



**MINUTES
COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
7:00 PM - Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown (7:15 p.m.), Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member King, Council Member Simmons, and Council Member Fellows.

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Council Member Tooson

ABSENT: Council Member McLean

Council Member Fellows moved to Excuse Council Member Tooson and Council Member McLean from the meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion, and it passed upon a voice vote.

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Fellows moved to AMEND the agenda by adding (1) Engagement (2) Communication (3) Representation (4) Voting & Voting Eligibility (5) Transparency as discussion items, and APPROVE the AGENDA as amended. Commissioner King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows

No: (0) None

Absent/Zoom: (2) Roland Tooson, Patrick McLean

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 45 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

Three members of the public spoke.

VI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Master Boards and Commissions Membership List

B. Board and Commission Vacancies

C. Boards and Commissions Booklet - March 2025, provided by Lorrie Thomas, Deputy Clerk

**1. Number of Members, Terms & Member Requirements/
Demographics**

- 1. AAATA Transportation Authority**
- 2. Economic Development Corp.**
- 3. Board of Ethics**
- 4. Board of Review**
- 5. Fire and Police Pension Retirement Board**
- 6. Fire Civil Service Commission**
- 7. Historic District Commission**

8. Human Relations Commission
9. Huron River Watershed
10. Non-Motorized Vehicle Commission
11. Parks & Arts Commission
12. Planning Commission
13. Police Advisory Commission (YPAC)
14. SmartZone
15. Sustainability
16. WRRMA
17. Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA)
18. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
19. Ypsilanti Housing Commission
20. Zoning Board of Appeals

2. Monthly Report
3. NOTICE - Vacancy in Office
4. Filing Vacancies
5. Nomination Qualifications

1. City Residency Required
2. How Residency Requirement is met
3. Age Requirement for Office
4. Ward Balance

6. Term of Office

1. Term Ending Notification
2. Vacancy or Pending Vacancy
3. Term Uniformity

7. Mayor and City Council Approve Appointments and/or Reappointments
8. Commissioner – Change of Residency
9. City Council Liaison Appointment to Board and Commissions
10. Staff Liaison
11. Commissioner Training
12. Commissioner Processes and Procedures
13. Commissioner's Annual Report
14. Open Meeting Act (OMA) Required by Ordinance
15. Ethics - Ethical Standards of Conduct

Council Member Fellows moved to request a legal opinion from City Attorney Barker, which reads as follows: "Motion to request City Attorney to look into the City of Ypsilanti ordinance as it relates to commission appointments and voting eligibility to see if there is something in our ordinance that precludes residents that are non-electors from fully participating in voting and if so, can that be changed and be in accordance with State law." Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a roll call vote as follows:

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

Council Member Fellows moved to EXTEND the meeting to 10:00 p.m. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed upon a roll call vote as follows:

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Yes: (5) Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows, Michelle King
No: (0) None
Absent/Zoom: (2) Patrick McLean, Roland Tooson

D. Special Acknowledgment of Boards & Commissions Members, Council Liasions & Staff Liasions

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:45 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.