



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Zoom Meeting

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The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM, on the Zoom Platform, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (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), Council Member Jennifer Symanns (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

### 2 ROLL CALL

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

### 3 AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Steve Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance to approve the agenda as submitted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

None

### 5 PRESENTATIONS

- a) Presentation regarding regulating marijuana facilities through zoning. – Joe Meyers, Economic and Community Development Director

## 6 RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2021-269, approving the minutes of December 7, 2021.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-269**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of December 7, 2021 be approved.**

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

- b) Resolution No. 2021-270, requesting that the Michigan Legislature create and approve a bill to consolidate expungements in the State of Michigan.

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2021-270**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, on November 18, 2021, the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission approved a resolution requesting that the State of Michigan create legislation that would allow those convicted of crimes in more than one jurisdiction, the ability to apply for expungements in their home jurisdiction; and**

**Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti believes that expungements should be a streamlined process, and allow petitioners to apply for expungements as one action in the Circuit Court of the county of their residence; and**

**WHEREAS, estimated time for a criminal conviction to be expunged in the State of Michigan is roughly six months, and having to file requests in several jurisdictions further lengthens that time, and creates an unnecessary burden on the petitioner.**

**WHEREAS, criminal convictions on an individual's record can have adverse effects on the petitioners ability to find employment, and creates an environment that is more conducive to recidivism.**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti requests that the Michigan Legislature create and approve legislation allowing for those petitioning for expungements of criminal records be able to consolidate their expungements into a single request in the county of their residence.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti direct the City Clerk to forward this approved resolution to the Michigan House, Michigan Senate, Governor Whitmer, The Washtenaw County Bar Association, and the city lobbyist.**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED.</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Council Member Brian Jones-Chance                                                                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen                                                                                             |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance |

- c) Resolution No. 2021-271, approving an update to parking rules in the City of Ypsilanti.

**Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2021-271**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council established 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 14A-2 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.**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED.</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Council Member Steven Wilcoxen                                                                            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Council Member Anthony Morgan                                                                             |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, Annie Somerville, and Brian Jones-Chance |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Steven Wilcoxen                                                                                           |

- d) Resolution No. 2021-272, approving a contract for an art project in City Parks with Embracing Our Differences.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-272**

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

The certain contract for art project in City parks with EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES SE MICHIGAN, INC. with provision that City provide insurance be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

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

- e) Resolution No. 2021-273, approving the 2022 amended City Council 2022 Meeting Schedule. (added)

**Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-273**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

The Ypsilanti City Council will hold Regular Meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, for the year 2022 on the following dates:

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| <u>January 11</u>  | <u>July 12</u>        |
| <u>January 25</u>  | <u>July 26</u>        |
| <u>February 1</u>  | <u>July 28 (YPAC)</u> |
|                    | <u>August 9</u>       |
| <u>February 15</u> | <u>August 23</u>      |
| <u>March 1</u>     | <u>September 13</u>   |
| <u>March 15</u>    | <u>September 27</u>   |
| <u>April 5</u>     | <u>October 4</u>      |
| <u>April 19</u>    | <u>October 18</u>     |
| <u>May 10</u>      | <u>November 1</u>     |
|                    | <u>November 14</u>    |
| <u>May 24</u>      | <u>November 15</u>    |
| <u>June 7</u>      | <u>December 6</u>     |
| <u>June 21</u>     | <u>December 20</u>    |

The City of Ypsilanti encourages persons with disabilities to participate and will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signed for the hearing impaired, Limited English Proficiency (LEP) services, and audios of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon two (2) days notice to the City. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City by writing or calling the following:

City Clerk's Office  
One South Huron Street  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-5420

**All persons are welcome to attend. Additional information may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office and written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office at the above listed address.**

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

- f) **Resolution No. 2021-274, authorizing the City Manager Frances McMullan to sign the opioid settlement agreement. (added)**

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2021-274**

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

**Whereas, The State of Michigan will receive a settlement in Opioid law suits and is sharing proceeds with Michigan municipalities that "opt in" to the settlement. The estimated funds that would come to the City of Ypsilanti over the next 18 years is \$160,484, and**

**Whereas, staff has researched the matter and registered for the City, and Settlement agreements will be coming in the next few days that will need to be signed for by the City, and**

**Whereas, there of short time limit to sign the agreements, (January 2, 2022) and the City will have a holiday shut down, City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to sign the opioid settlement agreements, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.**

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

- g) **Discussion of the City of Ypsilanti joining a lawsuit regarding an EMU Fraternity. (added)**

**Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to authorize the city attorney to join in the lawsuit**

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

## 7 BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

- a) Human Relations Commissions (added)  
Justin Harper  
1730 Washtenaw  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## 8 BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. Meeting on Thursday. Thanked YPAC for bringing a resolution for expungement. Talked about the Commissioner annual report
2. Human Relations Commission. Working to gather information regarding application for council to discuss.
3. Arts Commission. None
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. Last meeting on the 14th. Discussion on new employees. Received over \$3,000 for coat raffle. Drive thru celebration for 60th Anniversary. Discussed annual report
5. Sustainability Commission. U of M Group working with commission for a year has a survey that was sent out.
6. Historic District Commission. None
7. Planning Commission. Discussed site plan for new marijuana facility that will go in the Farm Bureau building. Stated there are potential parking issues.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals None

## 9 LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study None
3. Urban County None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority Stated there will be public voting for favorite Holiday storefront in Downtown Depot Town and W Cross
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool Stated the board is trying to figure out ways to increase donations

## 10 COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

### Wilcoxon

- Stated he recently went on a ride along with the Police Department. He thanked the officers for their service.
- Informed Council about the initial Community Benefits Ordinance, and stated there will be a second on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Morgan

- Reminded Council he is working pm how to retain talent in the city.
- Stated he is working to reengage the group discussing violence in the city.
- Congratulated Justin Harper on his nomination to the Human Relations Commission

**Jones-Chance**

- **Thanked DPS for handling a matter in the Park.**

**Symanns**

- **None**

**Brown**

- **Wished all a Happy Holiday.**

**11 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- **Stated that the Men and women Working for a Change yearly dinner will be occurring over the holidays.**
- **Thanked those for donating to the Resiliency Center.**

**12 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- a) Update on Resolution to approve the Washtenaw Community College freestanding sign at Parkridge Community Center. **(Tabled December 7, 2021)**
- **Will be moving forward with freestanding sign at Parkridge Park Community Center. Staff is working with DPS and will do something similar to the signs that we have at other buildings and WCC is in agreement.**

**13 COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Sustainability Commission Annual Report
- b) Parks and Recreation Annual Report
- c) 2022 Goal Session Dates - January 6th and 18th beginning at 6:00 pm

**14 ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Resolution No. 2021-275, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

- 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.