



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
[VIRTUAL MEETING](#)
Revised 10-31-2022**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

VI. CLOSED SESSIONS - 6:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 PM

- A. Closed Session connected with the negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement. - MCL 15.268 (c)
- B. Closed Session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation - MCL 15.268 (a)

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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3. Arts Commission.
4. Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Sustainability Commission.
6. Historic District Commission.
7. Planning Commission.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
3. Urban County
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool
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used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.



HOUSING BUREAU FOR SENIORS

Property Tax Exemptions

Yvonne Cudney, JD, MPA

Community Education and Outreach Coordinator

Housing Bureau for Seniors *a program of:*



- “Community anchored, Community-led”
- Key Initiatives
 - Caring for the Health of Our Children
 - Promoting the Health of Our Families
 - Protecting the Health & Quality of Life for our Seniors
 - Improving Mental Health Support and Reducing Substance Abuse
 - Developing Future Health Leaders



MISSION

Recognizing that stable housing is imperative to physical and mental well-being, HBS informs and empowers older adults and those who care about them by providing guidance and resources regarding sustainable housing in Washtenaw County and beyond.



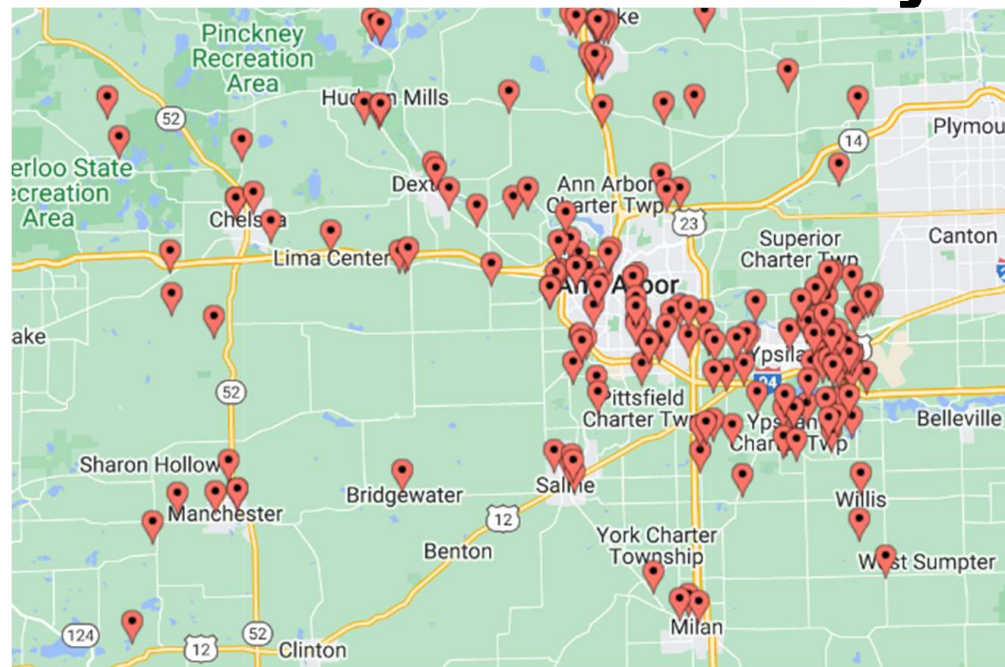
Services and Offerings



- Core Programming
 - Foreclosure Prevention
 - Eviction Prevention
 - Housing Counseling
- Annual Events
 - Senior Living Week
 - Big Hearts for Seniors
- Education
 - Workshops (Substance Use Disorders, When to Know When to Move, etc)
 - Educate about Washtenaw County Senior Housing Landscape



1 Year of Mortgage Foreclosures in Washtenaw County



Basics of the Property Tax Exemption: What is it?

- If an owner occupied household is unable to pay for their property taxes, they may qualify for an exemption or reduction in their property tax.
 - This is most commonly called a “poverty exemption” but may also be called “hardship exemption” or “property tax exemption”



MCL 211.7u Principal Residence of persons in poverty; exemption from taxation

- The exemption/reduction is in accordance with the applicant's household income.
 - An eligible household may receive a 25%, 50% or 100% exemption depending upon where they fall on the income guidelines of the municipality
- Individual municipalities may set their own income limits, but the limit may not be less than the federal poverty level
- Household must apply annually and complete their local jurisdictions application as well as submit all the required paperwork



Washtenaw County 2022 City and Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines

CITY OR TOWNSHIP	Phone Number	POVERTY GUIDELINE 1 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 2 PPL (MAX INCOME)	POVERTY GUIDELINE 4 PPL (MAX INCOME)
City of Ann Arbor	734-994-2663	28,336	38,324	58,300
City of Chelsea	734-475-1771	23,828	32,227	49,025
City of Dexter	734-426-8303	28,336	38,324	58,300
City of Milan	734-439-0580	12,880	17,420	26,500
City of Saline	734-429-4907	23,828	32,227	49,025
City of Ypsilanti	734-483-1530	12,880	17,420	26,500
Ann Arbor Township	734-663-8540	19,320	26,130	39,780
Augusta Township	734-461-6117	22,000	29,200	44,300
Bridgewater Township	517-505-1462	12,880	17,420	26,500
Dexter Township	734-426-3767	19,320	26,130	39,750
Freedom Township	734-222-6662	12,880	17,420	26,500
Lima Township	734-475-2246	19,320	26,130	39,780
Lodi Township	734-665-7583	19,320	26,130	39,750
Lyndon Township	734-475-2401	23,828	32,227	49,025
Manchester Township	734-433-9724	23,828	32,227	49,025
Northfield Township	734-449-2880	12,880	17,420	26,500
Pittsfield Township	734-822-3116	23,828	32,227	49,025
Salem Township	248-349-1960	15,000	20,200	30,700
Saline Township	734-222-6050	12,880	17,420	26,500
Scio Township	734-369-9400	25,760	34,840	53,000
Sharon Township	734-428-7591	15,950	21,550	32,750
Superior Township	734-482-6099	22,500	27,100	36,300
Sylvan Township	734-475-8890	23,828	32,227	49,025
Webster Township	734-426-5103	26,000	31,000	41,000
York Township	734-439-8842	19,700	24,240	33,320
Ypsilanti Township	734-487-4927	22,400	25,600	31,950
HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines*		12,880	17,420	26,500
https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines				



Ypsilanti Housing Units

- Ypsilanti has 8,018 occupied housing units
- 2,766 of those units are owner occupied
 - 154 have income below \$10,000
 - 104 have incomes between \$10,001 & \$24,999

Source: 2015-2020 American Community Survey Table S2503, S2507



Wrapping It Up

- Over 10,000 older adult households in Washtenaw County spend more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. (2020 Analysis of the Local Senior System Ecosystem and Opportunities - Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Root Cause Report page 4)
- Increasing the poverty income guidelines for poverty tax exemptions in the City of Ypsilanti to 30% AMI or 200% FPL could provide relief to ~ 100 more households.

Contact Information

Housing Bureau for Seniors

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Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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 (734) 998-9355

 (734) 998-5878

<https://www.uofmhealth.org/hbs>



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PROCLAMATION

Be it known that I, Lois Richardson, Mayor of the City of Ypsilanti, do hereby honor and commend

RONNIE PETERSON

For his tireless work in government service for over thirty years, including serving on the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, and in the State of Michigan House of Representatives, and during that time ably representing the interest of the greater Ypsilanti Area, obtaining grants and funding including:

- Securing additional state fire protection funding
- Obtaining state funding for Grove Road overpass improvement
- Renovation of the 14A district court
- Human Services on Towner Street
- Development of SPARK in downtown Ypsilanti
- Funding for the Riverside Art Center
- African Americans Civil War monument in Highland cemetery
- Thompson Block building renovation
- Frog Island Park improvements
- And elected
 - City Council Member
 - Washtenaw County Commissioner
 - Michigan State Representative

During his time of public service Ronnie Peterson took his job of public service to heart and served the public in an open and cooperative manner and worked for the betterment of the Ypsilanti Area. Now, Therefore, I Lois Richardson, Mayor of the City of Ypsilanti sign this proclamation with great appreciation the 1st day of November, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of
Ypsilanti on this 1st day of November 2022.

Lois Richardson, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Know all by these presents, that whereas:

Michigan Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, an engineer by training, has been active in both the private and public sector. He works for equality and justice and serving the public and getting things done.

An honors graduate of the University of Michigan in computer science, he had a successful career as a software engineer at Microsoft, helping to build SharePoint into the fastest growing product in the company's history.

Lt. Governor Gilchrist continued his career as a social entrepreneur and community organizer and then worked in local government to help make city government more responsive, transparent, and accountable to city residents.

He cares deeply about community and the City of Ypsilanti and has spent many hours of his precious time in the City of Ypsilanti helping local groups work against all forms of violence, and especially gun violence. His efforts are deeply appreciated.

Now Therefore, with deep appreciation and gratitude, on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti, I, Lois E. Richardson, Mayor of the City of Ypsilanti, in light of his many fruitful dedicated hours of work for the City of Ypsilanti, do hereby grant and confer upon Garlin Gilchrist II the title of

Honorary Citizen of the City of Ypsilanti.

Given under my hand and seal of the
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Lois Allen-Richardson, Mayor



Resolution No. 2022-246
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. **Resolution No. 2022-247, approving the minutes of the October 18, 2022 City Council Meeting.**
2. **Resolution No. 2022-248, approving the Policies and Guidelines for the Arts Commission to use for public art in the City.**

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
1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-246



**Resolution No. 2022-247
November 1, 2022**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of October 18, 2022 City Council Meeting 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
1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-247



MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:03 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

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

ABSENT: None

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

II ROLL CALL

Police Advisory Commission:

Chair Wolkoff, Commissioner McCormick, Commissioner Hume, Commissioner Mohamed, Commissioner Morgan.

III INVOCATION

IV PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- a) I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

V AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns to approve the agenda. The motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

VI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members of the public spoke

VII PRESENTATIONS

- a) Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Mayor Richardson (Added)
- b) Proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Mayor Richardson (added)

VIII PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a) Approving a Class C Liquor License for the Newton of Ypsilanti, located at 220 South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.
1. Resolution No. 2022-231, determination
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2022-232, closing the public hearing

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2022-232

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed transfer of a Class C license with a Special Permit for Entertainment to 220 South Huron LLC be officially closed.

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

Council Member Evan Sweet moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-231

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, 220 South Huron LLC has applied to the City of Ypsilanti and Michigan Liquor Control Commission requesting the following:

Transfer a Class C license and Special Permit for Entertainment, A Class C license, as defined by MCL 436.1107(2), is a place licensed to sell at retail, beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits for consumption on the premises, at 220 South Huron St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the proposed transfer of a Class C for 220 South Huron LLC was duly noticed and held on October 4, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request of 220 South Huron LLC for the property located at 220 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 be approved, contingent on Building Department and Health Department approval.

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

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-233, approving the minutes of the September 26th and September 27th City Council Meetings.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-233

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of September 26 and September 27, 2022 be approved.

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

- b) Resolution No. 2022-234, approving a contract with Government Consulting Services Inc. (GCSI).

Council Member Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to amend Resolution No. 2022-234 by adding "subject to the approval of the City Attorney" at the end of the Resolution based on the following added to the contract; provide weekly updates on its activities as well as those of the state legislature, state agencies and the Governor's office that may affect the City, provide quarterly written reports on GCSI's activities as well as those of the state legislature, state agencies and the Governor's office that may affect the City, and attend City Council meetings in person or virtually at least once a quarter.

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

Council Member Brian Jones-Chance moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2022-234 as amended

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the proposed retainer agreement with GCSCI (Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.) sets compensation at \$3,000 per month for professional services beginning October 1, 2022 and commencing to October 1, 2023 for (12) twelve months. The contract will continue thereafter on a month-to-month basis until written notice of termination has been served with ninety (90) days prior notice by either party; and

WHEREAS, GCSCI (Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.) agrees to written monthly reporting to the City Manager of activities and services on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the retainer agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and Governmental

Consultant Services, Inc. and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement, subject to the Approval of the City Attorney.

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

- c) Resolution No. 2022-235, approving the closing of City Hall to all business other than that related to the administration of the General Election on November 8, 2022.

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2022-235

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS; the Democratic process is the backbone of this country allowing citizens to voice their opinions on both policy and their representation in government; and

WHEREAS; a General Election is scheduled for November 8, 2022, the first Tuesday following the first Monday, as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS; the City of Ypsilanti understands this is a day of great importance to both citizens of this city, and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS; the City Manager wishes to provide additional staff to aid in the efforts of the Clerk Department to administer a successful election.

NOW THEREFOR BY IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, hereby close all City Operations located at City Hall, other than those specific to the administration of the November 8, 2022 General Election, for the purpose of providing additional administrative staff assistance to the Clerk Department.

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

- d) Discussion with the Police Advisory Commission regarding the following topics:
- Search for a new Police Chief
 - Officer engagement with the public
 - Incentives for retention and attraction of Police Officers
 - What are Council's expectations for the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. - None
2. Human Relations Commission. - None
3. Arts Commission. - None
4. Parks and Recreation Commission. - None
5. Sustainability Commission. - None
6. Historic District Commission. - None
7. Planning Commission. - None
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - None
9. Bicentennial Committee - None

XI LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - Council Member Symanns stated the next meeting will be held on October 20th.
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None

XII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) Sweet

1. Thanked the members of the Police Advisory Commission for their thoughts during the meeting.

b) Somerville

1. None

c) Wilcoxon

1. None

d) Symanns

1. None

e) Jones-Chance

1. Stated that staff and he have been engaged with conversations of Saint Luke's church becoming a nightly warming center. He expressed thanks to Community Development Manager Jacobs for his quick work in creating a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

f) Brown

1. Congratulated DPS Director Wessler for her recent appointment to head the Department of Public Services.

XIII COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- a)
 1. Thanked Interim Chief Yuchasz and Detective Coppock for their services to the Police Department.
 2. Reported an issue with animals potentially from an overgrown alley and asked that it be cleared.
 3. Reported concerns about lighting at the polling location located at Perry School.

4. Stated there will be a presentation from the Community Violence Intervention Team (CVIT) on Saturday, October 8th from 10am to 1pm.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV COMMUNICATIONS

- a) October 18, 2022 - City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting at the EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood St, Ballroom

XVI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members of the public spoke.

XVII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-236, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

- 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.



Resolution No. 2022-248
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Arts Commission was created through adoption of Ordinance 1342 on October 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, under Section 79-3 c) of the Ypsilanti City Code, the Commission may promulgate guidelines to support art in the city and provide procedures for soliciting and selecting public art and artistic events and for determining suitable locations for events to display art within the city; and

WHEREAS; during the September 8, 2022 Arts Commission voted to approve the attached Policies and Guidelines and are seeking the Council approval to be used by the Arts Commission to administer its use for public art in the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, approve the attached Policies and Guidelines to be used by the Arts Commission.

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 1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-248

City of Ypsilanti
Ypsilanti Arts Commission
Guidelines

A. Overview

The Ypsilanti City council added a chapter to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 79: Art, recognizing art and culture as a municipal responsibility by adopting Ordinance Number 1342 on October 1st, 2019. The ordinance formed the Ypsilanti Art Commission, which held its first meeting on June 25th, 2020. Bylaws were adopted on September 19, 2020. The ordinance directs the Commission to disseminate guidelines (Sec. 79.02.3.A) to support, select and determine locations for art and events:

Promulgate guidelines, subject to the approval of City Council, to support art in the City of Ypsilanti and provide procedures for soliciting and selecting public art and artistic events and for determining suitable locations for events and the display of art within the City.

The guidelines and procedures are established in this document (referred to herein as, the “Guidelines”). Also outlined are the Commission’s goals and values in its support of art in the City of Ypsilanti, as are the strategies, criteria and procedures for soliciting, selecting and determining locations for art, programs and events.¹

B. Ordinance

The Ordinance outlined objectives for the Art Commission (Sec. 79.02.2). Specific sections of the Ordinance are included in the Guidelines to recognize them as primary directives for the Commission. They provide a basis for the rest of the Guidelines.

a. Pride, Diversity, Heritage

From Ordinance Sec. 79.00.2:

The City of Ypsilanti is a diverse community as reflected in the City Logo, Pride, Diversity, Heritage. The policy of the City of Ypsilanti is to celebrate Pride, Diversity and Heritage and the Ypsilanti Art Commission is charged to recognize this policy and promote the policy in the work and selections of the Commission.

b. The Arts

From Ordinance Sec. 79.02.3.A:

¹ Other city guidelines were referenced to prepare these Guidelines, including [The Arts Commission, Toledo](#); [Minneapolis Arts Commission](#)

The YAC shall promote art in the City of Ypsilanti and promote the City policy of Pride, Diversity and Heritage. To educate the public why the arts, culture and creative industries are important to the City of Ypsilanti and to cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets. To promote and further diversity, equity and inclusion of all of Ypsilanti in the arts.

C. Background

The Guidelines integrate with the Council's strategic directions, policies, and planning documents. This holistic approach to local planning requires that the Guidelines reference those policies and equally that those documents and policies are amended to reference it (or any future art/culture plan).²

These documents include:

- [Shape Ypsilanti Master Plan \(PDF\)](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#)
- [Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update](#)
- [Public Art Policy, City of Ypsilanti](#) (Community & Economic Development Division; October, 2021)
- also including the [Washtenaw County Cultural Master Plan](#) (2009) and its [Ypsilanti Master Plan](#)

D. Definitions

Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space:

These are artworks in public space and on City property. A project would implement art, a performance, event or installation in these physical spaces. These include: City commissioning of artwork; donations to the City of extant art; and the selection of a site or location for future artwork.

Examples:

- 1) A member of the Local Arts Community proposes painting a mural on City Property.
- 2) A group of residents propose an art project in a City Park.
- 3) A City Government Project includes an artist design element with a capital project.
- 4) The Commission selected a public space as a site for an art installation.

Call for Art:

² [Making it Your Own](#): A Public Art Policy and Planning Template Arts North West

An official opportunity to competitively select artists who submit their interest in the project. It would include a formal solicitation that states the requirements of participation and the regulations. For example, the City releasing a Request for Proposals to commission artwork or art installation. Any procedures and criteria in a solicitation released by the City would supersede these Guidelines, but consistency with them is important. An example **Call-For-Art** is included in the Appendix.

City Government Projects:

A City of Ypsilanti Department or Unit infrastructure improvement with an artistic element. Or, a City Department or Unit project that will include commissioning artwork from an artist. These may be part of a capital improvement project, modifications of existing City property, or improvements to infrastructure.

Community Programs:

Local public programs or Events organized in partnership with the City and with local groups, individuals, & non-profit organizations, or local public programs and Events organized by the City and Commission. These can also be art and artist resources for art education and support for artists.

Examples:

- 1) An artist proposes a participatory arts program for city residents.
- 2) A Local Arts Community group proposes a City sponsored event.
- 3) A Partnership with the City is offered to start an online art program.
- 4) The City publishes (online) how-to guides for creating murals.
- 5) An artist leads an arts education program in a public park.
- 6) The Commission proposes a voluntary program to promote busking in Ypsilanti.

event:

A gathering at a specific place and time where some thing or things happen on a specific schedule. Examples may include (but are not limited to) such things as a dance or musical performance in the park, a coordinated tour of galleries and vendors around town, the festivities surrounding the opening or striking of a performance.

Local Arts Community:

Residents of the area who participate in or otherwise contribute to arts events in the area. This is an intentionally-broad definition, but in this context would apply most strongly to residents of the City of Ypsilanti who actively engage other City residents in the Arts within the City of Ypsilanti. Geographical steps away from the City of Ypsilanti would constitute progressively weaker definitions of 'local'.

Partnerships in the Arts:

Cooperative arrangements and projects administered between the City/Commission and the local entities. The entity could be local groups, individuals, non-profit organizations, or a member of the Local Arts Community.

proposal:

A project or request offered for consideration of the Commission as a Meeting Agenda item to deliver an outcome under the bounds of the Arts Ordinance. Common project types are defined in this section (i.e. Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space, Community Programs, Partnerships and City Government Projects). Some projects and Commission business may be undefined in these Guidelines, but still be considered necessary to advance the Directives and the Goals and Values herein related to the Local Arts Community. The terms “proposal” & “project” are used interchangeably.

E. Values & Goals³

The Commission upholds the following values as the keystone ideals to apply across aligning goals. They inform the procedures and outcomes in fulfilling the Commissioner's directives.

1. Conserve the artistic culture that has flourished in the city—recognized as a diverse, independent, and working class.
 - a. Reduce barriers faced by existing cultural and art programs, especially any resulting from the City.
 - b. Produce and disseminate resources that can be shared to give any creative endeavor momentum, i.e. city information for grantwriters; arts planning.
 - c. Programs initiated by the Commission will not compete with what exists or can otherwise be completed in the local arts community.
2. Prioritize the role of artists to advance their work, livelihood and well-being.
 - a. Promote local artists, their work, and their craft.
 - b. Assist, directly or indirectly, in commissioning artists in public artwork opportunities.
 - c. Give civic authority to local artists in order to address the needs of the creative community.
3. Foster a creative culture of belonging, diversity, equity, inclusion and justice.
 - a. Decentralize opportunities to participate in the arts.
 - b. Invest in community art and participation in the arts that provide relevance and representation.⁴
 - c. Engage culture through community based art that is embedded and connected locally.⁵

F. Procedures & Proposals

³ Other city art commission's goals referenced: [Boulder Arts Commission](#); Maryland State Arts Council - Strategic Plan

⁴ [Neighbourhood Arts Network - Equity Tool Kit](#)

⁵ [USDAC - Standing for Cultural Democracy](#)

When proposals for art come before the Commission it is necessary to reach decisions consistently as established within these Guidelines. This section outlines procedures for the Commission to follow when considering proposals.

Proposal Intake:

Artists and residents who present an idea or offer an art proposal to the City will be referred to the Art Commission. City Staff will often be the first contact for proposals from residents & any potential City Government Projects. Additionally, a Commission may initiate a proposal or refer a community proposal they've been made aware of to the Commission. Assembling information about the proposal will allow the Commission to evaluate the proposal at a public meeting following these Guidelines and its criteria. Here are some basic questions needed answered:

- What is being proposed and offered?
- Who is proposing it?
- Is the individual or organization submitting a proposal a resident of the City of Ypsilanti or based in the City of Ypsilanti?
- How will it be implemented?
- Is the proposal intended to be held or placed on City property? (e.g. a city park, city street, public space, etc.)
- What do you need from the City?
- Proposed projects might provide a mock-up of final art (if an artist is involved with the project at this stage) or images of a donated work

Additional items for *Community Programs & Partnerships in the Arts*:

- How will the program work in partnership with the City?
- An artist connected with the program may provide examples of their work

Proposals:

A proposal before the Commission will generally fall into two types of projects (see Definitions section for *Community Programs, Partnerships* and *Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space*). Each may be an item that is proposed to the Commission by the community, or it may be initiated by the Commission. It is recognized that a project, over the course of its implementation, may have multiple stages or features multiple aspects that overlap and not fit neatly into these definitions.

Procedures:

This section contains guidance for how the Commission should proceed in dealing with proposals and selecting art projects. Step-by-step procedures are listed in the next section.

- Any Commission Member, themselves or through a subcommittee, may make a motion for a proposal; be it to select a site for art, initiate a program, approve a partnership or approve a call for art in the City (following rules in the Bylaws)
- Any proposals received by the City through Proposal Intake follow these procedures
- For long-term or community-based projects, the Commission may elect to form a separate subcommittee including stakeholders to serve in its planning

- Public input is an important consideration and is relevant to the decision making process, especially for long-term, impactful projects
- The annual plan is the prime mechanism for projects, community programs, or selecting locations for art that do not have an immediate timeline for completion
- Approving a Call for Art or forming a Partnership may be necessary to complete a project at a site that was selected for artwork
- An ongoing Partnership will likely produce new Community Programs, which may need to be reviewed separately
- Programs or events without a partner may require roles for City staff and volunteers

The following section outlines procedural steps for different kinds of projects (as described in the Definitions section):

Projects that are *Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space:*

1. The City will assemble project intake for the proposal(s)
2. The Commission is provided the proposal information during a public meeting
3. An evaluation of the proposal using the pertinent criteria (Section G) is reviewed at a public meeting
 - a. Evaluation of the proposal may include critique of art or design
4. If there isn't an artist connected to the project at this stage, a forthcoming Call for Art may be necessary
 - a. Establishing a call for art through the City would then result in competing proposals to review with a renewed process beginning at project intake
5. An approved outcome is referred to City Council

Projects that are *Community Programs and Partnerships in the Arts:*

1. The City will assemble project intake for the Program or Partnership
2. An evaluation of the Program or Partnership using the pertinent criteria (Section G) is reviewed at a public meeting
 - a. Evaluation of the program may include critique of art or design, or the track-record of past programmatic success
 - b. Implementing Programs and Partnerships will be important vehicles to put forth the Goals and Values of the Commission—and that should be the primary consideration during evaluation
3. An approved outcome is referred to City Council

G. Criteria and Evaluation

Each proposal will require an evaluation against agreed upon criteria to determine an outcome. Overall criteria are evaluated and additional criteria for different types of proposals are also outlined.

Overall criteria:

- Does the outcome align with the Commission's Values and further its Goals?
- Will it fit the directives of the arts Ordinance & celebrate the City policy of Pride, Diversity and Heritage?
- Would the Public Art Policy (Community & Economic Development Division; October, 2021), City Ordinances or other regulations not be at issue?
- Is it identified as a need or design in an established City plan or project (see Background section)?
- Will the Local Arts Community be involved or represented?
- Is the integrity of the project assured (see questions in Evaluation Checklist & Rubric)?

Additional criteria for *Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space*:

- Is the location/artwork accessible?
- Does the site/art hold cultural significance to the community?
- Will the design/space add creativity to city infrastructure?

Additional criteria for *Community Programs and Partnerships in the Arts*:

- Does the program feature art education and/or promote the Local Arts Community?
- Will the program/partnership renew cultural participation?⁶
- Does the program/partnership cultivate a sense of community?

An **Evaluation Checklist & Rubric** are included in the [Appendix](#), to assist the Commission in their review and to reach conclusions. The Checklist is intended to be used for evaluating single projects and the Rubric for scoring Calls for Art with multiple entries. Some of the criteria above are addressed with more specificity in Appendix.

H. Engagement

An important aspect of the Commission's role in the City of Ypsilanti is to promote the arts and educate the public, as is directly established in the Ordinance.

(reserved for future versions)

⁶ [USDAC - Standing for Cultural Democracy](#)

Appendix A

Evaluation Checklist

Yes	No	Evaluation Criteria
☐	☐	1. Does the outcome align with the Commission's Values and further its Goals?
☐	☐	2. Will the proposal demonstrably embrace, uphold, or otherwise conform to the directives in the City of Ypsilanti arts Ordinance & the City of Ypsilanti city policy of Pride, Diversity, and Heritage?
☐	☐	3. Would the Public Art Policy (Community & Economic Development Division; October, 2021), City Ordinances or other regulations not be at issue?
☐	☐	4. Will the Local Arts Community be involved or represented?
☐	☐	5. Is the integrity of the project assured? Does the proposal have a specific, measurable goal? Is the technical feasibility for completion considered and a cost evaluation?
☐	☐	6. Is the integrity of the project assured? Is the individual or organization able to achieve the <u>Anchor Standards of the National Core Arts Standards</u> ?
☐	☐	7. Is it identified as a need or design in an established City plan or project (see those listed in the <i>Background</i> section)?

Additional criteria for *Art Interfaces with the City and Public Space* proposals

☐	☐	Is the location/artwork accessible? Is the proposal for consideration to be freely and openly accessible to the public?
☐	☐	Does the site/art hold cultural significance to the community?
☐	☐	Will the design/space add creativity to city infrastructure?

Additional criteria for *Community Programs and Partnerships in the Arts*

☐	☐	Does the program feature art education and/or promote the Local Arts Community?
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☐ ☐ Will the program/partnership renew cultural participation?

☐ ☐ Does the program/partnership cultivate a sense of community?

Comments: Clarify any criteria as it relates to this proposal & provide more detail on any answered "No".

Draft of Evaluation Definitions and Rubric

This draft is intended to accompany the Guidelines for the Arts Commission, drafted by Commissioner Seagraves (c. March 2022)

This draft draws heavily from the [Grants guidelines from the National Endowment for the Arts](#) and the [National Coalition for Core Arts Standards](#).

DEFINITIONS:

Subject: A project, question, inquiry, or similar, raised for consideration by a member of the public to the Arts Commission and considered as a Meeting Agenda Item. The Arts Commission can only properly consider a project, question, inquiry, or similar if it is a planned Meeting Agenda item. If a Commissioner so wishes, they may encourage any persons raising a potential new Subject during a Public Comments section of an Arts Commission Meeting to submit it for future consideration as a Meeting Agenda item for the Arts Committee.

Artist: A creator of art.

Art: Any artifact or action created with intent as an expression of values and skill, and subject to interpretation by others.

Event: A gathering at a specific place and time where some thing or things happen on a specific schedule. Examples may include (but are not limited to) such things as a dance or musical performance in the park, a coordinated tour of galleries and vendors around town, the festivities surrounding the opening or striking of a performance.

Installation: A sculpture, painting, or artifact created and legally placed for viewing or interaction.

Local Arts Community: Residents of the area who participate in or otherwise contribute to arts events in the area. This is an intentionally-broad definition, but in this context would apply most strongly to residents of the City of Ypsilanti who actively engage other City residents in the Arts within the City of Ypsilanti. Geographical steps away from the City of Ypsilanti would constitute progressively weaker definitions of 'local'.

RUBRIC (100 points):

YES/NO: COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Will the Subject demonstrably embrace, uphold, or otherwise conform to the Values and Goals of the Arts Commission and the City of Ypsilanti, most specifically in upholding the Pride, Diversity, and Heritage of the City of Ypsilanti?

(c.f. Ypsilanti Arts Commission Guidelines [Appendix A], City of Ypsilanti Guidelines [Link to City Guidelines])

A NO EVALUATION FROM A COMMISSIONER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN EXPLANATION AND A CITATION OF WHICH STANDARDS ARE NOT MET.

IF MORE THAN ½ OF THE COMMISSION VOTES NO ON THIS COMMUNITY STANDARDS EVALUATION, THE PROPOSAL CANNOT BE ADVANCED REGARDLESS OF RUBRIC SCORE. IF FEWER THAN ½ OF THE COMMISSION VOTES NO ON THIS COMMUNITY STANDARDS EVALUATION AND THE PROPOSAL OTHERWISE PASSES THE RUBRIC AND GAINS APPROVAL, ANY NO VOTE PLUS THAT COMMISSIONER'S ACCOMPANYING EXPLANATION WILL BE ATTACHED TO ANY RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER.

A: LOCAL ART (30 points):

1) Is the Subject being referred to the Arts Commission from another City body or local civic institution? (e.g. the City Council, City Manager, the DDA, or another City Commission)

YES (+5) or NO

2) Can the Subject be categorized generally into an [Artistic Discipline as described by the National Endowment for the Arts](#)?

YES (+5) or NO

3) Is the individual or organization submitting a Subject for consideration a resident of the City of Ypsilanti or based in the City of Ypsilanti?

YES (+5) or NO

4) Is the individual or organization submitting a Subject for consideration currently or historically a known member of the local Arts Community? Of the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, or Southeastern Michigan?

YES (up to +5) or NO, with details

5) Is the individual or organization submitting a Subject for consideration reasonably qualified or able to deliver on the proposal? Have they been involved in previous events where experience could be gained and expertise built?

YES (+5) or NO, with details

- 6) Will the Subject *feature* or *focus on* Artists from the Local Arts Community?
YES (up to +10) or NO. If **NO**, will it *include* Artists from the Local Arts Community? **(+5)**

B: EVENTS & INSTALLATIONS (20 points):

- 7) Is the Subject for consideration intended to be held or placed on City property? (e.g. a city park, city street, public space, etc.)
YES (+7) or NO
- 8) Is the Subject for consideration to be freely and openly accessibly to the public?
YES (up to +7) or NO
- 9) Does the Subject for consideration include an access/crowd control plan?
YES (up to +6) or NO. If **YES**, with descriptions

C: COMPLETENESS (25 points):

- 10) Does the Subject have a specific, measurable goal? Is the Subject presented clearly and unambiguously?
YES (up to +9) or NO
- 11) Has the individual or organization included a completed *technical* evaluation of the Subject? This could include such things as exact physical descriptions and locations, procedural steps toward fulfillment, or feasibility assessments.
YES (up to +8) or NO, with details
- 12) Has the individual or organization included a completed *cost* evaluation of the Subject? This could include such things as consumable materials, venue and equipment rental, storage fees, and labor.
YES (up to +8) or NO, with details. If **YES**, are they specifically asking for City funding?

D: ARTISTIC STANDARDS (25 points):

- 13) Is the individual or organization able to show they can achieve, at minimum, [Anchor Standards #1 - #6 of the National Core Arts Standards](#)?

- #1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work. **(3 points)**
- #2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work. **(3 points)**
- #3. Refine and complete artistic work. **(3 points)**
- #4. Select, analyze and interpret artistic work for presentation. **(3 points)**

#5. Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation. **(3 points)**

#6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work. **(3 points)**

YES (+18) or NO, with descriptions

14) Is the individual or organization able to help educate the community by satisfying all additional [Anchor Standards of the National Core Arts Standards](#) and by actively engaging the community in applying these principles?

#7. Perceive and analyze artistic work.

#8. Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.

#9. Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

#10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

#11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.

YES (up to +7) or NO, with descriptions

COMMUNITY STANDARDS:

YES _____

NO AND EXPLANATION:

ADD SECTION TOTALS:

_____ / 30 | A : LOCAL ART

+ _____ / 20 | B : EVENTS & INSTALLATIONS

+ _____ / 25 | C : COMPLETENESS

+ _____ / 25 | D : ARTISTIC STANDARDS

_____ / 100 | **TOTAL RUBRIC SCORE**



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Frances McMullan
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: International Association of Fire Fighter – 2022-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

DESCRIPTION:

International Association of Fire Fighter – 2022-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

SUMMARY:

IAFF representing the Ypsilanti fire department and the city reached an agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. City Council is being requested to convene into closed session to discuss the results of contract negotiations and then to reconvene into open session to consider approving the new collective bargaining agreement. If City Council approves, the union will vote to ratify the agreement.

The details of the agreement will be presented during council's closed session meeting. HR Director DuJuan Fisher, Fiscal Services Manager Rheagan Basabica and Fire Chief Ken Hobbs will be in attendance to discuss the agreement, its financial impact and to answer any questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2022-249
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement with the city and International Association of Fire Fighter (IAFF) expired on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the city and IAFF have been engaged in contract negotiations and reached an agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement for the term commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2027, with a three-year wage opener.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and IAFF for the term commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2027, as presented and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the city after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

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
1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-249



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Frances McMullan
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Discussion on PA 152 of 2011 Healthcare Cost Contributions for 2022

DESCRIPTION:

Discussion on PA 152 of 2011 Healthcare Cost Contributions for 2022

SUMMARY:

Each year, the City is required to comply with the Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011, as amended, in regard to employer paid health care benefits for employees. The "Act" provides the City with three options to comply with the law.

Option #1 – Take no action and comply with the Hard Cap Limits established by the state.

Option #2 – By majority vote, approve a 20% cost sharing by the employees.

Option #3 - By 2/3 vote of Council, elect the Opt Out Option and exempt itself from the requirements of the Act.

Option #1 would cost the City approximately \$1,286,885 and the employees approximately \$383,506 annually.

Option #2 would cost the City approximately \$1,336,313 and the employees approximately \$334,078 annually.

Option #3 would cost the City approximately \$1,473,309 and the employees approximately \$197,083 annually.

Administration recommends Option #3 to Opt Out, thereby exempting itself from the requirements of the Act. This recommendation is due to the use of "Illustrative Rates" whereby the cost for retiree healthcare is not included in the calculation of the total cost for active employees. (Please see attachment regarding *Shelby Township v Command Officers Association of Michigan*.) Administration is recommending a 15% cost sharing by the employees of the illustrative rates which will keep the City within its budget allocation and at the same time not heavily burdening City employees.

Compared to last year, the City's total premium went up 17% after 3 years of decreasing premiums. By opting out, employees will have the least increase in premium cost compared to other options which the City hopes would help in attracting new talents and retaining current employees.

In our effort to attract new employees, the City has changed the effective date of benefits to Date of Hire instead of the first of the month following hire.

Recommended Action: Adopt the Opt Out Option as the City's choice of compliance with PA 152 of 2011, as amended, for 2023.

Attachments: Resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2022-250
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti deems it necessary to comply with the State of Michigan 2011 Public Act 152, as amended; and

Whereas, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act as follows:

1. **Hard Cap Option, limits employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels**
2. **80%/20% Option, limits employer's share of total health care costs to not more than 80%, requires annual majority vote**
3. **Opt Out Option, the City may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote; and**

Whereas, the City Council has decided to adopt the Opt Out Option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti elects to comply with 2011 Public Act 152, by approving and adopting the Opt Out Option for the medical benefit plan coverage year 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023.

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 1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-250



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: DuJuan Fisher
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: Current Health Care Plans for Employees and Retirees

DESCRIPTION:

Current Health Care Plans for Employees and Retirees

SUMMARY:

The City currently provides active employee and retiree health care benefit plans. The City is proposing the following plans for active employees:

BCBS Community Blue PPO – The City self-funds the first \$4,000/\$8,000 of this plan and the prescription coverage is self-funded by the City, through EHIM who administers the program. Employees pay a co-pay on each prescription. The out of pocket maximum for each employee is paid by the City. This option is only available to members of the IAFF as per their collective bargaining agreement.

BCBS Simply Blue PPO 3000 – This is a high deductible (\$3,000/\$6,000) plan and the City contributes to an H.S.A. (\$1,500/\$3,000) regardless of collective bargaining agreement.

BCN HMO H.S.A. – This is a high deductible (\$3,000/\$6,000) plan and the City contributes to an H.S.A. (\$3,000/\$6,000) regardless of collective bargaining agreement.

The retirees are covered by several different plans, depending on the collective bargaining agreement that the employee retired with, or Medicare eligibility. Retirees under age 65 and those not entitled to Medicare Part B are covered by a BCBS plan, with the prescription plan self-funded by the City. Depending on the retiree's plan, they may pay prescription copays, and some up front out of pocket deductibles. Retirees over age 65 that are eligible for Medicare Parts A & B are enrolled in a fully insured BCBS Medicare Advantage plan.

Recommended Action: Approval

Attachments: Resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2022-251
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti deems it to be in the best interest of the City to continue to keep health care costs in line with our budget; and

Whereas, the current Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network Plans will continue to keep health care costs in line with our budget while still offering additional benefits to the active employees and retirees that are eligible to participate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve a one-year contract from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, to offer the following Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network benefit plans to all eligible participating employees and retirees: Community Blue PPO, Simply Blue PPO 3000, BCN HMO H.S.A., and Medicare Advantage.

FURTHER THAT, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves a one-year contract with EHIM to administer the self-funded WRAP and prescription portions of the BCBS Community Blue PPO program, and coordinate all benefits and costs with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

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
1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-251



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Christopher Jacobs
DATE: November 1, 2022
SUBJECT: 220 N Park – Naming of newly created streets in honor of Mattie Dorsey

DESCRIPTION:

220 N Park – Naming of newly created streets in honor of Mattie Dorsey

SUMMARY:

The Community Benefits Agreement with Renovare Homes for the affordable housing development at 220 N Park requires public comment on naming the streets created through the development. Throughout 2022, the Community Benefits Ordinance Committee met five times and had many productive discussions regarding the development. At the CBO public hearing, one of the commission co-chairs brought several people to speak in favor of naming the street after in honor of Mattie Dorsey. Staff has reached the family of Mattie Dorsey including John E Lawrence who has confirmed they would be honored by the naming of 220 N Park as Dorsey Estates and for the new streets to be called "Dorsey Lane" and "Dorsey Avenue". We discussed how several aspects of the development match values Mattie Dorsey championed over her lifetime and her family is looking forward to the ribbon cutting at the end of November.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Resolution naming two new streets created by the Dorsey Estates Development "Dorsey Lane" and "Dorsey Avenue", respectively.

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



Resolution No. 2022-252
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti recognizes the work of Mattie Dorsey and her accomplishment as the first African American woman elected to City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that housing insecurity and affordability remain incredible challenges and that the Community Benefits Agreement with Renovare Homes is a historic milestone in addressing these problems; and

WHEREAS, The Community Benefits Agreement Committee and City Council public hearings received sufficient public comment in support of the decision to satisfy condition #8 in the Community Benefits Agreement with Renovare Homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve naming the newly created streets at Dorsey Estates in honor of Mattie Dorsey and those shall be known as "Dorsey Lane" and "Dorsey Avenue".

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
1 day of November 2022

#Resolution No. 2022-252



Resolution No. 2022-253
November 1, 2022

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Ypsilanti City Council established the Ypsilanti Human Relations Commission, now known as the HRC to protect the human and civil rights of the people of Ypsilanti;

WHEREAS, the mission of the HRC is tied to Ypsilanti's Non-Discrimination Ordinance which states that no individual be denied equal protection of the laws; nor shall any individual be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil or political rights;

WHEREAS, in April of 2021, the Ypsilanti City Council passed a resolution establishing Juneteenth as a recognized and commemorated annual holiday in part to continue celebrating the end of institutional slavery in America but also highlight the centuries long and incomplete struggle to redeem the American creed of equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the resolution further acknowledged the central and shameful role of slavery and government-structured racism in our history, and the moral imperative that we do all we can, resolved and united, to counter slavery's enduring legacy of race-based discrimination and institutional racism;

WHEREAS, the voter suppression bills, passed by the Michigan state legislature in 2021 and subsequently vetoed by Governor Whitmer, have now evolved into a signature drive called Secure MI Vote that could soon empower the legislature to pass the same measures without the ability of the Governor to veto;

WHEREAS, the so-called Secure MI Vote initiative, submitted more than 500,000 signatures on Friday, July 29, 2022 to empower the state legislature to pass voter suppression over the Governor's veto;

WHEREAS, the City Council shares Governor Whitmer's concern that the effect of these initiatives and bills, if implemented, would be to improperly depress the vote

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in various communities, i.e., communities of color, in particular Black voters, older voters, college students, and working class people;

WHEREAS, many Michigan-based corporations have made strong public statements in support of Black Lives Matter, signed the Declaration of War on Racism, and signed a joint statement opposing voter suppression bills previously vetoed by the Governor (collectively, “Self-Professed Values”);

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that companies, including entities that are recipients of contracts with the City of Ypsilanti, make campaign contributions for their own business reasons, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that campaign contributions effected by corporations who have articulated Self-Professed Values to elected officials and candidates who support the voter suppression bills of 2021 and the so-called Secure MI Vote are actions that are inconsistent with those corporations’ Self-Professed Values;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ypsilanti calls upon corporations that express Self-Professed Values and engage in political advocacy in Michigan to take concrete steps to align their advocacy with those Self-Professed Values, specifically, by means that include communication to lawmakers and candidates that emphasizes the importance of such person’s support for the Self-Professed Values, and that corporations that express Self-Professed Values maintain or withhold support on the basis of such person’s furtherance of same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Administrator is directed to consider and report to City Council on the feasibility of including in the City’s procurement policies an evaluation of whether a potential vendor’s political activities are in furtherance of, or in opposition to, such vendor’s Self-Professed Values.

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 1 day of November 2022

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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	Shawn
Email Address	
Address	118 Bell St
City	Ypsilanti
State	MI
Zip Code	48197
Phone Number	
Number of Years in the Community	3
Ward You Live In	1
Education	WMU Aviation Flight Science Bachelors, NDSU Masters of Transportation and Urban Systems (In Progress)
Occupation	First Officer (Airline Cargo Pilot)
Employer	Kalitta Air
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:

Planning Commission, Non-motorized Advisory Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority

Party Affiliation

Field not completed.

Field not completed.

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

I grew up overseas and have lived in China, Cyprus, and Ukraine, before moving back to Michigan for college. Since graduating and beginning to work out of the Detroit and Ann Arbor Airports as a pilot, I have had the chance to use and learn about a variety of infrastructure and transportation facilities in the Michigan and neighboring Midwest States.

My two years of part-time online study towards a masters degree have led me to focus many of my class papers and research assignments on local city projects and public transportation needs. I came to Ypsilanti in 2019 without much knowledge about the history or challenges faced here, so it's been great educating myself and learning about the region. A few of the papers I have written for class projects (not published in journals just internal assignments) include "Understanding Michigan Waterway Systems", "Review of the I-94 Huron St Interchange Non-motorized Crossing", and "Qualitative Analysis of DTW Airport Public Transit System". I also did one semester where I reviewed electrical aircraft designs, and I visited California and met with the project manager of a pilot program testing these concepts with the Pipistrel Alpha Electro. I got to test fly the electric two-seat airplane on battery power only and learn about what capabilities and limitations it had.

Besides work, I try to check out all the local recreation opportunities. On one occasion, I got a large group of friends to do a cycling trip from Ann Arbor to Lake Erie Metro Park. I also tried the kayaking routes on the Huron River, that conveniently ended up near where I live in Ypsi. I play a lot of soccer in Ann Arbor and Canton, and I would hope to see a future Ypsilanti competitive adult soccer team in the future, as well.

I would enjoy participating in the decisions and conversations

that will lead to positive change and future improvements to the city I live in. Seeing the choices that committee members are faced with and understanding the personal impacts of our decisions would be a worthwhile experience for me. I hope that my research abilities, international experiences, and connections in the transportation industry might be useful to city residents and provide value in future policy making.

Work/volunteer experience related to the board or commission:

Customer Service Rep at U-Haul - Kalamazoo, 2016
Airport Line Service Rep - Battle Creek, 2017
Flight Instructor - Ann Arbor, 2018
SkyWest Airlines CL-65 First Officer Pilot, later upgrades to Captain and Procedures Instructor - Detroit, 2019
Kalitta Air B747-400 First Officer - Ypsilanti, 2022

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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Washtenaw County Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA)
Fiscal Year 2023 Budget (Draft)

Washtenaw County Regional Resource Management Authority's fiscal year begins January 1 and ends December 31. The proposed budget is prepared, discussed, and per the Articles of Incorporation, sent to Authority member's legislative bodies for objections each October. The WRRMA Board will review and address objections received by December 1, and then set their budget at the December meeting. The members of the WRRMA are: The Charter Township of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Charter Township, Scio Township, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Dexter, the City of Saline, and the City of Ypsilanti.

Revenue: Authority Members have agreed to provide initial capital to advance the goals and initiatives falling within the purposes of WRRMA. The membership dues are collected in arrears and invoiced in December. Eight municipal members contributing membership dues of \$5,000 each, including the City of Ann Arbor whose dues are prorated from their joining in February 2022, results in a revenue of \$39,583.33 for FY 2022 and a revenue of \$40,000 in FY 2023.

Expenditures: As WRRMA has a few years of documented expenditures, the organization can reasonably pare down budgeted expenditures for 2023. The majority of WRRMA's financial activities have been grant related in 2021 and 2022. WRRMA has not applied for grants for FY2023 and no matching funds are anticipated. Should the Board desire to take on projects that are not budgeted for, they will need to be financed with reserves. WRRMA anticipates having approximately one year of operating expenses available at the beginning of FY2023. In the future, the membership dues may need to increase to fund WRRMA's activities depending on its future goals.

Washtenaw County Staff time for administrative support includes staff time, overhead, and fringe. Staff time includes only work done on behalf of WRRMA. Time is tracked and reimbursed in accordance with the contract including coordination responsibilities, budget creation and tracking, contract creation, billing, grant application and coordination, meeting support, campaign creation, social media outreach and monitoring, website development, and any other education and outreach requirements requested by the Board. Contracted legal support provides legal advice and opinions, WRRMA meeting attendance, occasional municipal board attendance, material review, contract assistance, and any litigation. Printing budget includes printing required for meetings or drafted materials. Supplies provides support materials required for campaign costs. An annual audit is required and provided through the County as fiduciary. Expenditures in 2023 are budgeted for \$40,000.

(Revenue and expense details on the next page)

WRRMA BUDGET FY2023

Description	Amount	
REVENUE	Budgeted	
Member Contribution	\$	\$40,000
State Revenue	\$	-
Local Revenue	\$	-
Total Revenue 2023		
EXPENDITURES	Budgeted	
Salaried	\$	25,000.00
Printing	\$	200.00
Postage		-
Operating Supplies	\$	433.33
Auditing	\$	700.00
Consultants and Contracts		-
Advertising and Outreach	\$	4,750.00
Project Costs		-
Legal	\$	8,916.67
Total Expenditures	\$	40,000.00



2022 Summary of Activities:

In 2022, WRRMA continued to move forward with its short-term goal of increasing the quantity of high-quality recycling through analyzing data, standardizing communications, and implementing a cohesive and comprehensive messaging campaign. WRRMA also began pursuing the long-term goal of contracting solid waste services as a group of member communities.

The WRRMA board accepted a grant from the State of Michigan and The Recycling Partnership with a value of \$137,905. The first phase of the grant, called Recycling Quality Improvement, aimed to reduce contamination in single family curbside recycling for Ann Arbor City residents. The other WRRMA members completed this grant in 2021. Recycling material samples taken before and after the Ann Arbor campaign indicate the program reduced recycling contamination by over 20%, down to a 12.75% contamination rate. Notably, the program's effort in Ann Arbor to educate residents through a single-issue mailer about scrap metal, which is no longer accepted curbside, resulted in an 80% decrease in scrap metal as compared to the pre-campaign audit. The grant also includes a second phase, called App to Action, that WRRMA is using to increase recycling participation and collect information about barriers to participation. As a follow up to all the grants, an audit is being scheduled to determine how long education and outreach impact recycling contamination. A summary of the grant actions and impacts will be available on the WRRMA website by early 2023.

The WRRMA Board continues to engage with service providers to learn more about services and infrastructure. The new Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Ann Arbor came online in early 2022, and all but GFL customer's recycling material is primarily sent to the Ann Arbor MRF. Under contract, GFL customers' materials are sent to the GFL MRF. In May, several members of the Board toured the Ann Arbor MRF to see the how recycling is sorted and processed. Additionally, WRRMA hosted Recycle Ann Arbor to learn more about the Drop-Off Station located near Ellsworth and Platt Roads. At the same meeting, the board participated in an input session that is helping to guide a proposed replacement Drop-Off Station.

One of the fundamental reasons that WRRMA formed is to work regionally and collaboratively to take advantage of economies of scale to reduce costs and/or improve services, while providing a clear and consistent message to residents. WRRMA has been investigating providing an option to collaboratively contract for solid waste services for interested municipalities with contracts ending in 2024 or 2025. The Board has been reviewing a draft request for proposal and is discussing the appropriate next steps. If the RFP is put out and favorable bids are received, the municipality would contract with WRRMA and WRRMA would collaboratively contract with a service provider. Per WRRMA's Articles of Incorporation, consideration and approval from the respective municipal legislative body would be required prior to any contractual arrangement.



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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
1 day of November 2022

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