



**ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Meeting  
7:00 PM - Tuesday, December 5, 2023  
Council Chambers  
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**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**

**Council Member Sweet moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Tooson. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

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

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Awards for Ypsilanti Police Officers**

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to rescind Resolutions 2023-216 and 217, approving the purchase of 599 S. Mansfield and a budget amendment for the purchase of 599 S. Mansfield. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

Abstain: (1) Desirae Simmons

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

Ninety-five members of the public made comments.

**Council Member Simmons moved to extend the meeting until 12:00 AM, seconded by Council Member Tooson. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**Yes - 4, No - 1 (Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon), Absent - 2 (J. Symanns, E. Sweet)**

**Council Member King moved to extend the meeting until 2:00 AM, seconded by Council Member Sweet. On a voice vote, the motion carried.**

**Yes - 5, No - 1 (Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon), Absent - 1 (J. Symanns)**

**VII. CONSENT**

- A. Resolution 2023-237, Approving the Consent Agenda.**

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution 2023-237, Approving the Consent Agenda. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

1. **Resolution 2023-238, Approving the Minutes of 11/21/2023.**
2. **Resolution 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 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)**

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- A. Revisiting Resolution 2023-222, Expressing support and solidarity with the Palestinian people of Gaza.**

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2023-222, Resolution in Support for the Congressional and Worldwide Calls for an Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and the Release of Innocent Civilians. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown  
No: 2 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcohen  
Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

- B. Resolution 2023-240, Approving a Community Benefits Agreement for 206 N. Washington.**

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-240, Approving a Community Benefits Agreement for 206 N. Washington. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

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

- C. Discussion regarding the Ward 2 City Council seat.**

It was announced that Council Member Jennifer Symanns is resigning effective December 31st, 2023.

- 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.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcohen moved to approve 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. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

- E. Resolution 2023-242, Approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.**

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 2023-242, Approving appointments to Boards and Commissions. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

**F. Resolution 2023-243, Disbursing funds for Barrier Busters.**

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2023-243, Disbursing funds for Barrier Busters. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (1) Jennifer Symanns

**G. Resolution 2023-244, City Council Meeting Schedule for 2024**

Council Member Simmons made a friendly amendment to remove the February 20 and August 13 meetings from the 2024 schedule.

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-244, City Council Meeting Schedule for 2024, as amended. 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

**IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Police Advisory Commission**

**B. Human Relations Commission**

**C. Parks and Arts Commission**

**D. Sustainability Commission**

**E. Historic District Commission**

**F. Planning Commission**

**G. Zoning Board of Appeals**

**X. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. SEMCOG Update**

**B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study**

**C. Urban County**

**D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority**

**E. Friends of Rutherford Pool**

**F. Bicentennial Committee**

**XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- A. Schedule of city hall closures for 2024 observed holidays.**

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)**

Five members of the public made comments.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 AM.

- A. Resolution No. 2023-245, 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.**