



MINUTES

City of Ypsilanti SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING Virtual Meeting

Monday, June 8, 2020
7:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:04 p.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

Keith Michalowski	Present	Katy Greenwald	Present
Nancy Heine	Present	Beth Gibbons	Present
Julia Bayha	Absent	Christian Cannon	Present
Bryan Foley	Present	Takunia Collins	Present

Also Present: Council Liaison Steve Wilcoxon
Staff Liaison Ronald Akers, Public Services Director
Commission Recording Secretary, Nancy Hare-Dickerson

Additional Staff Present: Andrew Hellenga, City Clerk
Sarah Stachnik, Deputy Clerk
Bonnie Wessler, Public Services Project Manager
Andy Aamodt, City Planner

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** none

IV. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Michalowski: Request to move "Approval of minutes from February 10, 2020" from the Agenda Approval section to the Consent Agenda section.

Foley (Second: Heine) moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Foley, Greenwald, Gibbons, Cannon, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Bayha

Unanimous. Motion: Carried

V. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Michelle Bennett, City Planner at Beckett & Rader introduced herself. Ms. Bennett stated that she has been working on the Master and Sustainability Plan.

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of February 10, 2020 minutes

Greenwald (Second: Cannon) moved to approve the February 10, 2020 Minutes as submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Michalowski, Heine, Foley, Greenwald, Gibbons, Cannon, Collins
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Bayha
Unanimous. Motion: Carried

VII. PRESENTATIONS- none

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1. The Sustainability Commission and its role in advocating for social, environmental and economic justice in our community during these times of COVID-19 and growing civil unrest.
– Commissioner Beth Gibbons**

Commissioner Gibbons shared her thoughts that in this current time, coming through COVID-19 and with the demonstrations and uprisings around the country speaking to police brutality, justice and equity, that it is an important time for the Sustainability Commission to be an advocate for what this holistic view of sustainability is of economics, environment and social well-being. She indicated that she would like to work with other commissioners to develop a statement of the Commission's position on the role it should play in advancing authentic sustainability for our community, which would then be brought to Council. *[Discussion ensued]* Commissioners Heine and Collins also volunteered their involvement.

IX. WORK SESSION

- 1. Sustainability Plan**

Michelle Bennett, City Planner at Beckett & Rader provided an overview of the Draft City of Ypsilanti Sustainability Plan *[reference PDF material]*, outlining such topics as: Why is Ypsilanti Writing a Sustainability Plan, Definition of Sustainability, Greenhouse Gas Study, Environmental Challenges and Sustainability Policies, Public Input, and Action Plan.

[Commissioner query and comment occurred during the overview, with discussion following]

[Commissioner Michalowski will consolidate a list of proposed edits received from commissioners]

[Commission consensus to continue discussion at the next meeting]

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners, who wished, shared updates of meetings, events and activities they have been involved with and/or are working on related to sustainability.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT-none

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS

Commissioner Michalowski notated items for addition to the July agenda.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, July 13, 2020

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 9:13 p.m.

Heine (Second: Gibbons) moved to adjourn the meeting of the Sustainability Commission.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried