



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 28, 2024
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member King, Council Member Tooson, Council Member McLean, Council Member Simmons (6:02), Council Member Sweet.

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

The agenda was approved as amended.

Changes:

1. King requested to add resolution reappointing Julia Bayha to the Sustainability Commission.
2. Simmons requested to add discussion regarding GCSI Proposal.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

10 Members of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Departmental Budget Presentation

A motion was made by Council Member Tooson, supported by Council Member McLean, to bring forward Resolution No. 2024-111 and Resolution No. 2024-113. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, supported by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. Resolution No. 2024-098 Authorizing the Sale of 756 Harriet Street.
Resolution No. 2024-098, determination.**

Public Hearing Resolution NO. 2024-099, close the public hearing.

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has a property disposition policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti owns 756 Harriet Street and held a lottery to determine a purchaser; and

WHEREAS, now according to the property disposition policy, the city held a public hearing on May 28, 2024, to authorize the sale of 756 Harriet Street and delegate the City Manager to enter into purchase agreements for the properties; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the sale of 756 Harriet Street and delegate the City Manager to enter into purchase agreements for the properties to the selected purchasers.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-098, authorizing the sale of 756 Harriet Street. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-099, closing the public hearing offered by Council Member Tooson, seconded by Council Member King.

Resolution No. 2024-098, determination.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2024-100 Authorizing the sale of 856 Harriet.

Resolution No. 2024-100, determination.

Public Hearing Resolution NO. 2024-101, close the public hearing.

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has a property disposition policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti owns 856 Harriet Street and held a lottery to determine a purchaser; and

WHEREAS, now according to the property disposition policy, the city held a public hearing on May 28, 2024, to authorize the sale of 856 Harriet Street and delegate the City Manager to enter into purchase agreements for the properties; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the sale of 856 Harriet Street and delegate the City Manager to enter into purchase agreements for the properties to the selected purchasers.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-100, authorizing the sale of 856 Harriet Street. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-101, closing the public hearing offered by Council Member Tooson, seconded by Council Member McLean.

Resolution No. 2024-100, determination.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

VIII. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 1431 - An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article VI - Events".

Resolution No. 2024-098, determination.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-099, close the public hearing.

That an Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article VI - Events" be approved upon first reading:

Sec. 10-270. Waiver.

1. The city council may, on good cause shown, or for individual case of hardship, waive any of the fees for an events permit. A waiver approval must be made by five (5) votes in the affirmative and must follow the below criteria.

1. If a street closure is requested in the business district, 80% of businesses located on that street must in writing agree to the closure.
2. The application must include a description of why this is a benefit to the whole community.
3. The applicant must provide a reasonable description of why the organization or person is unable to meet the financial requirements.

(b) Any such request for waiver must be in writing and be submitted to the city manager who shall include the item on the next regularly scheduled agenda of the city council occurring not sooner than one week from the date the request is submitted, together with the recommendation of the city manager concerning the request for waiver.

(c) The city Manager may, in its discretion, waive the park rental fee to encourage community events that advance interests of equity, public recreation, arts, and entertainment. The city manager may exercise this

discretion to support community events free of charge using the facility and has directed staff to apply the following criteria to determine if a community event is eligible for fee waiver.

(1) The event is completely open and free to members of the public, an entry fee may not be charged under any circumstances.

(2) If vendors can sell goods, the cost to participate may not be prohibitive. Priority must be given first to city residents and businesses. All opportunities to serve as a vendor must be advertised sufficiently in promotional materials and on the city website. The maximum rate at which vendors may be charged is \$10.00 per hour and a financial report must be provided to the city proving what funds were raised and for what purpose specifically from vendor fees collected.

(3) A public event shall not engage in hateful or derogatory speech including symbols of racism, homophobia, or violence. Weapons shall not be sold by vendors or any merchandise or goods which depicts these symbols of hate.

(4) Religious services are not eligible community events under this policy.

(Code 1983, § 3.44; Ord. No. 1077, § 1, 2-5-2008; Ord. No. 1397, 8-9-2022)

Sec. 10-272. Exceptions from special event fees.

Special event application fees, as specified in Section 10-268, do not apply to the Ypsilanti Memorial Day Procession, or to the Ypsilanti Fourth of July Parade, Juneteenth, or PRIDE when such event is sponsored by a regularly chartered and organized veteran's organization. Other provisions of this article shall apply to both events.

(Ord. No. 920, 8-29-2000; Ord. No. 1077, § 1, 2-5-2008; Ord. No. 1397, 8-9-2022)

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve the Ordinance No. 1431 - An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article VI - Events ". Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-103, close the public hearing offered by Council Member Sweet, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon.

Resolution No. 2024-102, determination.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Ordinance No. 1432 - An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 86, Article II – Collection and Disposal".

Resolution No. 2024-104, determination.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-105, close the public hearing.

That An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 86, Article II – Collection and Disposal" be adopted upon first reading as follows:

Sec. 86-34. Residential properties; blight violation.

(a) No accumulation of garbage or rubbish from residences shall be placed out for collection at the curb prior to 3:30 p.m. of the day preceding the designated collection day and all receptacles, and any remaining accumulation of trash and debris, must be taken in prior to 8:00 a.m. of the day following the day of collection and placed behind the building line, or to the side of the building and out of general view. In addition to a citation being issued, a warning tag will be left on the containers or items, and on the door of the residence. The warning tag shall notify the property owner and/or responsible tenant that if the violation is not corrected within 24 hours, the city's independent contractor will remove the remaining accumulation of trash and debris and the owner or responsible tenant shall be assessed the actual cost incurred, plus all other expenses (direct and indirect) to which the city has been put in connection with this infraction, to the extent allowed by law. During special events and peak times, no 24-hour warning tag will be issued and the city may remove the accumulated trash and debris immediately, and the owner or responsible tenant shall be assessed the actual cost of removal, plus all other expenses (direct and indirect) to which the city has been put in connection with this infraction, to the extent allowed by law.

(b) Peak times, for the purposes of this section, shall be those established at section 86-51 of this Code.

(c) For the purposes of this section, a special event shall include the following: The Heritage Festival, Frog Island Beer Festival, student move-in and move-out dates, the 4th of July Parade, Memorial Day Procession, and other special events as designated by the city manager, or by resolution of the city council. Events designated by the city manager or city council resolution shall be published in the newspaper seven days in advance of the event.

(d) Landlords/property owners will be held responsible for violations of this section when:

(1) The identity of the responsible tenant is not readily apparent or available (the identity of the tenant shall be readily available if the landlord/property owner has provided that information to the building department);

(2) The tenant is unavailable due to moving, vacation, or any other reason; or

(3) Repeat offenses occur at the same address.

(e) A person who violates any provision of this section is responsible for a blight violation, subject to payment of a civil fine as set forth in section 71-73. Repeat offenses under this section shall be subject to increased fines as set forth in section 71-73.

(Code 1983, § 2.12; Ord. No. 853, 4-15-1997; Ord. No. 911, 3-21-2000; Ord. No. 955, 5-7-2002; Ord. No. 1132, § 1, 9-21-2010; Ord. No. 1269, § 1, 4-19-2016)

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1432 - An Ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend Chapter 86, Article II – Collection and Disposal". Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion. Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-105, closes the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2024-104, determination.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

C. Resolution No. 2024-106, adopting Ordinance No. 1429, entitled "An Ordinance Improving Regulations for Recreational Vehicles on Residential Lots". (Second Reading)

1. **THE CITY OF YPSILANTI HEREBY ORDAINS** That the Ypsilanti City zoning text in Article II Section 122-203 and Article V Sections 122-560, 122-561, 122-562, is hereby amended Which reads as follows:

Section 122-203 Definitions

Vehicle, Recreational means a boat, snowmobile, off-road vehicle, camper travel trailer, motor home, pick-up camper, trailer which is designed for private recreational or recreational travel use and/or has a recreational license plate. Any trailer which is principally used for transporting any of the above shall also be considered a recreational vehicle.

Residentially Zoned means any zoning district, outside of a Center or Corridor District, where single family dwellings or two-family dwellings are a permitted use.

Sec. 122-560 General Prohibition.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no vehicles may be parked or stored on any lot that is zoned or used for residential residentially-zoned lot except for operable passenger automobiles, pickup trucks, vans, or motorcycles which are personally owned by the persons residing on the premises, or their guests.

Sec. 122-561. Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas.

The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle over a two ton capacity is prohibited on any residential lot. However, this section does not apply to commercial vehicles temporarily parked less than eight hours in a residential area in conjunction with maintenance or service to a residential property.

Sec. 122-562 Recreational Vehicles.

1. The parking or storage of recreational vehicles, whether or not the recreational vehicle is mounted upon or hitched to another vehicle, including vacant mobile homes, antique or racing automobiles, or any other vehicles of a similar nature and related equipment, is prohibited may be permitted any lot in an R1, CN-SF, CN-Mid, CN, MD or HHS zoning district unless parked within a completely enclosed building or within a rear or side yard other than within a required yard setback area.. Recreational vehicles may be located within a completely enclosed building or within a front, rear or side yard other than within a required yard setback area. However, recreational vehicles taller than 8 feet in height must be parked no less than 10 feet away from the front lot line. Such vehicles stored in a side yard must be screened from view from the street and the adjacent property by an acceptable fence or landscaped screen, in accordance with §122-634 of this chapter. Notwithstanding the above, no recreational vehicle may be parked or stored on any indoor or outdoor parking space which is required to meet the minimum parking space requirement in an CN, MD or HHS district.
2. No more than two recreational vehicles per dwelling unit may be stored outdoors at one time. The size of recreational vehicles kept or stored outdoors may not exceed eight feet in width, ten twelve feet in height, or 32 feet in length.
3. Trailer coaches, motor homes, and other vehicles or equipment designed or adaptable for sleeping purposes must remain unoccupied and must not be connected to sanitary sewer facilities, or to electricity, water, or gas.
4. Recreational vehicles, including trailers for recreational vehicles, may not be permanently affixed to the ground. Such vehicles must be situated upon a chassis or other wheeled conveyance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-106, adopting Ordinance No. 1429, entitled "An Ordinance Improving Regulations for Recreational Vehicles on Residential Lots". (Second Reading) as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown
No: 1 Patrick McLean
Absent: (0)

D. ORDINANCE ON THE TABLE - Ordinance No. 1430 - An Ordinance entitled "Zoning text amendment to allow electronic message board (EMB) signs, with reasonable standards to ensure compatibility with neighboring uses and reduce the potential for off-site glare".

Council Member Sweet moved to remove Ordinance No. 1430 from the table. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Council Member King moved to Postpone the first reading of Ordinance No. 1430 - An Ordinance entitled "Zoning text amendment to allow electronic message board (EMB) signs, until after the Planning Commission meets and completes their review. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve the CONSENT AGENDA as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

A. Resolution No. 2024-109, approving the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-109, approving the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2024-110 approving Mark Nelson as an Administrative Hearings Bureau Officer for the City of Ypsilanti as appointed by the City Manager.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve the Resolution No. 2024-110 approving Mark Nelson as an Administrative Hearings Bureau Officer for the City of Ypsilanti as appointed by the City Manager. as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2024-111 approving the Brownfield Amendment #1 Plan for 220 N. Park Development as authorized by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Development Authority (WCBRA) in accordance with the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act") to encourage redevelopment of contaminated, functionally obsolete or blighted property by providing economic incentives; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 220 N. Park (the "Property") has been determined to be a Facility, as determined by a Phase II analysis, and

WHEREAS, The Brownfield Plan for 220 N. Park (the "Plan") has been created to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen site conditions, Renovare is applying for an amendment to the Brownfield Plan;

WHEREAS, the Plan must be approved by the City of Ypsilanti, then the WCBRA, with final adoption by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, neither Washtenaw County nor the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will incur a financial note or bonded indebtedness; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the Brownfield Amendment #1 Plan for 220 N. Park Development as authorized by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-111 approving the Brownfield Amendment #1 Plan for 220 N. Park Development as authorized by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, as presented. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2024-112 approving the request to waive fees for the 2024 Depot Town Cruise Nights in the amount of \$3,676.40.

Council Member Tooson moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-112 approving the request to waive fees for the 2024 Depot Town Cruise Nights by amending the fee waiver amount to \$1,838.20, which includes a \$500 refundable deposit. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 3 Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon

Absent: (0)

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy, and pursuant to the policy, the City may waive park rental fees due to financial hardship for an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and

Whereas, this year the Depot Town Cruise Nights, which are held on each Thursday starting in June and ending in September; and

Whereas, the applicants are requesting a waiver of all fees for the event due to financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, City Council agrees that waiving some of the fees associated to the event would be in the general interest of the public and advance the City's public image;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to reduce fees for the 2024 Depot Town Cruise Nights to the amount of \$1,838.20, which includes a refundable \$500 deposit.

Council Member McLean moved to approve amended Resolution No. 2024-112 approving the request to reduce fees for the 2024 Depot Town Cruise Nights to the amount of \$1,838.20. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 3 Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon

Absent: (0)

C. Resolution No. 2024-113 approving the honorary street naming of Woodward as Minnie Hughes Drive, and directing staff to install signage to reflect that name.

WHEREAS; Petitions were circulated to cause change of Woodward to Minnie Hughes Drive; and

WHEREAS; the petitions included at least 10 city electors; and

WHEREAS; Minnie Hughes was a mentor to community youth, and provided patience and grace to help them navigate times of trouble in their lives; and

WHEREAS; Minnie Hughes demonstrated a great faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to their church and family; and

WHEREAS; Minnie Hughes loved her community and served with a gentle spirit; and

WHEREAS; Minnie Hughes was a mother to her neighbors on Washington Street where she lived for sixty-one years.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED; That the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti, hereby approve that the honorary street name of Woodward be Minnie Hughes Drive, and direct staff to install signage to reflect that name.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-113 approving the honorary street naming of Woodward as Minnie Hughes Drive, and directing staff to install signage to reflect that name. as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

D. Resolution No. 2024-114 recognizing June 19th and authorizing to display the Juneteenth Flag from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Whereas, Juneteenth was recognized as a City Holiday, by passage of Resolution No. 2021-068, on April 6, 2021; and

Whereas, Ypsilanti, Michigan has a proud record of fighting bigotry, slavery and racism, including, prior to the Civil War being a part of the underground railway to help slaves to freedom, and sending soldiers, black and white to fight and die for the Union in the Civil War to free the slaves, and passing ordinances to prohibit discrimination, and

Whereas, June 19, 1865 marks when the final group of Black Americans understood that they were free, when Union Army General Gordon Granger landed in Galveston, where he read General Order #3, stating that all slaves were free, and that former masters and slaves were absolutely equal in personal and property rights. And

Whereas, Juneteenth, June 19, 1865, acting as the date of emancipation, became a long-standing day of celebration, meant to honor Black Americans resilience and the end of slavery, and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the City of Ypsilanti to honor and celebrate June 19 of every year as Juneteenth; and

Whereas, we must work together to continue to build a just Ypsilanti, free from prejudice, bigotry and racism.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL, that June 19th be recognized by the City of Ypsilanti, and display the Juneteenth Flag from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-114 recognizing June 19th and authorizing to display the Juneteenth Flag from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

E. Resolution No. 2024-115 declaring June as "Pride Month" and directing staff to fly the Pride Flag, from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Whereas, President Bill Clinton declared June "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" in June of 2000 to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall riots in Lower Manhattan; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama expanded the commemoration further by declaring June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month; and

Whereas, Pride Month is not only a time of celebration, it is also an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the LGBTQ+ community, and

WHEREAS, much ground has been gained since the 1969 Stonewall Riots, however, injustice and negative attitudes remain that threaten the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has a proud place in the history of LGBTQ+ equality in the successful passing of our Inclusive Non-Discrimination Ordinance in 1998, a historic victory that received national attention and acclaim; and

WHEREAS, while the City of Ypsilanti has a long and proud tradition of being an inclusive community, it recognizes as long as injustice exists it threatens all that has been accomplished.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council of the City of Ypsilanti declare June as "Pride Month" and direct staff to fly the Pride Flag, from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-115 declaring June as "Pride Month" and directing staff to fly the Pride Flag, from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St. through the duration of the month. as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

F. Resolution No. 2024-116 removing Alexandra Anisimova from the Police Advisory Commission for a lack of attendance.

WHEREAS; Alexandra Anisimova was appointed the Police Advisory Commission on June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS; often the demands of a voluntary board member make it difficult to attend required meetings; and

WHEREAS; Alexandra Anisimova has been absent for several meetings since being appointed to the commission.

BE IT RESOLVED That the City Council, of the City of Ypsilanti remove Alexandra Anisimova from the Police Advisory Commission for a lack of attendance.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the Resolution No. 2024-116 removing Alexandra Anisimova from the Police Advisory Commission for a lack of attendance. as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0) Evan Sweet

G. Resolution No. 2024-117 Appointing Michelle Marin to the Planning Commission with a term ending July 1, 2027

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-117 Appointing Michelle Marin to the Planning Commission with a term ending July 1, 2027 as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

H. Discussion about amending Chapter 102 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 4 – Permit Parking In the Central Business District and Corner Health Parking Spots in the N. Huron Parking Lot.

Council Member Simmons moved to Postpone until July 2nd the Discussion about amending Chapter 102 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article III – Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Division 4 – Permit Parking In the Central Business District and Corner Health Parking Spots in the N. Huron Parking Lot. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

I. Reappointing Julia Bayha to the Sustainability Commission with a term ending May 1, 2027.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve the Reappointing Julia Bayha to the Sustainability Commission with a term ending May 1, 2027. Council Member King seconded the motion.

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

No: 1 Steve Wilcoxon

Absent: (0)

J. Discussion regarding GCSI Proposal.

XI. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

Council Member Tooson reported:

- The next meeting is July 20th, 7p.m. to 9p.m.
- Last week's meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King reported:

- The Commission will be bringing some ordinances forward at the next Council meeting.
- The last meeting consisted of a joint meeting with YPAC.
- They are working on mental health issues.
- Discussed a location for the community forum and how that will work.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

Council Member Sweet reported:

- The last meeting was May 20th, but Council Member Sweet was not able to attend.
- There has been a conversation about some Ordinance revisions.
- They will tour the park system as a group on June 10th.
- Tentative date for Fall River Days is September 29th.

D. Sustainability Commission

No report.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported that the next meeting is June 11th.

F. Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported:

- The Commission declined to take up the EMB Ordinance and will revisit it in June.

- They deliberated on a site plan for a peace plaza at the Centennial Building and approved it with contingencies. The PUD for this site was also discussed. The developer has come to the commission because there are still lawsuits over the easements.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported that they did not meet.

XII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

The Mayor reported that there is a meeting coming up.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Brown reported:

- Last meeting they approved special events sponsorship.
- Discussed the IGA (intergovernmental Agreement)
- Meeting for Plaza Stakeholders coming up, which Mayor Brown intends to attend.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported:

- They did not open on Memorial Day weekend.
- They got resurfaced and the pool was filled.
- They will open next weekend.
- They sold out of swimming lessons.

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Tooson -

- Got to see four new police officers sworn in this morning.

A motion was made by Council Member Sweet, supported by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting to 11:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McLean -

- What can we do about issues going on in Normal Park, particularly on Congress that are reaching dangerous proportions.
- Had good conversations about Trees with DPS Director Wessler.

Council Member Sweet -

- Glad to see the pedestrian gateway signs out - he's heard a lot of positive feedback.
- Noticed additional signage placed at the Washtenaw and Hamilton intersection, both overhead and on street - thanks to staff and anyone who had a hand in that.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen -

- Saturday is Normal Park yard sale.
- Sunday the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee and Bike Ypsi are sponsoring a ride to explore the new infrastructure for bike paths.

Council Member Simmons -

- On May 18th joined a group of residents to plant pollinators and natural gardens on awkward island.
- Looking for cost estimates for bathrooms in the park - could there be rentals and what are the costs?
- Looking to have a conversation about rental costs.
- Asking for possible revenue streams available for cities and municipalities.
- Concerns about parking lot at Riverside Park closing early.

Council Member King -

- Highlighted some local businesses, including Candy Coated Creamery, 1076 N Huron River Dr., and Love at First Try.
- The speed monitor at Perry has not been on in about a week.
- Congratulations to all the 2024 graduates in Ypsilanti.

A motion was made by Council Member Tooson, supported by Council Member Sweet, to extend the meeting to midnight. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Women on the Move had their Inaugural Gala last weekend.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Procession.
- Shared sad news, that Tommie Frye passed away. He was an integral part in keeping Parkridge Community Center open.
- Has received positive feedback on new City Clerk, Tracey Boudreau.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Building Department Manager started today.
- Encourage Council to submit budget questions or proposals to staff by end of this week.
- Department Heads meeting are meeting to discuss external and internal workflows and reduce redundancies and increase efficiencies.
- Will meet with HRC to go over the legislation process and best practices.
- Department Heads evaluations scheduled for beginning of July.
- IGA amendment should come forward in June.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Memo regarding the Human Relations Commission and proposed Ordinance Changes.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member of the public spoke.

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2023-118, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

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.