



**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Meeting
6:00 PM - Tuesday, December 19, 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 Roland Tooson, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Desirae Simmons, Council Member Me'Chelle King

Absent: None

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 - 0

V. CLOSED SESSION

- A. 15.268 C Negotiations of a collective bargaining unit agreement**

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to enter a closed session at 6:03 PM citing MCL 15.268(C), Negotiations of a collective bargaining unit agreement. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0, Absent - 0

The open session resumed at 7:00 PM.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. University Musical Society**
- B. City Manager Candidates from Amy Cell**
- C. FedUp Ministries: Food and Recreational Support for the Unhoused and Housing Unstable**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Nine members of the public made comments.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution 2023-246, Approving the Minutes of the December 5th, 2023, City Council Meeting.**

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolutoion 2023-246, approving the minutes of the December 5, 2023, City Council Meeting. 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: (0)

B. Resolution 2023-247, Approving a Letter of Understanding with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM).

Council Member Sweet made a friendly amendment to add that the letter of understanding is subject to approval by the city attorney, seconded by Council Member Tooson.

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-247, Approving a Letter of Understanding with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM), 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: (0)

C. City Manager Candidates and Interviews Discussion

D. Resolution 2023-248, Approving rule changes for the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to approve Resolution 2023-248, Approving rule changes for the Historic District Commission. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

E. Resolution 2023-249, Approving an Application Process for the Ward 2 Vacancy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to approve Resolution 2023-249, Approving an Application Process for the Ward 2 Vacancy. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

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

F. Decriminalization of Nature in Ypsilanti Ordinances Discussion

G. Resolution 2023-250, Approving a Friday 1 PM deadline for City Council Agenda Items.

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution 2023-250, Approving a Friday 1 PM deadline for City Council Agenda Items. 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: (0)

H. Resolution 2023-251, Approving an Increase for Election Inspector Pay.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution 2023-251, Approving an Increase for Election Inspector Pay. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

I. Resolution 2023-252, Approving Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution 2023-252, Approving Appointments to Boards and Commissions. 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: (0)

J. Resolution 2023-253, Approving the purchase of two police vehicles.

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution 2023-253, Approving the purchase of two police vehicles. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

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. Goal Sessions: January 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 6:00 PM

B. Dorsey Estates Update

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member of the public made a comment.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM.

A. Resolution No. 2023-254, 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.