completed the inspection of the bridges in the City and prepared inspection reports and other information on the above-mentioned bridges; and,

Whereas, based on the findings and recommendations of OHM, the Director of Public Services recommends that the City make application to the Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Program for bridge preventative maintenance; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has available 5% portion of the project financing available;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti authorizes the Director of Public Services and OHM to apply to the Michigan Department of Transportation's Local Bridge Program with the application seeking financial assistance to perform preventative maintenance work on the LeForge Street and Factory Street bridges.

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

- D. Resolution No. 2021-071, approving an agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsi-Arbor American Little League to install a digital scoreboard in Recreation Park.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-071

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the Ypsi-Arbor American Little League wishes to donate and install a digital scoreboard in Recreation Park.; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies, "working with the Little League to continue to provide opportunities for youth baseball, including maintaining and improving the ballfields", as a priority project for Recreation Park; and,

Whereas, the City Attorney has prepared an agreement to allow the Ypsi-Arbor American Little League to donate and install the digital scoreboard;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti authorizes the City Manager to sign the agreement with the Ypsi-Arbor Little League to allow them to install the digital scoreboard.

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

- E. Resolution No. 2021-072, approving the purchase of a replacement grapple truck from Versalift Midwest.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-072

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the removal of tree limbs and other debris from roadways and other public areas is an essential responsibility of the Department of Public Services; and,

Whereas, a grapple truck reduces employee injury and is necessary to remove these tree limbs and other debris safely; and,

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti has allocated the funds in the FY 2020-2021 budget for this purchase; and,

Whereas, the purchase price of the vehicle is less than the budgeted amount of \$222,000;

Now therefore be it resolved that that City Council authorizes the purchase of a replacement grapple truck from Versalift Midwest for a purchase price of \$158,608.00 with any change orders to be approved by the City Manager.

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

- F. Resolution No. 2021-073, approving the purchase agreement for 206-210 N. Washington.

Moved By Jones-Chance and supported by Morgan

Move to amend section 17 of the purchase agreement by adding "the purchaser may assign to an entity affiliated with Avalon Housing, an affiliated limited dividend housing association (as defined in Act 346 of Public Acts 1966, as amended)"

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-073 (As Amended)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, 206-210 N Washington Street was foreclosed on by the Washtenaw County Treasurer for nonpayment of property taxes; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti purchased the property using its Right of First Refusal from the Country Treasurer in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the city accepted a proposal from Avalon Housing in September 2020 to create affordable housing in the city of Ypsilanti; and

NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves entering into an agreement of purchase and sale with Avalon Housing for 206-210 N. Washington pending legal Counsel's final review.

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

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

A. Local Development Financing Authority - SMARTZONE

Caryn Charter - Reappointment (Exp. 6/30/2025)
EMU - 200 Boone Hall
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

B. Sustainability Commission

Bryan Foley - Reappointment (Exp. 5/1/2024)
425 Ainsworth Cir
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Keith Michalowski - Reappointment (Exp. 5/1/2024)
410 Maple
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

C. Human Relations Commission

Richard Smith - New Appointment (Exp. 7/1/2024)
24 N. Washington
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

X. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update **None**
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study **None**
3. Urban County **None**
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority **Looking to update landscaping and waste management contracts. Installing lights in Depot Town. Signage improvements for street closure.**
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool **None**

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown:

- **When will speed bumps be added for the warmer months**

Council Member Symanns

- **Cornell on Huron, pothole repair work does not appear to be permanent.**

Mr. Brian Jones-Chance

- Violence reduction/ education
- Affordable housing
- A lot of constituents are getting COVID and dying. Difficult to get an appointment. Unfortunately, many are not wanting to take it.
- Thanked Ron for getting on the garbage truck issue at Rec Park.

Council Member Wilcoxon

- That is a problem for Candy Cane Park.
- Issue with a car speeding through the neighborhood. Commended YPD for pulling people over. Glad to see more of a presence.

Council Member Morgan

- Thanked those for the cleaning
- Thanked Fire Department for all the training they do
- Received 18 applications
- YPAC - Heather Berkovitz was elected Chair. Rescheduled NPR

Council Member Somerville

- None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Thanked- Clean up at Parkridge, those that cleaned up Parkridge.
 - Asking for more trash can at the pavilion. 2 cans at all of the pavilions.
- Thanked Council for supporting Juneteenth
- Rep Dingell, Rep Donna Lipinski- millions of dollars that should be allocated to Michigan. State Legislator has asked for people to reach out to Republican Legislator.
- Began to prepare now for winter warming centers.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2021-074, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 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.



MINUTES

BUDGET SESSION Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The BUDGET SESSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:01 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Wilcoxon moved to excuse Council Member Symanns, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Council Member Morgan moved to excuse Council Member Somerville, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Council Member Morgan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

Received a call from Jason Dickson from Strategic Alliance Community Development, asking for a letter of intent.

Mayor Richardson stated the police department should receive training as the incident at the Brooklyn Center could happen in Ypsilanti.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. AAATA - Ypsilanti Transit Center Expansion - Matt Carpenter, CEO & Jesse Miller, Ypsilanti Board Representative

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to give the City Manager authority to draft a letter of support for an earmark to the Ypsilanti Transit Center Expansion fund.

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

- B. Walking While Black L.O.V.E. is the Answer Community Projects Grant Application - AJ Ali & Nat Alston (20 minutes)

VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2021-075, approving the submission of Community Project Funding Application on behalf of L.O.V.E. is the Answer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer action group has been working in the City of Ypsilanti for the past three years doing the work of improving police-community relations and wishes to expand and deepen their services to reach more people in the community, and

Whereas, As context, local governments in the United States spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars every year settling police brutality and misconduct lawsuits. The City of Minneapolis, for example, recently settled with the family of George Floyd for \$27 million. Now multiply that by all the other police shootings nationwide that result in local governments settling lawsuits with victims' families, and

Whereas, The objective of this L.O.V.E. Is The Answer initiative is as straightforward as it is profound — to prevent in Ypsilanti a horrible tragedy like the death of George Floyd. By avoiding the needless loss of human life, Ypsilanti will avoid the needless expenditure of taxpayer dollars. L.O.V.E. Is The Answer will train Ypsilanti law enforcement to become peace officers, practicing L.O.V.E.-based policing, and

Whereas, L.O.V.E. Is The Answer is the quintessential example of “an ounce of prevention is worth 100 pounds of cure, and

Whereas, L.O.V.E. Is The Answer is a movement to improve police-community relations, reduce crime, and improve public safety and health by teaching people how to love themselves and others. L.O.V.E. Is The Answer work

began in Ypsilanti in December of 2017 when the City of Ypsilanti became the first city in America to sign a Universal Lifetime License to use the film, WALKING WHILE BLACK: L.O.V.E. Is The Answer throughout the community, and

Whereas, the Community Project Funding grant from the Congress would be used as follows:

\$60,000 to buy 2,000 L.O.V.E. Is The Answer books and 2,000 Mentoring Circle trainings that teach participants the basics of how to create and participate in L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Mentoring Circles. These books and trainings will be given to police, teachers, media, ministry leaders, nonprofit leaders, students, and other community influencers. The L.O.V.E. Is The Answer book, which is a textbook, is the centerpiece of the curriculum. In the book, the author A.J. Ali shares 25 lessons and offers 25 activities people can do immediately to put L.O.V.E. Is The Answer principles into action. Reconciliation experts from across the country share their real-life experiences, lessons they've learned, best practices, and ways to foster reconciliation in communities.

\$16,000 for staffing of 20 Screening/Discussion events featuring a team of L.O.V.E. Is The Answer trained and certified facilitators.

\$10,000 to train 10 L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Certified Film & Book Event Facilitators in Ypsilanti area schools and other organizations.

\$10,000 for one Fellowship Award given to a grad student who will study and quantify the effects of L.O.V.E. Is The Answer in Ypsilanti, as well as assist the Ypsilanti Council of Elders with all things "L.O.V.E. Is The Answer."

\$10,000 for discretionary L.O.V.E. Is The Answer project funding throughout Ypsilanti above and beyond the funds allocated for L.O.V.E. Gardens (see below). These funds would be used for murals, music, art projects, and other L.O.V.E. Is The Answer inspired community projects by the students of Ypsilanti. 20 grants of \$500 each will be made available.

\$5,000 to Strategic Partner National Association of African Americans in Human Resources (NAAHR) for their support role in providing HR expertise and other resources to help Ypsilanti organizations with diverse hiring and training based on the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer principles.

\$5,000 for L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Gardenmatching grants.

\$2,500 for one Collegiate Scholar Award to a college student studying racial equity, criminal justice, or a similar field; he or she will act as a paid intern in support of the mission.

\$500 for one High School Scholar Award to a high school student with interest in racial equity, criminal justice, or similar field; he or she will act as a paid intern in support of the mission.

Whereas, Mayor Lois Richardson, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, the Council of Elders, the Educate Youth nonprofit, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, numerous ministries, and other Ypsilanti organizations have been heavily involved in the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer movement's local efforts.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves and supports the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Community Project Funding Grant request to the U.S. Congress, and agrees to serve as the fiduciary administering body in 2022 if the grant is awarded by the U.S. Congress.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-075

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

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT AMENDED BUDGETS

A. Police Department - Pg. 3

Police Chief DeGiusti provided a presentation regarding the Police Department budget.

Fire Department - Pg. 10

Police Chief Hobbs provided a presentation regarding the Fire Department budget.

Legal Services - Pg. 22

City Attorney Barr provided a presentation regarding the City Attorney's Office budget.

Clerk Department - Pg. 27

City Clerk Hellenga provided a presentation regarding the Clerk Department budget.

Department of Fiscal Services - Pg. 36

Finance Director/Treasurer Basabica provided a presentation regarding the Fiscal Services and Treasury budgets.

Economic Development - Pg. 41

Economic and Community Development Director provided a presentation regarding the Economic Development Budget.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - Pg. 46

Community Development Manager Jacobs provided a presentation regarding the Downtown Development Authority budget.

Human Resources - Pg. 52

Human Resources Manager Jones provided a presentation regarding the Human Resources Department budget.

City Manager - Pg. 56

City Manager McMullan provided a presentation regarding the City Manager's Office Budget.

Department of Public Services (DPS) - Pg. 58

DPS Director Akers provided a presentation regarding the Department of Public Services budget.

Parking - Pg. 71

Project Manager Wessler provided a presentation regarding the Parking Fund budget.

Capital Improvements Plan - Pg. 77

Project Manager Wessler provided a presentation regarding the Capital Improvements Plan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 P.M.



Resolution No. 2021-078
April 20, 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:

NAME

BOARD

EXPIRATION

**Caryn Charter (Reappointment)
6/30/2025**

LDFA – Smartzone

**EMU – 200 Boone Hall
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**Bryan Foley (Reappointment)
5/1/2024**

Sustainability

**425 Ainsworth Cir
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**Keith Michalowski (Reappointment)
5/1/2024**

Sustainability

**514 N Huron
Ypsilanti, Mi 48197**

**Richard Smith (New Appointment)
7/1/2024**

Human Relations

**24 N. Washington
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

OFFERED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:

#Resolution No. 2021-078

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

#Resolution No. 2021-078



Resolution No. 2021-079
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City Manager reports directly to the City Council and is supervised by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has evaluated City Manager Frances McMullan for her performance over the evaluation period; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ypsilanti City Council hereby accepts the report on Ms. McMullan by the Evaluation Committee.

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 20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-079



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Christopher Jacobs
DATE: April 20, 2021
SUBJECT: Growing Hope MOU

DESCRIPTION:
Growing Hope MOU

SUMMARY:

Memorandum of Understanding between Growing Hope and the City of Ypsilanti regarding the Depot Town Farmers Market

The Farmers Market in Depot Town has provided access to fresh fruits and vegetables and other goods to the Ypsilanti community for 40 years. Until a combination of budget constraints and concerns about the safety of the Freighthouse building closed the indoor market in 2003, the Depot Town Farmers Markets on Saturdays and Wednesdays were managed and funded by the City of Ypsilanti. This included the salary of a part time market manager until the mid-80s, which increased to a full-time position until the close of the Freighthouse building in 2003. Between 2003 and 2012, the market vendors operated without outside funding or formal management. A handful of dedicated vendors and customers kept the market alive, however the market declined and averaged 10-15 vendors by 2012. In 2006 Growing Hope, in partnership with the Ypsilanti Food Cooperative, was responsible for ensuring that both Ypsilanti markets were able to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly known as food stamps. The many food assistance programs accepted at the Ypsilanti markets accounted for 19% of total sales in 2018.

Since Growing Hope assumed management of the Depot Town market in 2013, vendor participation, customer counts, and sales have all increased dramatically. During the 2018 market season Depot Town hosted as many as 30+ vendors on a single Saturday with an average of 550 customers per market day. Total market sales topped \$100K, with an economic impact that reaches throughout Depot Town and greater Ypsilanti. Vendor fees cover less than 20% of the cost of managing the Ypsilanti markets and access to the plaza adjacent to the Freighthouse is essential to Growing Hope's ability to host the market in Depot Town.

The attached MOU will formally allow Growing Hope to operate the Farmers Market in the Freight House Plaza for the 2021-2025 Seasons (May 1, 2021 to October 31, 2025)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of attached resolution and MOU

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2021-080
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City owns the Freight House Plaza, located adjacent to the Ypsilanti Freight House 100 Market Place; and

WHEREAS, Growing Hope has operated a farmers market in the plaza since 2013 and has expressed interest in cooperating with the City to establish a long-term plan to continue the market; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in cooperating with Growing Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the city enter the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Growing Hope for use of the Freighthouse Plaza for the Saturday Farmers Market.

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 20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-080

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF YPSILANTI AND GROWING HOPE FOR USE OF THE FREIGHTHOUSE PLAZA FOR THE SATURDAY DEPOT TOWN FARMERS MARKET

This agreement is entered into on this 20th day of April 2021, by the City of Ypsilanti, a Michigan Home Rule City located at 1 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (hereinafter "City") and Growing Hope, a non-profit located at 922 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti MI 48197 (hereinafter "Growing Hope").

WHEREAS, the City owns the Freight House Plaza, located adjacent to the Ypsilanti Freight House 100 Market Place in the City of Ypsilanti, State of Michigan (hereinafter "Plaza"); and WHEREAS, Growing Hope has operated a farmers market in the plaza since 2013 and has expressed interest in cooperating with the City to establish a long-term plan to continue the market; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in cooperating with Growing Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and in consideration of the agreements of the Parties hereto, the City and Growing Hope mutually agree as follows:

2021 Memorandum of Understanding

**GROWING HOPE
&
CITY OF YPSILANTI**

As the manager of the Ypsilanti Farmers Markets, Growing Hope is wholly responsible for the following:

FUNDING

1. Providing and funding appropriate market staff for weekly management of the operations of the market, set-up/ tear-down, collecting the vendor fees, managing volunteers, etc.
2. Soliciting and securing market sponsors

OPERATIONS

1. Recruiting vendors and manage vendor relations; determining make-up of types of vendors (produce versus crafts, etc).
2. Establishing and enforcing market rules and policies, including applicable local, state, & federal laws
3. Managing all market finances, including token system, vendor fees, food assistance, reimbursements to vendors, et al
4. Managing the Food Assistance programs at the market as well as running the EBT / CC machine and all token tracking associated
5. Managing partnerships with agencies/ others to bring more services and events to the market, including with Prescription for Health, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH, Double Up Food Bucks, et al
6. Provide tent and table rental service as a market amenity
7. Recruit and place volunteers to assist at the market
8. Determining and advertising market days and hours and season length

MARKETING AND EVALUATION

1. Developing and leading marketing strategy, including promotion of the market (along with the Downtown Ypsi Farmers Market) via web site, social media and printed materials-both will be marketed as Growing Hope markets
2. Performing all market evaluation, including collection of data (including weekly sales data from vendors), surveys in order to report back to funders, boards, vendors and community on the state and impact of the market

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1. Fostering relationship with Depot Town businesses in order to better support each other.
2. Apply for relevant permits from the City of Ypsilanti
3. Providing Liability Insurance for the Depot Town Farmers Market, City of Ypsilanti is named as additionally insured.

Under this agreement, the City of Ypsilanti, will:

1. Provide outdoor space in the plaza for the market and ensure the space is appropriately secured for all market days per management agreement with the City of Ypsilanti
2. Inform Growing Hope of any special events or other possible impediments to the market at least one month in advance, including street or parking lot closure because of festivals
3. Allow for the placement of a portable toilet on the grounds of the Freighthouse Building
4. Allow access to an electrical plug for use of growing hope.
5. Provide the necessary landscaping to ensure the plaza is safe for people of all ability levels to walk on

This agreement is valid for the 2021-2025 farmers market season. The farmers market season runs every Saturday May -October.

CITY OF YPSILANTI

Dated:

GROWING HOPE

Dated:

Lois Allen-Richardson
Mayor of Ypsilanti

Dayna Popkey

Dated:

Andrew Hellenga
Clerk of the City of Ypsilanti



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Joe Meyers
DATE: April 20, 2021
SUBJECT: Revocation of Obsolete Property Redevelopment Act (OPRA's)

DESCRIPTION:

Revocation of Obsolete Property Redevelopment Act (OPRA's)

SUMMARY:

In 2013 and 2014, the city approved the OPRA's for 52 54 56 E. Cross and 6 & 12 S. Washington. In the resolutions granting the OPRA's, the city required that 52 54 56 E. Cross complete construction within 4 years and 6 & 12 S. Washington three years to complete the construction within three years. The difference in the dates was based on the scale of the development.

The OPRA for 52 54 56 E. Cross was to renovate the top two floors for residential apartments and the OPRA for 6 & 12 was to renovate the ground floor for a restaurant and the top floor for apartments.

In 2018 staff requested an extension of the OPRAS for 12 months for 6 & 12 S. Washington. And 24 months for 52 54 56 E. Cross, which was approved. Since then, no progress has been done on either of these projects. In reaching out to the applicants, the owner of 52 54 56 E. Cross has requested the city revoke the OPRA based on the cost to renovate the buildings. The owner of 6 & 12 S. Washington has not requested the ORPA be revoked. Additionally, the property at 6 & 12 S. Washington is in active violation with the Historic District Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is seeking Council to approve the resolutions revoking the OPRA's for 52 54 56 E. Cross and 6 & 12 S. Washington.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolutions granting OPRAs, extensions, and letter requesting revocation.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2021-081
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti City Council approved a PA 148 of 2000 Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Abatement for property improvements at 52 54 56 E. Cross in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the 52 54 56 E. Cross had until December 2019 to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the owners of 52 54 56 E. Cross have requested the city revoke the OPRA due to not being able to complete the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council revoke the previous 2013 OPRA tax exemption for 52 54 56 E. Cross due to the lack of construction of in timeframe previously allotted.

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 20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-081



Resolution No. 2013 - 010
January 22, 2013

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"), provides for a tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment of obsolete buildings through the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, the City of Ypsilanti is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit eligible to establish one or more Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti legally established an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District that includes parcels #11-11-09-131-004 and 11-11-09-131-042 (52 and 56 E. Cross St.) as part of a broader district including the three DDA districts on June 5, 2012 after a public hearing held on the same date as provided by section 3 of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the properties at 52 and 56 E. Cross have been certified functionally obsolete by the City Assessor per P.A. 146 in January 2013; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that is situated within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established in the City of Ypsilanti eligible under Public Act 146 of 2000 to establish such a district; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcels, LadyFrench, LLC and French Woman, LLC, have submitted an application for an obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of Public Act 146 of 2000 requesting an exemption for a period of 12 years as a function of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the application included all of the items described under "Instructions" (a) through (f) of the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, LadyFrench, LLC and French Woman LLC are not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcel have proposed to rehabilitate currently vacant and functionally obsolete upper stories of existing structures into a second floor reception space, and third-story residential lofts as well as expand the first floor restaurant space; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur before the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property already exempt under Public Act 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does not exceed 5% of the total taxable value of the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating approximately 100% of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(l) of Public Act 146 of 2000.

WHEREAS, the review committee met on December 10, 2013 and recommends approval of the application for a period of twelve years (2014-2025); and

WHEREAS, the application is not recommended for an extension; and

WHEREAS the completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, increase commercial activity, revitalize urban areas, and increase number of residents in the community in which the facility is situated.

WHEREAS, the application was approved at a public hearing as provided by section 4(2) of Public Act 146 of 2000 on January 22, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council hereby grants an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for a period of 12 years beginning December 31, 2013 and ending December 30, 2025 for the real property, excluding land, located in the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District which include parcels #11-11-09-131-004 and 11-11-09-131-042 (52 and 56 E. Cross) pursuant to the provisions of PA 146 of 2000, as amended, subject to completion of the renovations within four (4) years, the final approval of exemption certificates by the State Tax Commission, and to the taxes on the property being paid on time.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Schreiber) VOTE: Carried

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2013-010 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on January 22, 2013.

Frances McMullan, City Clerk



Resolution No. 2021-082
April 20, 2021

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti City Council approved a PA 148 of 2000 Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Abatement for property improvements at 6 & 12 S. Washington in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the 6 & 12 S. Washington had until December 2018 to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the owners of 6 & 12 S. Washington are in active violation with the Historic District Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council revoke the previous 2014 OPRA tax exemption for 6 & 12 S. Washington due to the lack of construction of in timeframe previously allotted.

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 20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-082



Resolution No. 2014 -157
August 7, 2014

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"), provides for a tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment of obsolete buildings through the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, the City of Ypsilanti is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit eligible to establish one or more Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti legally established an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District that includes parcel #11-11-39-102-016 and parcel #11-11-39-102-017 (6-12 S. Washington St.) as part of a broader district including the three DDA districts on June 5, 2012 after a public hearing held on the same date as provided by section 3 of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the parcel at 6 and 12 S. Washington Street have been certified functionally obsolete by the City Assessor per P.A. 146 in September 2013; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that is situated within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established in the City of Ypsilanti eligible under Public Act 146 of 2000 to establish such a district; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcels, Birdscolors, LLC have submitted an application for an obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of Public Act 146 of 2000 requesting an exemption for a period of 12 years as a function of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the application included all of the items described under "Instructions" (a) through (f) of the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Birdscolors, LLC are not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcel have proposed to rehabilitate currently vacant, fire-damaged, and functionally obsolete structure into first floor commercial space, and upper story residential; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur before the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property already exempt under Public Act 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does not exceed 5% of the total taxable value of the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating approximately 100% of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(l) of Public Act 146 of 2000.

WHEREAS, the review committee met on June 2, 2013 and recommends approval of the application for a period of twelve years (2015-2026); and

WHEREAS, the application is not recommended for an extension; and

WHEREAS the completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, increase commercial activity, revitalize urban areas, and increase number of residents in the community in which the facility is situated.

WHEREAS, the application was approved at a public hearing as provided by section 4(2) of Public Act 146 of 2000 on July 8, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council hereby grants an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for a period of 12 years beginning December 31, 2014 and ending December 30, 2026 for the real property, excluding land, located in the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District which include parcel #11-11-39-102-016 and parcel #11-11-39-102-017 (6-12 S. Washington St.) pursuant to the provisions of PA 146 of 2000, as amended, subject to completion of the renovations by within three years of final approval of exemption certificates by the State Tax Commission, and to the taxes on the property being paid on time.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Schreiber) VOTE: Carried

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2014-157 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on August 7, 2014.

Frances McMullan, City Clerk

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	Yvonne Abdoo
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Email Address	
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Address	
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City	Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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State	MI
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Zip Code	48197
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Phone Number	
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Number of Years in the Community	33 years
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Ward You Live In	Field not completed.
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Education	PhD
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Occupation	Professor Emerita
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Employer	Univ of Michigan
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Are you applying for youth membership?	No
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Are you registered to vote in the City of Ypsilanti?	Yes
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I would like to be considered and could devote sufficient time to serve on the following board or commission:

Human Relations Commission

Party Affiliation

Democrat

Field not completed.

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

I was asked to serve because it was felt I could contribute to the committee & city

Work/volunteer experience related to the board or commission:

Ypsi-area Beyer Memorial Foundation

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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Resolution No. 2021-083
April 20, 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
20 day of April 2021

#Resolution No. 2021-083