



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 2, 2024
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member King, Council Member Tooson, and Council Member Sweet. ABSENT: Council Member McLean (attending via Zoom, but not voting), Council Member Simmons

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 King requested to remove Resolution No. 2024-158 from the agenda.

Council President Pro Tem requested to move Item D (appointing Chuck Bultman) from the consent agenda, and move it to Section VIII, Item E.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

30 member of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Police co-response with County Sheriff**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2024-151, approving the Consent Agenda.**

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-151, approving the Consent Agenda. as amended. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown</u>
<u>No:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>Absent:</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean</u>

- B. Resolution No. 2024-152, approving the minutes of June 18, 2024.**

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-152, approving the minutes of June 18, 2024, as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown</u>
<u>No:</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>None</u>

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

C. Resolution No. 2024-153, approving the tying of teal ribbons in the business districts for "Turn the Town Teal".

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-153, approving the tying of teal ribbons in the business districts for "Turn the Town Teal". as presented. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

E. Resolution appointing Lisa Voelker to the Human Relations Commission with a term ending July 1, 2027.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution 2024-153b appointing Lisa Voelker to the Human Relations Commission with a term ending July 1, 2027. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2024-154, approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) & Site Condominium: Mixed-Use and Multi-Family Development at 124 Pearl Street and 120 Pearl

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-154, by adding the condition that the final PUD agreement be approved by the City Attorney, and then reviewed and approved by City Council. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-154, approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) & Site Condominium: Mixed-Use and Multi-Family Development at 124 Pearl Street and 120 Pearl as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown

No: (1) Evan Sweet

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

B. Resolution No. 2024-155, approving an agreement with FedUp Ministries to provide funding for operations.

Council Member Sweet moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-155, by adding that after the contract ends, FedUp Ministries will provide a presentation to City Council on the financial information. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, seconded by Council Member King, to extend the meeting until 11 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-155, by filling in the blanks on the contract to include total funding of \$50,000; \$10,000 on signing; with the remaining funds being evenly distributed monthly through October; and a with a term ending October 31, 2024. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-155, by requiring monthly accounting reports from FedUp Ministries. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-155, by requiring KPI data to be included with the monthly accounting from FedUp Ministries. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-155, approving an agreement with FedUp Ministries to provide funding for operations, as amended. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

C. Resolution No. 2024-156, approving an Administrative Services with the Downtown Development Authority.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-156, by amending the resolved clause to read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Administrative Services Contract for 24 months with the DDA to provide administrative services for both the Community Services Department and the DDA.

Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

Council Member Sweet moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-156, approving an Administrative Services contract with the Downtown Development Authority as amended. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

D. Resolution No. 2024-157, approving an an amendment to the agreement with Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Frog Island.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-157, approving an amendment to the agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Frog Island. as presented. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

D. Resolution Appointing Chuck Bultman to the Historic District Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-153a Appointing Chuck Bultman to the Historic District Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown
No: 0 None
Absent: (3) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean, Michelle King

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen Appointing Chuck Bultman as the dangerous buildings officer with a term ending November 9, 2026. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (3) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean, Michelle King

E. Resolution No. 2024-158, honoring Kamal Harris for his achievements and congratulate him on entering the NFL.

This item was removed from the agenda.

F. Resolution No. 2024-159, approving the Fee Schedule for 2024.

Council Member Sweet moved to Amend Resolution No. 2024-159, approving the Fee Schedule for 2024 by changing the Weekend Wedding Hourly Rate to \$400 for residents; \$500 non-residents and also to delete the residential fee section with no code that is there in error. Council Member King seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

A motion was made by Council Member Sweet, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen, to extend the meeting to 11:30. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-159, approving the Fee Schedule for 2024. as amended. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Desirae Simmons, Patrick McLean

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting is July 25th at 7 p.m. and there will be a YPAC joint meeting with the HRC on July 10th.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King reported that the joint meeting with YPAC will be at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers and they are working to put together a community forum.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

No update.

D. Sustainability Commission

No report.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported that the meeting is next Tuesday at 7p.m.

F. Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported they met last week and the only thing of note on the agenda was the EMB. City Planner presented ordinances from comparable cities. The Church wants a bigger sign than is allowed, and we got hung up on trying to give them that.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported that the scheduled meeting was cancelled.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

Council President Pro Tem reported that he attended the General Assembly last week and it was great. They have multiple moving parts with officers and panels that review presentations, like a regional transportation

plan, presented by PEAK. PEAK filmed this video in Ypsilanti, using our new infrastructure, regarding accessible biking for all.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

The Mayor reported that the meeting was cancelled for the 4th of July holiday.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Brown reported that there was a special meeting held to review the Administrative Services agreement that is on tonight's agenda.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported that the July and August meetings were cancelled as the chair is out of town.

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Tooson -

- Had a wonderful Juneteenth celebration in Birmingham Alabama with family, especially his uncle who played for the Birmingham Black Barrons in the Negro League.
- Came back to celebrate Juneteenth in Ypsi in our Huron parking lot and the Car Show.
- Just wants to say love on people and show them everyday!!

Council Member Sweet -

- Bringing up resident complaint regarding missing pedestrian crossing at Grove and Cross. Please reinstall.
- The Oak and Prospect street signs are completely gone - the pole is there, but no signs. Please address.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon -

- In the past, we've had parliamentary training for Commissioners, and I would like to make it mandatory, and also that they follow Robert's Rules of Order. I will be bringing forward ordinance changes to reflect this.
- Ran into Senator Jeff Erwin and discussed \$3M Earmarked funds for Ypsi infrastructure, for Frog Island, the DPS Yard, or the Cross Street Bridge. I would like to discuss this at the next Council meeting, because we may be able to give some input on which project the money is given to.

Council Member King -

- There will be a meet and greet in the tot lot on July 13th at Ainsworth Circle and they are requesting the grass be cut. Can we please ensure that it is completed by then.
- Met with Growing Hope to discuss more ways we can partner together.
- Kudos to the Juneteenth planning group - they did an amazing job with the event!

Council Member McLean -

- On June 26th, along with Council Member King, attended the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti combo Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- We had a small conversation about fireworks at the last meeting, and I plan to bring forward legislation to reduce the number days they are allowed. I am looking for input from our residents.
- Happy Canada Day!

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown had a question about a cone in the middle of first avenue, which DPS Director Wesser addressed.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

No report.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

One member of the public spoke.

XV. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2024-159, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 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.