



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

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- B. City Manager's presentation regarding the City's financial capacity to purchase 599 S. Mansfield

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

VII. CONSENT

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1. Resolution 2023-238, Approving the Minutes of 11/21/2023. **(Pages 10-18)**
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- B. Resolution 2023-240, Approving a Community Benefits Agreement for 206 N.

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- C. Discussion regarding the Ward 2 City Council seat.
- D. Resolution 2023-241, Approving the Election Commission's resolution to permanently combine Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 and Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 for all elections. **(Pages 42-53)**
- E. Resolution 2023-242, Approving appointments to Boards and Commissions. **(Pages 54-56)**
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City of Ypsilanti

Police Department

Kirk L Moore, Chief of Police

To: Scott Donley, Police Officer

Date: December 3, 2023

Officer Donley,

The honor of your presence is requested on December 5, 2023, at 1900 hours City of Ypsilanti City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

A special presentation is being conducted to recognize the honorable act of service in the line of duty you performed in the early morning hours of February 10, 2021. Specifically, your immediate and heroic actions saved the life of a distressed male.

There is no greater service than in the service of others. The City of Ypsilanti Police Department is proud to present you with the "Life Saving" award, which is awarded to an employee or employees, for an act which saves or preserves human life by providing first aid, medical, or physical intervention, without which loss of life would be imminent.

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the City of Ypsilanti and the service to its community members.

By Order of,

Kirk L. Moore

Kirk L Moore
Chief of Police

Cc: Human Resources

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City of Ypsilanti

Police Department

Present this Life Saving Award

To

Officer Scott Donley

On February 10, 2021, Officers Smith and Donley were dispatched to assist a suicidal subject. Dispatch advised the subject was suicidal and traffic could be heard in the background. Upon arrival both officers located a B/M lying across the top guard rail advising he would jump if officers came close to him.

Officers Smith and Donley were speaking with the subject and after several seconds Officers observed the subject was holding on to the guard rail with both hands while the rest of his body was hanging over WB 7-94. Officers then heard the subject yelling for help. Officer Donley and MSP Trooper Swamtek were the first to make contact with the subject and pulled him over the guard rail to safety.

Officer Donley did not hesitate to act, and his actions resulted in saving the subject's life. These actions bring credit to Officer Donley, the Ypsilanti Police Department and the Law Enforcement Profession and are in keeping with our highest traditions. Therefore, I present this Life Saving Award on _____, 2023.

Offered and Supported: Sergeant Peter Wist

Authorized: 91 Chief Brent Muchasz



City of Ypsilanti
Police Department

Kirk L Moore, Chief of Police

To: Dennis Masterman, Police Officer

Date: November 29, 2023

Officer Masterman,

The honor of your presence is requested on December 5, 2023, at 1900 hours City of Ypsilanti City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

A special presentation is being conducted to recognize the honorable act of service in the line of duty you performed on the evening of August 9, 2023. Specifically, your immediate and heroic actions saved the life of an infant.

There is no greater service than in the service of others. The City of Ypsilanti Police Department is proud to present you with the "Life Saving" award, which is awarded to an employee or employees, for an act which saves or preserves human life by providing first aid, medical, or physical intervention, without which loss of life would be imminent.

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the City of Ypsilanti and the service to its community members.

By Order of,

Kirk L. Moore

Kirk L Moore
Chief of Police

Cc: Human Resources



City of Ypsilanti
Police Department

Kirk L Moore, Chief of Police

To: Naomi Smith, Police Officer
Date: December 3, 2023

Officer Smith,

The honor of your presence is requested on December 5, 2023, at 1900 hours City of Ypsilanti City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

A special presentation is being conducted to recognize the honorable act of service in the line of duty you performed in the early morning hours of January 6, 2021. Specifically, your performance under pressure resulted in the arrest of a felony suspect.

There is no greater service than in the service of others. The City of Ypsilanti Police Department is proud to present you with a "Letter of Commendation", which is presented to an employee or employees, for an act of service or exemplary performance under pressure in the line of duty.

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to the City of Ypsilanti and the service to its community members.

By Order of,

Kirk L. Moore

Kirk L Moore
Chief of Police

Cc: Human Resources

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City of Upsilanti

Police Department

Present this Life Saving Award

To

Officer Naomi Smith

On January 6, 2021, Officer Smith was dispatched to a suspicious person trying car door handles in the area of Fairview Circle. Dispatch informed the officers that a subject at the location entered a dark sedan. Upon arrival Officer Smith observed a dark sedan driving in the area and began to follow it. The vehicle began driving erratically and Officer Smith activated the patrol vehicle emergency lights. The vehicle did not stop and began driving at a high rate of speed through the neighborhood.

Officer Smith pursued the vehicle as it reached high speeds and left the roadway at one point. After several blocks Officer Smith was terminated but observed the vehicle last turn down Normal Street. Officer Smith turned onto Normal Street and observed the dark sedan from the pursuit stopped and a W/M exiting the vehicle. Officer Smith and Officer Donley began to chase the W/M on foot and caught up to the W/M in the stairwell of 723 Washtenaw where he was taken into custody.

Officer Smith arrested the subject from this incident for flee and elude, operating while intoxicated, reckless driving and operating without a driver's license. It should be noted the subject was driving a stolen vehicle but the owner did not wish to prosecute. These actions bring credit to Officer Smith, the Upsilanti Police Department and the Law Enforcement Profession and are in keeping with our highest traditions. Therefore I present this Letter of Commendation on _____.

Offered and Supported: Sergeant Peter Wist

Authorized: Chief Kirk Moore



Resolution No. 2023-237
December 5, 2023

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2023-238, approving the minutes of the November 21, 2023, City Council meetings.
2. Resolution No. 2023-239, approving Ordinance 1422, an ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS". **(Second Reading)**

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



Resolution No. 2023-238
December 5, 2023

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of the November 21st, 2023, City Council Meetings be approved.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Meeting
6:00 PM - Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Nicole Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Roland Tooson, Council Member Me'Chelle King, Council Member Desirae Simmons (6:05).

Absent: Council Member Jennifer Symanns.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to add a discussion of Resolution 2023-222 (Expressing Solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza) passed at the November 7th council meeting, seconded by Council Member Sweet.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member King. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 2 (Council Members D. Simmons and J. Symanns)

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Amy Cell City Manager Search Update**

- B. Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant Application: Our Community Reads**

- 1. Resolution 2023-225, Approving a fund transfer to increase the balance of the Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant.**

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 2023-225, Approving a fund transfer to increase the balance of the Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

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

Whereas, in the budget for FY 2023-2024, City Council approved a \$10,000 grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City, and

Whereas, the Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant Committee has narrowed the pool of applicants to three finalists: Our Community Reads, Ypsilanti Choral Association, and Elevation Youth; and

Whereas, the Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant Committee wishes to award the maximum individual grant amount

of \$5000 to each of the three finalists;

Now, therefore, Council authorizes a transfer of funds from the Miscellaneous Revenue Account, account number 101-4-0000-694-01, to the Youth Program Contribution Account, account number 101-7-7470-836-00 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to award the maximum individual grant amount to all three finalists.

2. Resolution 2023-226, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Our Community Reads.

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution 2023-226, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Our Community Reads. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council approved a grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, Our Community Reads is an organization currently serving the youth in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, Our Community Reads has submitted a grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a mini grant to Our Community Reads in the amount of \$5,000 to support programs assisting community youth through their efforts.

C. Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant Application: Ypsilanti Choral Association

1. Resolution 2023-227, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Ypsilanti Choral Association.

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2023-227, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Ypsilanti Choral Association. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council approved a grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Choral Association is an organization currently serving the youth in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Choral Association has submitted a grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a mini grant to Ypsilanti Choral Association in the amount of \$5,000 to support programs assisting community youth through their efforts.

D. Youth Mental Health Mini-Grant Application: Elevation Youth

1. Resolution 2023-228, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Elevation Youth.

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-228, Approving a mini grant of \$5,000 for Elevation Youth. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council approved a grant to organizations that serve the youth in the City; and

WHEREAS, Elevation Youth is an organization currently serving the youth in the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, Elevation Youth has submitted a grant application.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves a mini grant to Elevation Youth in the amount of \$5,000 to support programs assisting community youth through their efforts.

E. Care Based Safety

F. Decriminalization Policy

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Fifty-One members of the public made comments.

Council Member Sweet moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 PM, seconded by Council Member Tooson. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 1 (Council Member J. Symanns)

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A. Ordinance 1422, an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to add a new Division 9 to Chapter 2 - Administration, Article VII - Department of the city of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances to create the Department of Community Services, create the position of Director of Community Services, establish the functions of the department, and provide for the prescription of departmental rules and regulations."**

1. Resolution 2023-229, Determination.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to approve Resolution 2023-229, Determination for Ordinance 1422 creating the Department of Community Services. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

be it resolved that AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS be approve on first reading.

2. Public Hearing.

One member of the public made comments.

3. Resolution 2023-230, Closing the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to approve Resolution 2023-230, closing the public hearing for Ordinance 1422 establishing the Department of Community Services. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

that the public hearing for AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS be officially closed.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution 2023-231, Approving the Consent Agenda.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 2023-231, Approving the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2023-232, approving the minutes of the November 7, 2023, and November 9, 2023, City Council meetings.

2. Resolution No. 2023-233, approving special assessments for the winter 2023 property tax bills.

1. Resolution 2023-232, Approving the minutes of the November 7th and November 9th City Council meetings.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of the November 7th, 2023, and November 9th, 2023, City Council Meetings be approved.

2. Resolution 2023-233, Approving special assessments for the winter 2023 tax bills.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That, the City Treasurer be authorized to levy and assess on the December 2023 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$27,620.

11/13/2023
11:43 AM

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
All Records
All Special Assessments
WINTER SEASON

Page: 1/1
DB: Ypsil23

Parcel No	Owners Name	Sp. Assessment	Amount
Totals for 230 AHB		Count: 57	27,620.00
Grand Totals		Count: 57	27,620.00

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Discussion regarding City Manager search.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to extend the search for city manager candidates to December 10th, increase the salary range to \$120,000 - \$140,000, and instruct Finance Director Rheagan Basabica and Human Resources Director Rachel Frye to provide the total compensation package to Amy Cell Talent Search and City Council as soon as possible. Council Member King seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 1 (J. Symanns)

Amy Cell Talent will provide City Council with information about the top candidates on December 15th. City

Council will decide which candidates at their December 19th meeting, and interviews will be scheduled in January.

B. Resolution 2023-213, Approving Ordinance 1421, an ordinance entitled, "Removing the Open Meetings Act Requirements from the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission." (Second Reading - Tabled)

Council Member Tooson moved to untable Resolution 2023-213, Removing the Open Meetings Act requirements from the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion to untable. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 1 (J. Symanns)

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution 2023-213, Approving Ordinance 1421, an ordinance entitled, "Removing the Open Meetings Act Requirements from the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission." (Second Reading - Tabled) Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (1) Roland Tooson

No: 5 Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

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

the ordinance named "Removing the Open Meetings Act Requirements from the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, " be approved on Second and Final Reading.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to extend the meeting to 12:00 AM, seconded by Council Member Sweet. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 1 (J. Symanns)

C. Resolution 2023-234, Approving appointments to boards and commissions.

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-234, Approving appointments to boards and commissions. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following residents be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
<u>Teresa Gillotti</u>	<u>Ypsilanti Housing Commission</u>	<u>11/1/2028</u>
<u>407 E Forest Ave</u>		
<u>Ypsilanti, MI 48198</u>		

<u>Theresa Urbanic</u>	<u>Police and Fire Pension Board</u>	<u>12/1/2027</u>
<u>719 Oxford Road</u>		
<u>Ypsilanti, MI 48197</u>		

D. Resolution 2023-235, Approving an agreement with MDOT.

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2023-235, Approving an agreement with MDOT. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the rehabilitation of the Spring and Leforge Bridges are programmed for construction year 2024 in the current 3-year TIP; and

Whereas, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the implementation of this project; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 23-5465; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT Mayor Nicole Brown and Interim City Clerk Aaron Smith are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.

E. Discussion regarding Resolution 2023-222 Expressing Solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza (passed 11/7/2023).

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to rescind Resolution 2023-222 and bring forth a new resolution with more balanced language at the December 5th, 2023 City Council Meeting. The new resolution will acknowledge the impact of the violence in Gaza on both Palestinians and Jews, as well as acknowledge the United States government's role in the current conflict. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 2 Michelle King, Desirae Simmons

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING YPSILANTI'S SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF GAZA WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza, who are currently facing a campaign of ethnic cleansing and collective punishment by the state of Israel; and WHEREAS, collective punishment is considered a war crime under international law, and refers to a form of sanction imposed on persons or a group of persons in response to a crime committed by one of them or a member of the group; and WHEREAS, the state of Israel is engaging in collective punishment against the Palestinian people in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel; and WHEREAS, this collective punishment of the Palestinian people includes shutting off all access to electricity, drinking water, food, and humanitarian aid; and WHEREAS, the UN says approximately 2 million people in Gaza may soon run out of drinking water and all medical care; and WHEREAS, ethnic cleaning refers to the creation of an ethnically homogenous geographic area through the elimination of unwanted ethnic groups by deportation, forcible displacement, or genocide; and WHEREAS, Israel is now engaged in an ethnic cleansing campaign by explicitly requiring two million Palestinians to leave Gaza immediately or risk being bombed in their homes by the Israeli army; and WHEREAS, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups as "the world's largest open-air prison" even prior to this conflict; and WHEREAS, Gaza is known as "the world's largest open-air prison" due to ongoing, unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel, including a full air, land and sea blockade, enclosure of its borders by concrete walls and barbed wire fences, and the strict prohibition of Palestinians from leaving and entering the territory freely; and WHEREAS, this blockade on Gaza has caused a 42% unemployment rate, while 84% of the population relies on humanitarian aid, 41% of Palestinians have too little food, 60% of Palestinian children are anemic, and the Gazan population cannot count on more than 2-4 hours of continuous electrical power a day; and WHEREAS, prior to this current water shortage, only 1% of Gaza population has access to safe drinking water, leaving Gaza's population – half of whom are children – increasingly vulnerable to waterborne diseases, infections, and dehydration; and WHEREAS, Israel has not allowed many common cancer diagnosis and treatment tools, including PET CT and radiotherapy, to enter Gaza since 2007; and WHEREAS, pediatric cancer cases that are typically considered treatable are often fatal in the Gaza Strip, as a result of the lack of healthcare and restrictions on movement; and WHEREAS, the state of Israel would not be able to maintain an apartheid regime without enormous military aid provided by the United States every year, thereby also depriving Americans of money for their own urgent needs; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, that the City of Ypsilanti condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and ethnonationalism in all its forms; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Ypsilanti urges the Michigan delegation, including Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to support H. Res. 786 calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine put forward by fellow Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for an immediate ceasefire and lifting of the siege on Gaza; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for the safe return of all hostages held by Hamas, and all Palestinians extrajudicially detained by Israel; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for an immediate end to US military aid/support for Israel; and FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti advocates for the dignity and safety of residents in every

community, regardless of what crimes its leadership may commit, and that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve this safety and dignity.

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

The November 16th meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Please attend the December 21st meeting, and please apply to join if you are interested in serving on the commission.

B. Human Relations Commission

The commission has not met due to not hearing back from all of the commissioners to choose a date and time for a meeting. Phone calls will be made after Thanksgiving weekend to schedule a meeting.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

The commission met on November 20th. They set their calendar of meetings for 2024 and are working on their annual report to present to City Council.

D. Sustainability Commission

There was a presentation from Elevate, a group that helps create a subcommittee for resiliency hubs.

E. Historic District Commission

No update.

F. Planning Commission

Their most recent meeting was cancelled.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

No update.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No update. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon hopes to attend some of their upcoming webinars soon.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No update.

C. Urban County

No update.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Public Services Director Bonnie Wessler presented details about how DPS and the DDA can best work together. Downtown Business Relief Appeals were reviewed. A holiday lighting contract was approved.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

No update.

F. Bicentennial Committee

A time capsule was buried at the base of the water tower on November 20th, 2023. It will be unearthed on July 4th, 2073. Thank you to YCUA for helping to make this possible.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

• Council Member King -

- Thank you to local businesses and organizations who give out Thanksgiving food to families in need.
- There have been some resident complaints that recycling pickup is leaving some of their recyclable materials behind in the bottom of the bins.
- Would like to see page numbers readed to the agenda.
- Would like to have a conversation regarding the absences of Council Member J. Symanns, tonight if possible. A council member missing several meetings means their ward is not being represented properly. Council Member D. Simmons supported adding that conversation to the December 5th agenda instead of tonight.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

- **Council Member D. Simmons -**
 - There needs to be a larger conversation regarding building accountability and trust with the community as well as how to work better as a team. This could be incorporated into a conversation about City Council rules and ways we work together.
 - Discussed using Barrier Buster funding to contribute to the Daytime Warming Center, but Economic Development & Equity Coordinator Katie Jones clarified that the warming center in need of funds is not the city's.
 - The Michigan Presidential Primary will be on February 27th, 2024.
 - The city's recent reverse discrimination lawsuit is an example of how laws meant to protect vulnerable groups can often be used against the people they're meant to protect. This is something to keep in mind for any updated Palestine resolution.
- **Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen**
 - Wants to make sure residents know leaf pickup runs through December 1st.
 - Requested an update regarding sinkholes. DPS Director Bonnie Wessler said there is a possibility of switching companies due to poor communication from the current provider. Placing steel plates over top the sinkholes has been discussed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to extend the meeting to 12:15 AM, seconded by Council Member Sweet. On a voice vote, the motion carried.
Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 1 (J. Symanns)

- **Council Member Sweet -**
 - Thank you Chief Moore and YPD for targeted speed enforcement on River Street. Residents appreciated it.
 - Toured Corner Health Center with Council Member Simmons. Their proposed expansion and increased funding goals would be great for expanding services in the City of Ypsilanti.
 - Glad to see dirt being moved at the Dorsey Estates site.
- **Council Member J. Symanns - Absent.**
- **Council Member Tooson -** Attended the funeral of a longtime Ypsilanti resident named Ruby Bradley today. She served on the Mental Health Board and as a chairperson of Ward 1 Precinct 1 during elections for many years. Please take a moment to honor her.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Thankful for so many Thanksgiving food giveaways in the city, residents are grateful.
- City Council has to make very difficult decisions. We press on. We will continue to work together to be inclusive and aware.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Working on the report for the financial status of the city regarding the purchase of 599 S. Mansfield. AKT Peerless has been engaged to do the work for Phase I of the 599 S. Mansfield site.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four members of the public made comments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 AM.

- A. Resolution No. 2023-236, adjourning the City Council Meeting.**
- 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.**



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS be approved on second and final reading.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
November 21, 2023

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Andrew Hellenga, Interim City Manager

Subject: Ordinance to Create the Community Services Department

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

City Council contracted Carlisle Wartman and Associates to complete an audit of the city's Planning Department. The results of that audit indicate a need for strong cohesion among the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement.

On the November 7, 2023 City Council Meeting staff was directed to provide an ordinance for approval combining the three divisions, per City Charter 2.09(a).

This ordinance will divide this department into two divisions: Economic Development/Planning/Administrative Services and Building/Code Enforcement and be under one director the Community Services Director.

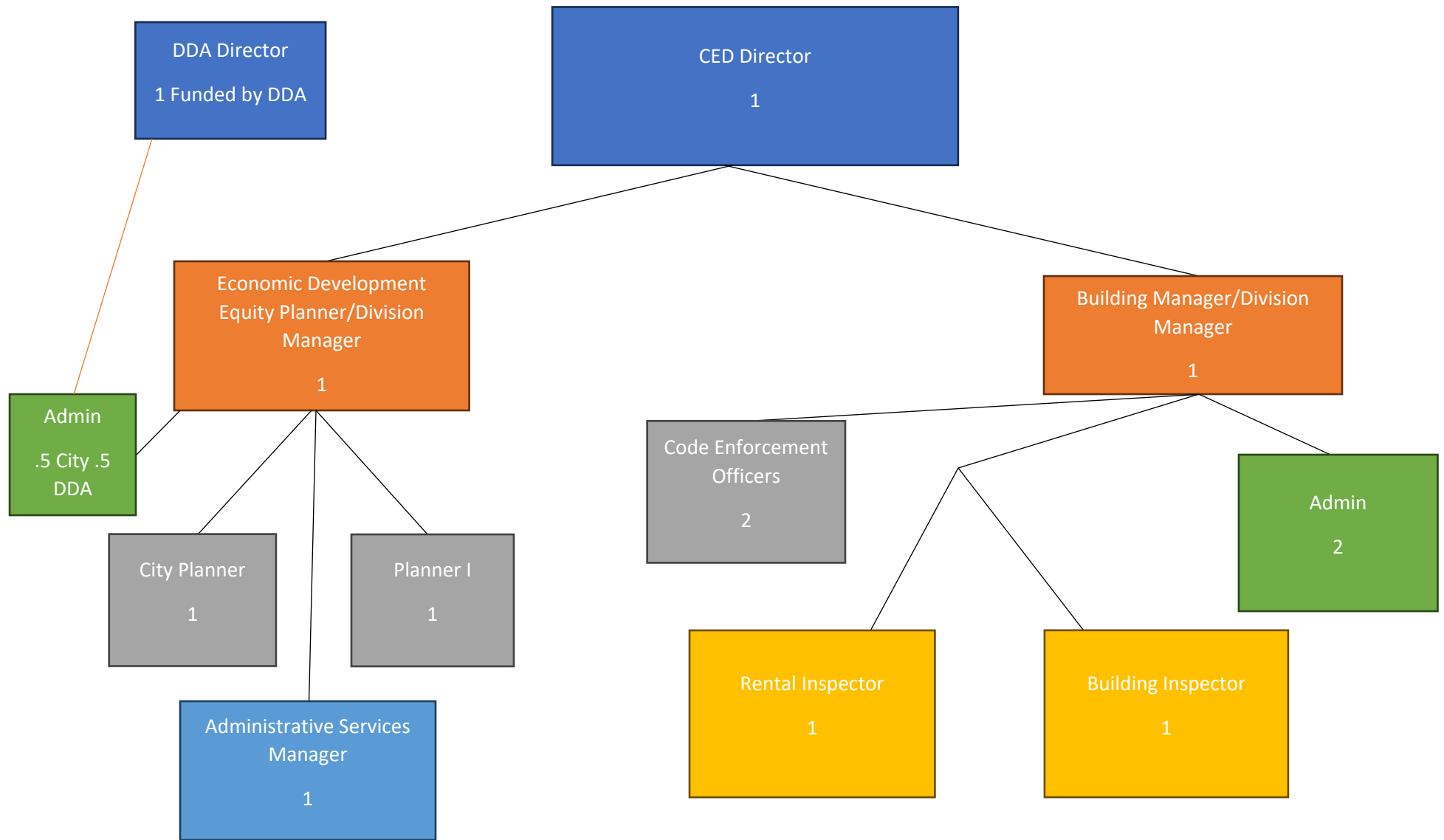
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, org chart, and Ordinance

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
CITY OF YPSILANTI**

ORDINANCE NO. 1422

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE CITY OF YPSILANTI ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Division 9 to Chapter 2, Article VII of the code titled “Community Services Department” and to add sections 2-600 to 2-624 creating the Department of Community Services, creating the position of Director of Community Services, establishing the functions of the department, providing for the prescription of departmental rules and regulations, and permitting the appointment of a deputy and designation of an acting director.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

City of Ypsilanti Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY

DIVISION 9 – COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

§ 2-600 CREATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

There is hereby created the administrative department of Community Services of the City of Ypsilanti.

§ 2-601 HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

The Community Services Department shall be headed by the Director of Community Services, who shall be the administrative officer of the department. The Director of Community Services shall direct the work of the department and be responsible for the efficient and effective operations of the department. The director shall be appointed by the City Manager and shall serve at the pleasure of the City Manager subject to Section 4.04 of the city charter regarding employment termination. The salary of the director shall be set by the City Manager in accordance with budget appropriations. In addition to the responsibilities outlined in this Chapter for the Community Services Department, the director shall perform such duties as are provided for community development or economic development directors by state law, charter, city ordinances, and the administrative directives of the City Manager.

The director shall have the authority to hire, promote, demote, discipline, or discharge employees of the department with the approval of the City Manager and in accordance with budgetary appropriations and any applicable collective bargaining agreements which may be in effect from time to time. The director shall prepare the department's annual budget proposals for submission to, and consideration by, the City Manager and City Council in accordance with the requirements specified by the City Manager, charter, ordinance, or law, and shall administer the department's budget after adoption.

§ 2-602 FUNCTIONS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

The functions of the Community Services Department shall consist of the following:

- (A) **Community and Economic Development.** The director shall be responsible for all community and economic development functions of the city, including the provision of expertise and assistance to individuals and developers for new construction, rehabilitation, or redevelopment, provision of advice and assistance with economic development incentives, provision of assistance with master plan, zoning, construction or other codes, and compliance with the city's Community Benefits code. The director shall be responsible for administering the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and shall perform other related duties as required by the City Manager.
- (B) **Building Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement.** The director shall be responsible for the proper supervision and management of residential and commercial construction permitting and inspections of the city, including but not limited to building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing code permits, inspections, and enforcement, rental housing inspections and certifications, and property maintenance code enforcement.
- (C) **Planning and Zoning.** The director shall be responsible for the proper supervision and management of planning, zoning and historic district functions of the city, including preparation of general plans of the city, preparation and periodic update of the city's zoning ordinance, and provision of planning and zoning expertise and assistance for the city's planning commission, board of zoning appeals, historic district commission, city council, and other boards and commissions. The director shall cause to be prepared other plans as directed by the city council or City Manager.
- (D) **Parks and Recreation.** Until such time that the city shall establish an independent Parks and Recreation Department, the director shall be responsible for the supervision, oversight, and coordination of park and recreation services, programs, and contracts with other public, nonprofit, or private agencies, periodic inspection of conditions of all parks and recreation facilities and coordination of repairs and improvements with the Director of Public Services, and annual recommendation to the City Manager on necessary park and recreation facility improvements, staffing, and other needs for budget planning purposes.

§ 2-603 DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Director of Community Services may prescribe administrative rules, policies, and procedures for the operation of the department, subject to approval by the City Manager, and which

may be amended or repealed by the director upon written notice to, and approval by, the City Manager. It shall be the duty of all employees of the department to comply with such rules and orders while effective.

SECTION 2. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF CITY CODE.

Except as specifically amended by this ordinance, the Code of the City of Ypsilanti shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

A synopsis of this ordinance shall be published in accordance with the Charter of the City of Ypsilanti, and this ordinance shall become effective after publication at the expiration of 30 days after adoption.

CITY OF YPSILANTI, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By:

Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Aaron Smith, Interim Clerk of the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti held on _____, and that the ordinance or a brief summary thereof was published in accordance with Section 2.10 of the city charter on _____, 2023.

Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

Resolution No. 2023-229
November 21, 2023

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW DIVISION 9 TO CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII – DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CREATE THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, ESTABLISH THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS be approve on first reading.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2023-229 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council at their meeting held on November 21, 2023.

Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk



Resolution 2023-222
November 7, 2023

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING YPSILANTI'S SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF GAZA

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza, who are currently facing a campaign of ethnic cleansing and collective punishment by the state of Israel; and

WHEREAS, collective punishment is considered a war crime under international law, and refers to a form of sanction imposed on persons or a group of persons in response to a crime committed by one of them or a member of the group; and

WHEREAS, the state of Israel is engaging in collective punishment against the Palestinian people in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel; and

WHEREAS, this collective punishment of the Palestinian people includes shutting off all access to electricity, drinking water, food, and humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, the UN says approximately 2 million people in Gaza may soon run out of drinking water and all medical care; and

WHEREAS, ethnic cleaning refers to the creation of an ethnically homogenous geographic area through the elimination of unwanted ethnic groups by deportation, forcible displacement, or genocide; and

WHEREAS, Israel is now engaged in an ethnic cleansing campaign by explicitly requiring two million Palestinians to leave Gaza immediately or risk being bombed in their homes by the Israeli army; and

WHEREAS, the Gaza Strip, one of the most densely populated places on Earth, has been repeatedly referred to by human rights groups as "the world's largest open-air prison" even prior to this conflict; and

WHEREAS, Gaza is known as “the world’s largest open-air prison” due to ongoing, unbearable living conditions imposed by the state of Israel, including a full air, land and sea blockade, enclosure of its borders by concrete walls and barbed wire fences, and the strict prohibition of Palestinians from leaving and entering the territory freely; and

WHEREAS, this blockade on Gaza has caused a 42% unemployment rate, while 84% of the population relies on humanitarian aid, 41% of Palestinians have too little food, 60% of Palestinian children are anemic, and the Gazan population cannot count on more than 2-4 hours of continuous electrical power a day; and

WHEREAS, prior to this current water shortage, only 1% of Gaza population has access to safe drinking water, leaving Gaza’s population – half of whom are children – increasingly vulnerable to waterborne diseases, infections, and dehydration; and

WHEREAS, Israel has not allowed many common cancer diagnosis and treatment tools, including PET CT and radiotherapy, to enter Gaza since 2007; and

WHEREAS, pediatric cancer cases that are typically considered treatable are often fatal in the Gaza Strip, as a result of the lack of healthcare and restrictions on movement; and

WHEREAS, the state of Israel would not be able to maintain an apartheid regime without enormous military aid provided by the United States every year, thereby also depriving Americans of money for their own urgent needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, that the City of Ypsilanti condemns antisemitism, Islamophobia, and ethno-nationalism in all its forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Ypsilanti urges the Michigan delegation, including Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to support H. Res. 786 calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine put forward by fellow Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for an immediate ceasefire and lifting of the siege on Gaza; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for the safe return of all hostages held by Hamas, and all Palestinians extrajudicially detained by Israel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti calls for an immediate end to military aid/support for Israel; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti advocates for the dignity and safety of residents in every community, regardless of what crimes its leadership may commit, and that peaceful diplomacy is the only way to achieve this safety and dignity.

OFFERED BY:

SUPPORTED BY:

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:



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MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Mayor and Ypsilanti City Council
From: John M. Barr, Ypsilanti City Attorney
Date: November 29, 2023
Re: Motion to Reconsider-Rescind

A question arose concerning the motion to reconsider. This memo will outline the procedure of the motion to reconsider and the motion to rescind from *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted on the prevailing side of the original motion. The motion must be seconded. There is a time limit on a motion to reconsider. The motion must be made at the same meeting or the next meeting. The motion is debatable so long as the original motion was debatable.

Motion to rescind or amend. The motion to rescind or amend does not have a time limit and may be made at any time so long as the action has not been taken. The motion must receive a second. A member may make the motion to rescind or amend no matter if on the prevailing side or not. The motion is debatable. If notice is not given ahead of time of the intent to bring a motion to rescind a 2/3 majority of those present, or majority of the entire body, whichever is smaller, is required to pass. If notice is given a simple majority will pass the motion.



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, negotiations between the State of Israel and the Palestinian National Authority still have not achieved a just and lasting peace for the Palestinian people; and

Whereas, the security of every State depends on it having de-fined borders and not occupying the territory of its neighbors, and

Whereas, for more than 40 years the government of Israel has continued its military occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza and the seizing of more and more Palestinian land for illegal settlements in direct violation of UN resolutions as well; and

Whereas, since its creation, Israel has faced armed resistance that refuses to acknowledge Israel's right to exist; and

Whereas, Israel's government has continued to build the wall on Palestinian land in ongoing violation of international law, which greatly increases Palestinian suffering as well as heightens the insecurity of both Palestinians and Israelis; and

Whereas, ongoing military occupation and armed resistance heightens violence and insecurity for Palestinians and Israelis alike; since October 7, 2023 more than 11,200 have perished; and

Whereas, the United States' use of its veto more than 30 times in the UN Security Council to block actions by the international community to criticize and prevent the killing of Palestinian civilians has contributed to a climate of impunity and exacerbated the cycle of violence affecting both Palestinians and Israelis; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti celebrates diversity and we stand against antisemitism and Islamophobia and are united in our commitment to vigorously investigate and aggressively prosecute hate crimes and all other associated unlawful behavior committed in the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, when one member of our community suffers, we all share in that suffering; and

Whereas, our differences are what makes us stronger, and we must fight violence with love and understanding for our neighbors, both locally, and abroad. We must reject all actions coming from a place of hate and terror.

Therefore, be it resolved, that The City Council of the City of Ypsilanti calls upon Israel, the Palestinian National Authority, and all States cease all military action and work together to find lasting peace.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL AND WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE
CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND THE RELEASE OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS**

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti advocates for the dignity and safety of all residents in every community, regardless of religion, race, or nationality; and,

WHEREAS, local community members have expressed fear due to rises in anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism against Palestinians, and repression of opposition, along with suffering from mental and emotional health issues due to a feeling of helplessness while witnessing a war and humanitarian crisis unfold, and we believe that these tensions will be subdued with a permanent ceasefire; and,

WHEREAS, we condemn the loss of innocent lives in Israel and Palestine where over one thousand people in Israel and an escalating number of more than fifteen thousand Palestinians in Gaza have been killed in a matter of weeks, of whom over five thousand are children; and,

WHEREAS, we celebrate the release of some Israeli and Palestinian hostages and political prisoners, though we recognize that there are still children and women being held captive without being charged with any crime not only from Gaza but also in the West Bank; and,

WHEREAS, Gaza is still in a dire humanitarian crisis that is getting worse with each passing day, with the only remaining hospitals running out of fuel and medical supplies, and over 1.5 million Palestinians facing displacement, homelessness, and starvation; and,

WHEREAS, international organizations like Amnesty International, the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Rescue Committee, and many others have made a call for a ceasefire in order to prevent the further loss of life of civilians and to be in accordance with international humanitarian law; and,

WHEREAS, according to the United States Campaign for Palestinian Rights, Ypsilanti residents' federal taxes contributes \$305,056 to Israel's weapons, which could instead fund, for example, 36 households with public housing for a year, 106 children receiving free or low-cost healthcare, 3 elementary school teachers, or cancel loan debt for 8 students; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives, and local governments play a role in our democracy to urge needed legislative and policy changes at all levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City of Ypsilanti urges the Michigan delegation, including Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to support H. Res. 786 calling for an immediate de-escalation and permanent cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine put forward by fellow Michigan Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib and others; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for an end to funding wars and military activity across the globe so we can focus our shared resources on addressing issues experienced by our residents in Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
December 5, 2023

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Katie Jones, Economic Development/Equity Coordinator

Subject: Resolution 2023-240, Approving a Community Benefits Agreement for 206 N. Washington.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND: Over the past three months, the Community Benefits Ordinance Committee has met four times including the community meeting and had many productive discussions ranging on all aspects of the development on 206 N. Washington.

The PILOT that the city approved for the project at 206 N. Washington was a 4% of total shelter rents for the next 50 years which lines up with their application for LIHTC at MSHDA. The city agreed that the Community Benefits Ordinance would be implemented, and Avalon agreed. The committee recommended ten different items for Avalon to commit to and is also asking the city to commit to amend chapter 58 of the human relations commission to further focus on housing affordability and accessibility and readopt a community benefits ordinance. Although neither commitment asked for from the city would limit the project at 206 N. Washington to receive the PILOT.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is seeking Council to approve the Community Benefits Agreement

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023-240 CBA N Washington
2. Community Benefits Agreement 206 Washington 101623 draft - final (002)

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: December 5, 2023

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti agreed to a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes for Avalon; and

WHEREAS, the City and Avalon have agreed that the city form a citizen's ad-hoc "Community Benefits Committee" to discuss community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the committee met four times over the past six months to negotiate a community benefits with the developer; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 7, 2023 on the Community Benefits Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Community Benefits Agreement for 206 N. Washington.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

206 North Washington Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Community Benefit Agreement

This agreement is made by and between the City of Ypsilanti, a Michigan Home Rule City of 1 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI (City) and Avalon Housing a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation of 1327 Jones Dr. Ann Arbor MI 48105 (Avalon), collectively the parties.

Background

The City acquired property at 206 N. Washington, Ypsilanti Mi, 48197 that consists of an older burned-out multi-unit apartment building. The City is interested in providing affordable housing and requested proposals to rehabilitate the building for that purpose. Avalon provided a proposal that was approved by the City. After due diligence inspection by experts Avalon determined that the building cannot be reasonably saved and provided a new proposal for a new building. The City accepted the new proposal and agreed to sell the property to Avalon to develop affordable housing in a new building. (The Project)

The City agreed to a Payment in Lieu of Taxes ordinance for Avalon and The Project.

Avalon has been pursuing The Project and actively seeking funding.

The City and Avalon have agreed that the City form a citizen's ad-hoc "Community Benefits Committee" to discuss items of local concern with Avalon, and Avalon has agreed to work with the committee to include items in a contract that are mutually agreeable to City and Avalon concerning The Project.

Avalon and the Citizen's Community Benefits Committee have met and discussed the issues and agree to set down their agreements in this contract and agreement.

Avalon and the City further agree that this Agreement will be binding between the City and a future Limited Dividend Housing Association owner of the property affiliated with Avalon.

Agreement

This agreement by and between the parties sets forth expectations of the parties as to some legal requirements of The Project, but shall not be interpreted and shall not relax or eliminate any provision of the City Code of Ordinances, the Building Code or any other related codes, regulations or laws.

Avalon agrees to provide the following community benefits to the City as part of The Project. The community benefits shall be a legal responsibility of Avalon and may be legally enforced by the City.

Avalon agrees to:

- Avalon will affirmatively market the units at 206 N. Washington St. so that populations that often find it difficult to obtain affordable and supportive housing will have access to these units including seniors and others identified in the Project's Affirmative Fair Marketing Housing Plan.
- Avalon will affirmatively market and prioritize supportive housing units at 206 N. Washington St. to previously incarcerated individuals, consistent with the local Coordinated Entry process.
- Avalon will lose the PILOT on an individual unit for a year if the tenant has an income that exceeds 60% AMI.
- Avalon will commit itself to continuing its mission throughout the duration of the PILOT.
- Avalon will collaborate with community partners to offer appropriate programs that are available to the wider community in the community room at 206 N. Washington St.
- Avalon shall commit to Green Standards included in its County HOME agreement and in its MSHDA agreement, including Enterprise Green Communities and/or National Green Building Standards
- Should an excess of funding exist after the project is complete, then Avalon will use any additional funds to add renewable components to the building (solar; etc.)
- Avalon agrees to assist its residents in acquiring a residential street parking pass, with proof of vehicle ownership.
- Avalon will install a bench in the front of the property.
- Avalon will maximize the use of the historic outbuildings for community benefit as space permits, subject to historic district restrictions, if any.

The City agrees to:

- Maintain the 4% PILOT on 206 N. Washington St. for the length of this agreement.
- Amend Chapter 58 of the Human Relations Commission to further focus on housing affordability and accessibility, however, failure of the City to amend Chapter 58 shall not limit the project's ability to receive a PILOT.
- Readopt a Community Benefits Ordinance, however, failure of the City to readopt a Community Benefits Ordinance shall not limit the project's ability to receive a PILOT

So, Agreed.

Dated: _____ 2023

Avalon Housing a Michigan Nonprofit Corporation

By: _____

City of Ypsilanti

By: _____

Nicole Brown, Mayor

By: _____

Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

John M. Barr, Ypsilanti City Attorney



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
December 5, 2023

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk

Subject: Resolution 2023-241, Approving the Election Commission's resolution to permanently combine Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 and Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 for all elections.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND: The recently passed Michigan State Legislature SB 572 and 573 allow for an increased maximum precinct size of 4,999 voters. Combining Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 results in a new precinct with 3,896 registered voters as of November 29, 2023, well under the new maximum size limit. All three of these precincts vote at the same polling location, Estabrook Elementary School, so combining the precincts would not change any voter's polling location. Combining the precincts to create Ward 2 Precinct A allows for a more streamlined process at the polling location and allows the polling location to be operated with fewer inspectors and less equipment. Combining the precincts also speeds up the process at the end of election day when ballots and election materials are returned to city hall.

Combining Ward 3 Precincts 2 and 3 into Ward 3 Precinct B results in a new precinct with 3,774 registered voters as of November 29, 2023. Ward 3 Precincts 2 and 3 vote at the same polling location, Ypsilanti International Elementary School, so again no voter's polling location would change. The streamlining and efficiency benefits outlined in the paragraph above apply to this newly created Precinct as well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Combine Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 and Ward 3 Precincts 2-3

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023-241 Combine Precincts
2. Cert Resolution 2023-001
3. Election Turnout Data

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: December 5, 2023

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Michigan state legislature's new maximum precinct population size is 4,999 voters; and

WHEREAS, Combining Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 into Ward 2 Precinct A creates a new precinct with 3,896 voters as of November 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Combining Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 into Ward 3 Precinct B creates a new precinct with 3,774 voters as of November 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, No voter's polling location will change with the creation of these new precincts; and

WHEREAS, Having fewer precincts allows for more streamlining and efficiency, requires fewer election inspectors and less equipment, and helps keep the political party makeup of election inspectors at polling locations more balanced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ypsilanti City Council permanently combines Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 into Ward 2 Precinct A as well as combines Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 into Ward 3 Precinct B.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



RESOLVED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Michigan state legislature's new maximum precinct population size is 4,999 voters; and

WHEREAS, Combining Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 into Ward 2 Precinct A creates a new precinct with 3,896 voters as of November 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Combining Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 into Ward 3 Precinct B creates a new precinct with 3,774 voters as of November 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, No voter's polling location will change with the creation of these new precincts; and

WHEREAS, Having fewer precincts allows for more streamlining and efficiency, requires fewer election inspectors and less equipment, and helps keep the political party makeup of election inspectors at polling locations more balanced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti Election Commission recommends that City Council combine Ward 2 Precincts 1-3 into Ward 2 Precinct A as well as combine Ward 3 Precincts 2-3 into Ward 3 Precinct B.

OFFERED BY: Interim City Clerk Aaron Smith

SUPPORTED BY: City Assessor Courtney Borden

YES: 3 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2023-001 as passed by the Ypsilanti Election Commission at their meeting held on December 1, 2023.

Aaron Smith, Interim City Clerk

<u>2022 November General Election</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>In Person</u>
Ward 2 Precinct 1	743	404	339
Ward 2 Precinct 2	896	500	396
Ward 2 Precinct 3	737	348	389
Total	2376	1252	1124
Ward 3 Precinct 2	860	361	499
Ward 3 Precinct 3	1100	510	590
Total	1960	871	1089

<u>2020 November General Election</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>In Person</u>
Ward 2 Precinct 1	860	700	160
Ward 2 Precinct 2	1025	850	175
Ward 2 Precinct 3	842	647	195
Total	2727	2197	530
Ward 3 Precinct 2	1000	686	314
Ward 3 Precinct 3	1216	960	256
Total	2216	1646	570

<u>2018 November General Election</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>In Person</u>
Ward 2 Precinct 1	752	225	527
Ward 2 Precinct 2	911	215	696
Ward 2 Precinct 3	756	129	627
Total	2419	569	1850
Ward 3 Precinct 2	840	119	721
Ward 3 Precinct 3	1060	189	871
Total	1900	308	1592

<u>2016 November General Election</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>In Person</u>
Ward 2 Precinct 1	775	209	566
Ward 2 Precinct 2	926	208	718
Ward 2 Precinct 3	798	0	798
Total	2499	417	2082
Ward 3 Precinct 2	905	122	783
Ward 3 Precinct 3	1068	155	913
Total	1973	277	1696

Average Ward 2 Ballots Cast In Person: 1396.5
Average Ward 3 Ballots Cast in Person: 1236.75

VOTER TURNOUT
11/08/2022 - STATE GENERAL
YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

	All	Voted	Percent
WARD PRECINCT : 01001			
	2156	614	28.48%
WARD PRECINCT : 01002			
	2325	881	37.89%
WARD PRECINCT : 01003			
	1792	630	35.16%
WARD PRECINCT : 02001			
	1176	743	63.18%
WARD PRECINCT : 02002			
	1584	896	56.57%
WARD PRECINCT : 02003			
	1216	737	60.61%
WARD PRECINCT : 02004			
	1205	267	22.16%
WARD PRECINCT : 03001			
	2060	450	21.84%
WARD PRECINCT : 03002			
	1674	860	51.37%
WARD PRECINCT : 03003			
	2188	1100	50.27%
GRAND TOTALS:			
	17376	7178	41.31%

11/08/2022 - STATE GENERAL

JURISDICTION: YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

COMBINED	Overseas Civillian Ballots				Military Ballots				FWAB Ballots		
	AV Ballots Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Received on Time / %	Received Late / %
02001	421	404 - 95.96%	17 - 4.04%	4	2 - 50%	2 - 50%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02002	508	500 - 98.43%	8 - 1.57%	4	4 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02003	363	348 - 95.87%	15 - 4.13%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03002	381	361 - 94.75%	20 - 5.25%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03003	527	510 - 96.77%	17 - 3.23%	3	3 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
Total	2200	2123 - 96.5%	77 - 3.5%	12	10 - 83.33%	2 - 16.67%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%

VOTER TURNOUT
11/03/2020 - STATE GENERAL
YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

	All	Voted	Percent
WARD PRECINCT : 01001			
	2117	996	47.05%
WARD PRECINCT : 01002			
	2385	1203	50.44%
WARD PRECINCT : 01003			
	1796	898	50.00%
WARD PRECINCT : 02001			
	1177	860	73.07%
WARD PRECINCT : 02002			
	1514	1025	67.70%
WARD PRECINCT : 02003			
	1198	842	70.28%
WARD PRECINCT : 02004			
	1984	545	27.47%
WARD PRECINCT : 03001			
	1652	644	38.98%
WARD PRECINCT : 03002			
	1647	1000	60.72%
WARD PRECINCT : 03003			
	2021	1216	60.17%
GRAND TOTALS:			
	17491	9229	52.76%

11/03/2020 - STATE GENERAL

JURISDICTION: YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

COMBINED	Overseas Civillian Ballots				Military Ballots				FWAB Ballots		
	AV Ballots Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Received on Time / %	Received Late / %
02001	727	700 - 96.29%	27 - 3.71%	12	8 - 66.67%	4 - 33.33%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02002	850	824 - 96.94%	26 - 3.06%	8	7 - 87.5%	1 - 12.5%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02003	670	647 - 96.57%	23 - 3.43%	9	7 - 77.78%	2 - 22.22%	5	5 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03002	708	686 - 96.89%	22 - 3.11%	4	4 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03003	1015	960 - 94.58%	55 - 5.42%	16	13 - 81.25%	3 - 18.75%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
Total	3970	3817 - 96.15%	153 - 3.85%	49	39 - 79.59%	10 - 20.41%	5	5 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%

VOTER TURNOUT
11/06/2018 - STATE GENERAL
YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

	All	Voted	Percent
WARD PRECINCT : 01001			
	1951	736	37.72%
WARD PRECINCT : 01002			
	2242	986	43.98%
WARD PRECINCT : 01003			
	1687	668	39.60%
WARD PRECINCT : 02001			
	1136	752	66.20%
WARD PRECINCT : 02002			
	1463	911	62.27%
WARD PRECINCT : 02003			
	1146	756	65.97%
WARD PRECINCT : 02004			
	2221	550	24.76%
WARD PRECINCT : 03001			
	1676	644	38.42%
WARD PRECINCT : 03002			
	1551	840	54.16%
WARD PRECINCT : 03003			
	1924	1060	55.09%
GRAND TOTALS:			
	16997	7903	46.50%

11/06/2018 - STATE GENERAL

JURISDICTION: YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

COMBINED	AV Ballots Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Overseas Civillian Ballots				Military Ballots		FWAB Ballots	
				Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Received on Time / %	Received Late / %
02001	233	225 - 96.57%	8 - 3.43%	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02002	221	215 - 97.29%	6 - 2.71%	3	2 - 66.67%	1 - 33.33%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02003	135	129 - 95.56%	6 - 4.44%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03002	128	119 - 92.97%	9 - 7.03%	2	1 - 50%	1 - 50%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03003	194	189 - 97.42%	5 - 2.58%	5	4 - 80%	1 - 20%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
Total	911	877 - 96.27%	34 - 3.73%	12	9 - 75%	3 - 25%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%

VOTER TURNOUT
11/08/2016 - STATE GENERAL
YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

	All	Voted	Percent
WARD PRECINCT : 01001			
	1880	847	45.05%
WARD PRECINCT : 01002			
	2219	1035	46.64%
WARD PRECINCT : 01003			
	1661	723	43.53%
WARD PRECINCT : 02001			
	1094	775	70.84%
WARD PRECINCT : 02002			
	1414	926	65.49%
WARD PRECINCT : 02003			
	1158	798	68.91%
WARD PRECINCT : 02004			
	2017	872	43.23%
WARD PRECINCT : 03001			
	1557	722	46.37%
WARD PRECINCT : 03002			
	1510	905	59.93%
WARD PRECINCT : 03003			
	1873	1068	57.02%
GRAND TOTALS:			
	16383	8671	52.93%

11/08/2016 - STATE GENERAL

JURISDICTION: YPSILANTI CITY (89140)

COMBINED	Overseas Civillian Ballots				Military Ballots				FWAB Ballots		
	AV Ballots Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Issued	Returned on Time / %	Returned Late / %	Received on Time / %	Received Late / %
02001	212	209 - 98.58%	3 - 1.42%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
02002	217	208 - 95.85%	9 - 4.15%	3	3 - 100%	0 - 0%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03002	131	122 - 93.13%	9 - 6.87%	2	2 - 100%	0 - 0%	0	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
03003	166	155 - 93.37%	11 - 6.63%	3	2 - 66.67%	1 - 33.33%	1	1 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%
Total	726	694 - 95.59%	32 - 4.41%	9	8 - 88.89%	1 - 11.11%	3	3 - 100%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%	0 - 0%



Resolution No. 2023-242
December 5, 2023

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following residents be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rex Richie 40 E Cross Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority	12/1/2027

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

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	Rex Richie
Email Address	
Address	40 East Cross Street
City	Ypsilanti
State	MI
Zip Code	48198
Phone Number	
Number of Years in the Community	67
Ward You Live In	own property in Ward 3
Education	One Year College
Occupation	Self Employeed, Property Management, Retired
Employer	Field not completed.
Are you applying for youth membership?	No
Are you registered to vote in the City of Ypsilanti?	No

I would like to be considered and could devote sufficient time to serve on the following board or commission:

Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Party Affiliation

Field not completed.

Field not completed.

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

I want to insure that Depot Town continues to move forward.

Work/volunteer experience related to the board or commission:

I served on the first Depot Town DDA from 1989 to 1991. I have served on the Highland Cemetery since 2000 and am currently President.

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



Resolution No. 2023-243
December 5, 2023

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Ypsilanti City Council included \$25,000 in our budget to support Barrier Busters for our residents; and,

Whereas, Barrier Busters is a group of 100+ social service agencies committed to improving services and responding to emergencies for Washtenaw County residents in need; and,

Whereas, the need to stabilize housing for our residents by preventing evictions and utility shut-offs continues to grow.

Now therefore be it resolved, the City of Ypsilanti will disburse the allocated funding to Barrier Busters for use with residents of the City.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



Resolution No. 2023-244
December 5, 2023

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 2024 on the following dates:

January 9	July 2
January 23	July 16
February 6	August 13
February 20	August 27
March 5	September 3
March 19	September 17
April 2	October 1
April 16	October 15
May 14	November 12
May 28	November 26
June 4	December 3
June 18	December 17

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
(734) 483-1100

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.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



CITY OF YPSILANTI PUBLIC NOTICE

YPSILANTI CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR
OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2024

January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
January 2, 2024	New Year's Eve Observed
January 15, 2024	MLK Jr. Day
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
June 19, 2024	Juneteenth
July 4, 2024	Independence Day
September 2, 2024	Labor Day
November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2024	Christmas Day
December 26, 27, 30, 2024	City Hall and Admin Offices Closed
December 31, 2024	New Year's Eve

Andrew Hellenga
Interim City Manager



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: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE: