



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, Mayor Nicole Brown, Council Member Desirae Simmons, Council Member Annie Somerville (Absent 6:04 PM – 7:08 PM: resigned 8:45 PM), Council Member Roland Tooson, and Council Member Michelle King

ABSENT: None

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

II ROLL CALL

III 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.

IV AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted

V WARD 3 COUNCIL SEAT INTERVIEWS 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

- a) Even Sweet - (added)
b) Ashanti Harris - (added)
c) Amber Fellows - (added)
d) Paul Adams - (added)

The meeting recessed at 7:08 PM and reconvened at 7:15 PM

VI PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Fourteen Members of the Public Spoke

VII ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1404, an Ordinance Entitled "Zoning Text Amendment: Temporary Mobile Healthcare Establishments".
1. Resolution No. 2022-281, determination
 2. Public Hearing
 3. Resolution No. 2022-282, closing the public hearing

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to approve Resolution No. 2022-282

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, Resolution No. 2022-281

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

VIII CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2022-283, approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-283

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- b) Resolution No. 2022-284, approving the minutes of the December 6, 2022 City Council Meeting.
- c) Resolution No 2022-285, approving the revised Community Benefits Agreement with Renovare Developers for 220 N Park.

IX RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2022-286, approving an amendment to the Community Benefits Agreement with Lincoln Capital for the Development of 845 and 945 Clark Road.

Council Member Desirae Simmons moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-286

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Desirae Simmons
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King
NAYS:	Steven Wilcoxon

- b) Resolution No. 2022-287, approving the budget amendment for water street activities and approve the proposal form AKT Peerless .

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2022-287

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- c) Resolution No. 2022-288, approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Council Member Roland Tooson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-288

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

- d) Resolution No. 2022-289, approving a Budget Amendment for Parkridge Community Center for application to the AACF Grant Program.

Council Member Michelle King moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2022-289

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Michelle King
SECONDER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

X BOARD AND COMMISSION - NOMINATIONS

a) Historic District Commission

Alexander Petit (Reappointment) Exp. 12/31/2025
945 Sheridan
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

James Chesnut (Reappointment) Exp. 12/31/2025
1223 Sherman St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxen moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to suspend the rules and immediately reappoint Alexander Petit and James Chestnut to the Historic District Commission

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxen
SECONDER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Desirae Simmons, Annie Somerville, Roland Tooson, and Michelle King

XI BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

1. Police Advisory Commission. - Clerk Hellenga stated that the Commission requested holding two joint meetings with City Council yearly and asked to have the same amount of representation on the Police Chief Interview Panel as City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen add that he attended the meeting and it involved some really great discussion and all members were engaged.
2. Human Relations Commission. - None
3. Arts Commission. - None
4. Parks and Recreation Commission.- None
5. Sustainability Commission. - Council Member Simmons stated Teresa Gillotti presented the Washtenaw County's Opportunity Index. The Commission also requested holding a joint meeting with City Council.
6. Historic District Commission. - None
7. Planning Commission. - Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen stated the meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, December 21st.
8. Zoning Board of Appeals - None

XII LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG Update - None
2. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
3. Urban County - None
4. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - Mayor Brown stated the Board discussed the funding for the Ball drop on New Year's Eve.
5. Friends of Rutherford Pool - Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen stated the Board discussed the seeking a SPARK Grant to resurface the pool.
6. Bicentennial Committee - Council Member Somerville stated the Committee has been planning for the New Years Eve event and are now creating Bicentennial Merchandise.

XIII COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

a) King

1. Stated that there will be a food and coat drive at the Mosaic Church in Ypsilanti on December 31st from 12 pm until 3 pm.

b) Simmons

1. Referenced a complaint received from a resident regarding issues with noise and questioned why they only recourse they had is to call the police, there should be another way to resolve conflict.
2. Stated there has been discussion regarding a Board and Commission fair and potentially expanded it to a resource fair.
3. She stated that she would like to show support for the Graduate Employee Organizations (GEO) bargaining sessions.
4. There is an issue with traffic calming in the neighborhoods and is hoping there is a more holistic approach to slowing down speeders, potentially a resident committee, or a current commission, such as the Non-Motorized Committee.
5. She asked what the process is for Council to schedule a community, or Ward meeting.

c) Wilcoxon

1. Stated he attended a training for retailers that was provided by the Ann Arbor Police and Community and mental health on how to diffuse a mental health crisis. He recommended that this be provided for downtown merchants.

d) Somerville

1. Submitted her resignation from there Ward 3 Council Seat, effective immediately.

e) Symanns

Council Member Jennifer Symanns moved, seconded by Council Member Roland Tooson, to select a replacement for the Ward 3 vacancy during tonight's meeting.

RESULT:	DEFEATED.
MOVER:	Council Member Jennifer Symanns
SECONDER:	Council Member Roland Tooson
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Roland Tooson, and Nicole Brown
NAYS:	Steven Wilcoxon, Desirae Simmons, and Michelle King

f) Tooson

1. Stated that CREAM Inc. is holding a Winter Empowerment in five locations and recommended visiting their website for additional information.

XIV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Thanked Former Council Member Annie Somerville for her service to Ypsilanti.
2. Thanked former Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr, and wished him luck.
3. Informed Council that there will be a toy drive at Lot G and Puffer Reds at Noon on the 23rd.

XV COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- a) Manager Proposed Goal Setting Dates:
1. January 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in Conjunction with the Regular Meeting.
 2. January 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Special Meeting.
 3. January 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm, in conjunction with the regular meeting (if needed).

XVI COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Council Goals are due by close of Business December 21st.

XVII PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Two members of the public spoke

XVIII REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2022-290, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting adjourned 9:09 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.