



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, June 3, 2025
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

Present: Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King
Absent: NONE

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

19 Members of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ypsi Transit Center Reconstruction Project Update

VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-105 Approving the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Tooson moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-105, Approving the minutes of the May 20, 2025, Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

B. Resolution No. 2025-106, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess the Summer 2025 Special Assessments.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-106, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess the Summer 2025 Special Assessments, as presented. Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

C. Resolution No. 2025-107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445 Entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026" upon second and final reading, as amended.

-Resolution 2025-107a Authorizing the implementation of a proposed department-wide budget cut scenario.

-Resolution 2025-107b To align public safety millage funds with equity and community health priorities in Ypsilanti.

-Resolution 2025-107c To establish equitable compensation for Ypsilanti City Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem, and Mayor.

-Resolution 2025-107d To amend the budget to add a Public Safety and Health Assessment and

Plan.

Council Member McLean moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445 Entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2024- 2025 and 2025- 2026" upon second and final reading as amended. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member McLean moved to amend the following expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements: Building Maintenance (-\$5,000), Referral Bonus (-\$10,000), Police Professional Development (-\$20,000), Police Captain to Police Officer (-\$36,327), Streetlights (-\$1,000), Grant Manager/ Contractual Services (-\$25,000), Transfer to 226- Garbage Fund (-\$106,000), Office Supplies CM (-\$1,000), Boards and Commissions (-\$5,000), Office Supplies CC (-\$3,000), Conferences (-\$4,000), Digitization (-\$10,000), for a total Expenditure Reduction of (-\$226,327) with a Revenue change, Investment Income (\$250,000), for a total revenue increase of \$250,000, for a \$476,327 Net Reduction to deficit.

Council Member McLean moved for a friendly amendment, removing the Grant Manager/ Contractual Services (-\$25,000).

Council Member Fellows moved for a friendly amendment for Council Member McLean to withdraw this budget amendment plan because it does not include several of the smaller ticket items that have been presented. Council Member McLean was not open to removing this budget amendment plan, but was open to augmenting it with other things, and amending the amendment.

Council Member King moved for a friendly amendment, adding Litigation (-\$40,000). Council Member McLean accepted the amendment for a total Expenditure Reduction of (-\$266,327) with a Revenue change, Investment Income (\$250,000), for a total revenue increase of \$250,000, for a \$476,327 Net Reduction to deficit.

Council Member Wilcoxon moved for a friendly amendment, adding (\$15,000) for a total of (-\$25,000) for digitization. Amendment accepted for a total Expenditure Reduction of (-\$281,327) with a Revenue change, Investment Income (\$250,000), for a total revenue increase of \$250,000, for a \$481,327 Net Reduction to deficit.

Council Member King moved for a friendly amendment, leaving conferences at (-\$5,000) instead of (-\$4,000). Amendment accepted for a total Expenditure Reduction of (-\$280,327) with a Revenue change, Investment Income (\$250,000), for a total revenue increase of \$250,000, for a \$480,327 Net Reduction to deficit.

Council Member Fellows moved for a friendly amendment for Community Promotion (-\$1,000), Building Maintenance (-\$10,000), PT Record Clerk Elimination added back (\$30,909), Fee waiver (-\$5,000), Office Supplies CC (-\$5,000). Amendment accepted for a total Expenditure Reduction of (-\$258,327) with a Revenue change, Investment Income (\$250,000), for a total revenue increase of \$250,000, for a \$508,327 Net Reduction to deficit.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-107a Authorizing the implementation of a proposed department-wide budget cut scenario, as amended. Community Promotion (-\$1,000), Building Maintenance (-\$10,000), Litigation (-\$40,000), Longevity Pay (-\$7,000), Referral Bonus (-\$10,000), Police Professional Development (-\$20,000), Repair and Maintenance (-\$1500), Membership and Dues (-\$4,500), Police Captain to Police Officer (-\$36,327), Streetlights (-\$1,000), Fee Waivers (-\$5,000), Transfer to 226- Garbage Fund (-\$106,000), Office Supplies CM (-\$1,000), Boards and Commissions (-\$5,000), Office Supplies CC (-\$5,000), Conferences (-\$5,000), with \$250,000 investment income, for a \$508,327 Net Reduction to deficit. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107, to include 3x police officers eliminations at (-\$369,000). Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Council Member Wilcoxon moved for a friendly amendment to change 3x police officers eliminated to 1x police officers eliminated at (-\$123,000). Accepted

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-107, to include 1x police officer eliminated at (- \$123,000). Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (2) Council Member Simmons, Council Member Fellows
No: (5) Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Tooson

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Failed

Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107, to remove GF Transfer to Yard Waste (- \$367,000). Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Council Member Simmons moved for a friendly amendment, to change the budget amount to (-\$183,800.50).

Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen rescinded the motion to amend.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve a motion for Resolution No. 2025-107b, To align public safety millage funds with equity and community health priorities in Ypsilanti. Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Passed

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to extend the meeting until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried to extend the meeting until 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-107c, To establish equitable compensation for Ypsilanti City Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem, and Mayor. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Council Member Simmons, Council Member King, Council Member Fellows

No: (4) Council Member Tooson, Council Member McLean, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Failed

Council Member McLean moved to TABLE Resolution No. 2025-107d, until after Resolution 2025-108. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Council Member Tooson moved to remove Resolution 2025-107d from the table. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-107d, To amend the budget to add a Public Safety and Health Assessment and Plan as presented. Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107 to include an amendment for capital improvements for the Senior Center (\$30,000). Council Member McLean seconded the motion. Staff requested a friendly amendment that the funds be a contractual line item in the 101- general fund. Amendment accepted by Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen.

Yes: (7) Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Council Member Tooson moved to extend the meeting until 1:00 a.m. Council Member TKing seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried to extend the meeting until 1:00 a.m.

Council Member McLean moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445, to include Budget Amendment PM#1, (1) that the city manager budget be increased by \$20,000 in fiscal year 2025-26; and (2) That the additional \$20,000 in the city manager budget be designated to support grants for businesses and property owners who suffer significant financial losses due to crime or vandalism in DDA districts on or after May 1, 2025. The grants would be to offset repair costs borne by the business or property owner, which are over and above any coverage from insurance payments. Grants would be provided on a first-served basis and are limited to \$2,500 or the actual uninsured cost of the repairs, whichever is less. Supported by Council Members Tooson.

Yes: (1) Council Member McLean

No: (6) Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Failed

Council Member McLean moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445, to include Budget Amendment PM#4, to establish a Department of Forestry from the anticipated revenues from investment income, with a budget of \$110,000. Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Mayor Brown, Council Member McLean, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Council Member Tooson

No: (3) Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Council Member McLean moved to amend Resolution No. 2025 -107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445, to include Budget Amendment PM#3, to establish Ypsilanti Tree Fund, to be maintained by the city to collect contributions for the purchase and planting of trees. Any interests accruing from the investment of such moneys shall be retained in the fund. Supported by Council Member _____.

Yes: (7) Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Resolution No. 2025 -107 Adopting Ordinance No. 1445 Entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2024- 2025 and 2025- 2026" upon second and final reading, as amended.

Yes: (7) Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson

No: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

D. Resolution No. 2025-108 Authorizing to renew the contract, for a five-year period, with Stevens Disposal and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-108 Authorizing to renew the contract, for a five-year period, with Stevens Disposal and that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to review by the City Attorney, as presented. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Council Member Tooson, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Mayor Brown

No: (1) Council Member Fellows

Absent: (1) Council Member Simmons (Absent during vote 11:50pm)

VOTE: Carried

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to extend the meeting until 12:30 a.m. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried to extend the meeting until 12:30 a.m.

E. City Council Retreat Questionnaire Discussion

This discussion was moved to the next agenda.

F. Submitting FOIA Appeal on behalf of Charles Blackwell and Resolution No. 2025-109 granting or denying the request.

Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxon moved to Table the rest of the agenda after Resolution No. 2025-109 to a future agenda. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Mayor Brown, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Tooson, Council Member McLean

No: (1) Council Member Simmons

Absent: (0) None

VOTE: Carried

Council Member King moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-109, granting the FOIA Appeal of Charles Blackwell. Mayor Pro- Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (0) None

No: (5) Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon

Absent: (0) None

Abstained (2) Council Member Tooson, Mayor Brown

VOTE: Failed/ Denied Request

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:06 a.m.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

B. Human Relations Commission

C. Parks and Arts Commission

D. Sustainability Commission

E. Historic District Commission

F. Planning Commission

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

IX. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update**
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study**
- C. Urban County**
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority**
- E. Friends of Rutherford Pool**

X. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS

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

XV. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2025-, adjourning the City Council Meeting.**
Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:06 a.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.**

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