



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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 Amend the Agenda by removing Resolution No. 2024-169. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

All items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Simmons requested to add a discussion on the State's \$3 Million allocation.

Council Member Sweet requested to add Resolution No. 2024-173 and a motion approving a voting delegate and alternate for the MML annual meeting.

The agenda was approved as amended.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

9 Members of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Senior Center Presentation and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

- B. Transit Center Presentation by the Ride - Jesse Miller and Gretchen Johnson**

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A. Ordinance No. 1436 - An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates".
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-162, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-161, determination.**

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1436 - An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates".
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-162, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-161, determination. 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. Ordinance No. 1437 - An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal rates".**
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-164, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-163, determination.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1437 - An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal rates".

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-164, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2024-163, determination. as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2024-165 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.**

This resolution was removed from the agenda and all consent agenda items moved to the regular agenda.

- B. Resolution No. 2024-167 approving the minutes of July 2, 2024 Council Meeting.**

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-167 approving the minutes of the July 2, 2024, Council Meeting. as presented. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- C. Resolution No. 2024-168 approving the Property and Liability insurance renewal for the City, with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool in the amount of \$457,098.**

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-168 approving the Property and Liability insurance renewal for the City, with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool in the amount of \$457,098. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- D. Resolution No. 2024-169 Correcting Resolution No. 2024-143 for MDOT amendment.**

This resolution was removed from the agenda.

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2024-170 adopting Ordinance No. 1435, the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance.**

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-170 adopting Ordinance No. 1435. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Postpone Resolution No. 2024-170 adopting Ordinance No. 1435, the Fair Chance Access to Housing Ordinance. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- B. Resolution No. 2024-171 approving the contract with BS&A to implement the full suite of products for the City of Ypsilanti for a period of one year, in the amount of \$89,590, with professional services in the amount of \$122,150.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-171 approving the contract with BS&A to implement the full suite of products for the City of Ypsilanti for a period of one year, in the amount of \$89,590, with professional services in the amount of \$122,150. 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)

- C. Resolution No. 2024-172 recognizing the Depot Town Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-172 recognizing the Depot Town Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. as presented. 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)

- D. Resolution 2024-173 voting for the only 3 candidates for the Board of Trustees for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund.**

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution 2024-173 voting for the only 3 candidates for the Board of Trustees for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund. 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 designating a voting delegate and an alternate for the MML Annual Meeting.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve the designation of Mayor Brown as a voting delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon as an alternate for the MML Annual Meeting. 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)

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Police Advisory Commission**

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting is July 25th at 7p.m.

- B. Human Relations Commission**

Council Member King Reported that the Commission is finalizing the Community Forum Series and they would like to request funds for the events.

Council Member King moved to Authorize funds in the amount of \$1,200 for the Human Relations Commission for their Community Forum Series. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion. There was a friendly amendment by Council Member Simmons to amend the dollar amount to \$400. The amendment was accepted by King and Wilcoxon.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

C. Parks and Arts Commission

Council Member Sweet reported that they met last night and discussed goals for the upcoming year; fleshed out upcoming events; and will hopefully have a draft of a Parks and Arts Ordinance to Council soon.

D. Sustainability Commission

Council Member Simmons reported there was no meeting this month. Simmons discussed Resiliency Hubs and the upcoming community session on hubs and design at the Freighthouse on July 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported that he was not at the meeting because he was out of town. McLean discussed the facade improvements at 107 W. Michigan Avenue.

F. Planning Commission

Council President Pro Tem reported that they have not met.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

Council President Pro Tem reported that they have not met.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Brown reported that there is a meeting upcoming.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported there are no meetings in the summer, the next meeting is September 24th.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member McLean -

Regarding the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance:

- We need to create clarity about the process when commissions are taking up issues and we need more communication with commissioners.
- Some major stakeholders were not consulted, and we need to seek out stakeholder input.
- There can be unintended consequences and we must look at everything.

Council Member Sweet -

- Continues to hear complaints about speeding on N River, between Cross and Forest, can we please address this?
- Commend staff for 4th of July Parade

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen -

- 4th of July was a hoot! Had a great time with colleagues and staff did a great job!

Council Member Simmons -

- Regarding the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance: conversations should be had and Simmons requests more information, like insurance costs and number of people actually affected.
- Traffic enforcement Question: What is the plan to stop people from running red lights?

Council Member King -

- If you are interested in the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, the HRC's next meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. and we welcome all people! Ann Arbor has passed this ordinance, so take a look at them for more info as well.
- Thank you for cutting the Tot lot, they were grateful and had a wonderful event.
- Council Member King announced her Block Park on August 10th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and extended an invitation to everyone!
- Questioned revisiting the Towing Contract, but City Manager Hellenga indicated the new contract has been fully executed and we can revisit when we go out to bid again.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Regarding the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, the Mayor agrees that more questions need to be asked.
- Regarding crosswalks on Cross, near EMU - it is very dangerous for people walking and we need better signage telling motorists to watch for pedestrians.
- The 4th of July was so much fun and thank you to staff, Police, Fire.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Going through IGA with DDA; won't go into effect until the next fiscal year, so all services will remain the same until then.
- Interviews began today for the staff position shared with Community Services and the DDA.
- Bringing close of Fiscal Year report to the Finance Committee, and then to Council.
- Staff and Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon met with Ypsilanti Township to discuss uncovered lands by the removal of the dams and hope to get more info to share with the region.
- Staff meeting to fine tune special events policy.
- Going to HRC meeting Thursday to discuss processes. There are not a lot of processes on how Commissions interact with Commissions. Suggest Council work with City Clerk on this. Also, Legal should properly vet all new applicants.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

3 Members of the public spoke.

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

- A. 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.**