



**ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Meeting
6:00 PM - Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Nicole Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Evan Sweet, Council Member Desirae Simmons, Council Member Me'Chelle King, Council Member Roland Tooson (6:07 PM)

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 Simmons requested to add a discussion regarding the Ward 2 Interview Process.

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

Yes - 5, No - 0, Absent - 1 (Council Member Tooson)

V. GOAL SESSIONS - Pgs. 6-25

- A. Session one - Facilitated by Sharonda Simmons**

VI. PRESENTATION - Pgs. 3-5

- A. Parks and Arts Annual Report**

Council entered a recess after the presentation at 7:39 PM.

Council resumed at 7:49 PM.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Twelve members of the public made comments.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2024-001, declaring that the investigation and arrest of individuals for entheogenic plants will be the lowest priority for the city of Ypsilanti. Pgs. 26-32**

Council Member Simmons made a friendly amendment to also direct the clerk to send a copy of the resolution to other law enforcement agencies operating in the City of Ypsilanti, including the county sheriff, EMU police department, and state police.

Council Member Simmons moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-001, declaring that the investigation and arrest of individuals for entheogenic plants will be the lowest priority for the city of Ypsilanti, as amended.

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 No. 2024-002, approving the request to act as the fiduciary for state grant funds being provided to the Friends of the Rutherford Pool. Pgs 33-37

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-002, approving the request to act as the fiduciary for state grant funds being provided to the Friends of the Rutherford Pool, as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

C. Resolution No. 2024-003, approving updates to the Poverty Application Guidelines. Pgs. 38-45

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-003, approving updates to the Poverty Application Guidelines, as presented. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

D. Resolution No. 2024-004, approving the Interlocal Agreement with the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council. Pgs. 46-83

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-004, approving the Interlocal Agreement with the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council, as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

E. Resolution No. 2024-005, approving the minutes of the December 19, 2024 Council meeting. Pgs. 80-85

Council Member Simmons made two clarifications to her section of Council Proposed Business on the December 19, 2024 minutes.

1 - She clarified that she thinks the city is a good candidate for the Housing Readiness Incentive.

2 - She disputed that the exchange with Chief Moore was a discussion.

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-005, approving the minutes of the December 19, 2024 Council meeting, as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

F. Resolution No. 2024-006, approving appointments to boards and commissions. Pgs. 86-90

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-006, approving appointments to boards and commissions, as presented. 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: (0)

G. Ward 2 Interview Discussion

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

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Manager Interviews held January 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm
The interviews will begin at 7:00 PM, not 6:00 PM.

B. Second Goal Session held January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm

C. Ward 2 Council Member Interviews held January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member of the public made a comment.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

- A. Resolution No. 2024-007, 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.