



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member King, Council Member Tooson, Council Member McLean, Council Member Simmons (arrived 7:08 p.m.), and Council Member Sweet. 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

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon requested to remove all items from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon offered, supported by Council Member King, to add the first reading of Ordinance No. 1438.

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

Yes:	(6)	Michelle King, Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No:	0	None
Absent:	(1)	Desirae Simmons

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

1 Member of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1438 - An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Budget appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2024-25". Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-214, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2024-213, determination.

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

- A. Ordinance No. 1438 - An Ordinance Entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Highscope Childcare and Community Learning Resource Center".**
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-202, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-201, determination.

NOTE: To accommodate walk-on Ordinance, this Ordinance is now No. 1439

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1439 - An Ordinance Entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Highscope Childcare and Community Learning Resource Center". Council

Member Tooson seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-202, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-201, determination.

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

B. Ordinance No. 1439 - An Ordinance entitled "*Electronic Message Board Signs*".
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-204, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-203, determination.

NOTE: To accommodate walk-on Ordinance, this Ordinance is now No. 1440.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1440 - An Ordinance entitled "*Electronic Message Board Signs*". Council Member King seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2024-204, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2024-203, determination.

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2024-205 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

All items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

B. Resolution No. 2024-206 Approving the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2024.

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-206 Approving the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2024. as amended. 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)

C. Resolution No. 2024-207 Authorizing the transfer of \$1.2 million from the general fund into the budget stabilization (rainy day) fund.

Council Member McLean moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-207 authorizing the transfer of \$1.2 million from the general fund into the budget stabilization (rainy day) fund. Council Member Sweet seconded the motion.

Council Member Simmons moved to postpone Resolution No. 2024-207 Authorizing the transfer of \$1.2 million from the general fund into the budget stabilization (rainy day) fund until the November 12th Council meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion. The motion failed upon a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon
No: 4 Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
Absent: (0)

Council Member McLean moved to postpone Resolution No. 2024-207 Authorizing the transfer of \$1.2 million from the general fund into the budget stabilization (rainy day) fund until the October 15th Council meeting. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

D. Resolution No. 2024-208 Appointing Tom Koch as Employee Delegate and Delonzo Weaver as Alternate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meeting held October 10-11, 2024.

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-208 Appointing Tom Koch as Employee Delegate and Delonzo Weaver as Alternate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meeting held October 10-11, 2024. 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)

E. Resolution No. 2024-209 Appointing Tracey Boudreau as Officer Delegate and Bonnie Wessler, Director of the Department of Public Services, as Alternate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meeting held October 10-11, 2024.

Council Member Sweet moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-209 Appointing Tracey Boudreau as Officer Delegate and Bonnie Wessler, Director of the Department of Public Services, as Alternate to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meeting held October 10-11, 2024. 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)

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2024-210 Extending the contract with Governmental Consulting Services, Inc (GSCI) for one year, from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 on the terms set forth in the attached contract, for consideration of \$3,000 per month retainer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-210 Extending the contract with Governmental Consulting Services, Inc (GSCI) for one year, from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 on the terms set forth in the attached contract, for consideration of \$3,000 per month retainer. Council Member King 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. Request from the Sustainability Commission to allocate funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the Earth Day event (EDY5).

A motion was made by Council Member Simmons, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen, to allocate \$3,000 to the Sustainability Commission for an Early Day event (EDY5).

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Postpone the Request from the Sustainability Commission to allocate funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the Earth Day event (EDY5). until the November 12th meeting. 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. 2024-211 Authorizing the City Clerk to hire Molly Boudreau, daughter of the City Clerk, as a contract employee for Elections.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-211 Authorizing the City Clerk to hire Molly Boudreau, daughter of the City Clerk, as a contract employee for Elections. 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)

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting is Thursday, September 26th at 7pm here in Council Chambers.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King noted that after the last meeting, she found out that a Council appointee decided not to be on the Commission due to work-related issues. That leaves a vacancy.

Council Member King moved to Appoint Ravyn Kalfayan to the Human Relations Commission . Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. The motion failed upon a roll call vote as follows:

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen</u>
<u>No:</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Evan Sweet, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean</u>
<u>Absent:</u>	<u>(0)</u>	

Council Member King continued her report by saying there is one spot open on the HRC; please apply! The next meeting is this Thursday.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

Council Member Sweet reported that they had a productive meeting yesterday evening with the two newly appointed members. Talked about the Master Plan and the Youth Poet Laureate Program. Fall River Day will be Sunday, September 29th from 12pm to 3pm at Frog Island with free kayak trips.

D. Sustainability Commission

Council Member Simmons reported that they co-hosted an event last night on Resilience Hub Network. Discussion included 24 hour shelter, how helping the homeless helps reduce crime rates, and housing and other services.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported that there was a fairly short meeting on September 10th primarily about signs for 10 Washington, Cold Comfort, which will be taking the place of Go Ice.

F. Planning Commission

No Meeting.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported that there will be a webinar on October 7th regarding cyber security and the General Assembly Meeting will be October 24th.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

They meet this Thursday.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen reported that he was able to attend the meeting, due to the MML Conference. Everything went well at the pool this year; it was resurfaced.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member King -

- At a Neighborhood Association meeting, questions were brought up about the speed bumps on Monroe Street. Past Council Members believe it was voted on by the Council. City Manager Hellenga will research this and update the Council.

Council Member Simmons -

- A few of us were at the MML Conference and I will be sharing some of what I learned with the community - think composting and waste reduction!
- Requesting a Troy Street update
- Noted issues at Washtenaw and Hamilton

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon -

- It was great to go to the MML Conference, travel with fellow Council Members, and see colleagues from around the state.
- The MML, through a State Economic Development Grant, has created a portal that pulls together all the grants available in one place.
- Local concerns about yards.

Council Member Sweet -

- The City and County are having a meeting on September 18th, 6p.m. at the Senior Center to discuss native plantings and rain gardens, specifically at Candy Cane and Recreation Parks.
- Washtenaw and Hamilton issues are plaguing our residents.

Council Member McLean -

- Met with two new police officers today and was impressed with their commitment to the community.

Council Member Tooson -

- Yesterday, I had the chance to attend the swearing in of our two new YPD officers - Officer Celeskey and Officer Plymale. It was great to be able to dig deeper into who they are and why they came here to Ypsi. A big shout-out to Chief Moore as he is a big part of why these officers came to Ypsi.
- There is a basketball game every Monday, 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. at the Parkridge Community Center for all high school and middle school kids. Basketball is the draw, but there is also free tutoring for kids who need help with homework, or just an outlet to vent. It's a great program!

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- MML was a great experience. It was nice to spend time with colleagues and I saw a lot of new faces this time. It's great to see more people across the state getting involved.
- Several sessions were very informative, but in light of what happened at YIES, the Active Shooter Training and Emergency Management sessions make you stop and think hard about what could have happened. We and surrounding communities must be mindful and listen to the experiences of other municipalities.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- There will be an RFP coming for trash & they're looking for buy in from the members, as there were issues last time this was broached.
- The Ride will be doing soil boring testing at the Transit Center.
- Prospect Bridge needs emergency repairs and is planned for October 1st, before salting begins.
- Also attended MML, and an AI workshop - hoping that this may help mitigate staffing shortages.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

2 Members of the public spoke.

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2024-212, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:09 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.