



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member McLean, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson. ABSENT: None.

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member McLean moved to Approve the AGENDA. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon asked to remove Resoution No. 2025-214 from the Consent Agenda. The Mayor moved this to the first item under Section IX. Council Member Fellows asked that Resolution No. 2025-222 be moved up on the agenda. The Mayor moved this to the second item under Section IX.

Council Member Tooson moved to limit discussion on Resolution No. 2025-222 to 15 minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 1 Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

Council Member McLean offered to move Resolution No. 2025-221 to the Consent Agenda. Council Member Simmons noted she has some questions on this item. Council Member McLean withdrew the motion.

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

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

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

17 Members of the Public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Participatory Budgeting - presented by Anita Dos Santos and Jane DeRonne

B. Proclamation Honoring the Life and Legacy of Gerald "Gerry" Kreiner.

C. Proclamation declaring November as Family Court Awareness Month.

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

A. Ordinance No. 1454 - An Ordinance entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Wood + Watt Project".

**Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-209, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-208, determination.**

Council Member Fellows left the Council Chambers at 8:37p.m. and returned to Chambers at 8:38p.m.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1454 - An Ordinance entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Wood + Watt Project". Council Member McLean seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-209, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2025-208, determination.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

**B. Ordinance No. 1455 - An Ordinance entitled ""Conditional Rezoning: 487 Owendale"
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-211, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-210, determination.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon left the Chambers at 9:01p.m. and returned to Chambers at 9:03p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Deny the Zoning request for Ordinance No. 1455 - An Ordinance entitled ""Conditional Rezoning: 487 Owendale." Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-211, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2025-210, determination.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2025-212 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-212 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2025-213 Approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 7, 2025.

Approved by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2025-212.

C. Resolution No. 2025-215 Recognizing the Ypsilanti Performance Space as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

Approved by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2025-212.

D. Resolution No. 2025-216 Supporting Ypsilanti's 6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration 2026 and approving a sponsorship contribution in the amount of \$5,000.

Approved by Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2025-212.

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-214 Accepting grant funds in the amount of \$60,000 for solar projects from the Ann Arbo Community Foundation and approving the city to act as the fiduciary, also authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-214 for solar projects. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

A friendly motion was offered by Council Member Fellows, supported by Council Member Simmons, to amend the motion to include the clause "and any other future funds." The friendly amendment was accepted by Wilcoxon and McLean.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-214 Accepting grant funds in the amount of \$60,000 for solar projects from the Ann Arbo Community Foundation, and any other future funds and approving

the city to act as the fiduciary, also authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city, as amended. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- B. Resolution No. 2025-222 A Resolution to affirm the City of Ypsilanti's commitment to peace, join Mayors for Peace, and oppose the Los Alamos-University of Michigan Data Center and approving to annually observe Hiroshima Day on August 6 and Nagasaki Day on August 9 with appropriate remembrance to honor victims of nuclear weapons and reaffirm our commitment to peace.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-222. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows offered a friendly amendment to include the resolution be sent to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-222 A Resolution to affirm the City of Ypsilanti's commitment to peace, join Mayors for Peace, and oppose the Los Alamos-University of Michigan Data Center and approving to annually observe Hiroshima Day on August 6 and Nagasaki Day on August 9 with appropriate remembrance to honor victims of nuclear weapons and reaffirm our commitment to peace, as amended. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows offered, supported by Council Member Simmons, to extend the meeting until 11:30p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

- C. Resolution No. 2025-217 Adopting Ordinance No. 1453, entitled "Dark Sky Compliance Ordinance", upon second and final reading.**

Mayor Brown left the Council Chambers at 9:56p.m. and returned to Chambers at 9:58p.m.

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 9:58p.m. and returned to Chambers at 10:01p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-217 Adopting Ordinance No. 1453, entitled "Dark Sky Compliance Ordinance", upon second and final reading. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- D. Resolution No. 2025-218 Approving the purchase of three (3) 2026 Dodge Durango Police Interceptor SUVs from Lafontaine Chrysler in Lansing, MI for total of \$135,408.00 to be paid from the Motor Pool account #641.9330.7987.10 and authorizing the Chief of Police to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the vehicle purchase.**

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon left the Chambers at 10:05p.m. and returned to Chambers at 10:07p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend Resolution No. 2025-218 by reducing the purchase to two (2) vehicles. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion. The motion failed upon a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: (2) Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 5 Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-218 Approving the purchase of three (3) 2026 Dodge Durango Police Interceptor SUVs from Lafontaine Chrysler in Lansing, MI for a total of \$135,408.00 to be paid from the Motor Pool account #641.9330.7987.10 and authorizing the Chief of Police to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the vehicle purchase. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

- E. Resolution No. 2025-219 Electing to comply with 2011 Public Act 152, by approving and adopting the Opt-Out Option for the medical benefit plan coverage year 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2026.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-219 Electing to comply with 2011 Public Act 152, by approving and adopting the Opt-Out Option for the medical benefit plan coverage year 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2026. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

- F. Resolution No. 2025-220 Approving a one-year contract from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, to offer certain Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network benefit plans to all eligible participating employees and retirees; also approving a one-year contract with EHIM to administer the self-funded WRAP and prescription portions of the BCBS Community Blue PPO program and to coordinate all benefits and costs with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.**

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-220 Approving a one-year contract from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, to offer certain Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network benefit plans to all eligible participating employees and retirees; also approving a one-year contract with EHIM to administer the self-funded WRAP and prescription portions of the BCBS Community Blue PPO program and to coordinate all benefits and costs with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

- G. Resolution No. 2025-221 Approving Bank of Ann Arbor, Key Bank, Huntington Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Michigan CLASS and MILAF+ as approved depositories for City funds and approving Andrew Hellenga, City Manager, Rheagan Basabica, City Treasurer/Finance Director, and Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk as authorized signers on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.**

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-221 Approving Bank of Ann Arbor, Key Bank, Huntington Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Michigan CLASS and MILAF+ as approved depositories for City funds and approving Andrew Hellenga, City Manager, Rheagan Basabica, City Treasurer/Finance Director, and Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk as authorized signers on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

- H. Resolution No. 2025-223 Authorizing City staff to expend the remainder of the MEDC grant funds on the DUR Storage yard excavation project for the purposes of environmental remediation.**

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-223 Authorizing City staff to expend the remainder of the MEDC grant funds on the DUR Storage yard excavation project for the purposes of environmental remediation. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

- I. Resolution No. 2025-224 Approving the process laid out by staff to utilize the Ad Hoc Citizens committee to develop community benefits for the Water Street Redevelopment Area.**

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-224. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen seconded the motion.

Council Member McLean left the Council Chambers at 11:31p.m. and returned at 11:38p.m.

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to extend the meeting until midnight. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxen moved to Table Resolution No. 2025-224 Approving the process laid out by staff to utilize the Ad Hoc Citizens committee to develop community benefits for the Water Street Redevelopment Area, and for the next meeting, to include an updated timeline and Council Member Fellows proposed additions. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

J. Discussion Regarding scope of Third Party Investigation for September 23, 2025 Hearing to Review A Removal Action.

Council Member Fellows moved to Tabled the Discussion Regarding scope of Third Party Investigation for September 23, 2025 Hearing to Review A Removal Action. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

Council Member Tooson reported that the next meeting is this Thursday, 7pm, at City Hall.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King reported the last meeting was cancelled.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

No report.

D. Sustainability Commission

Council Member Simmons reported at the last meeting there was conversation about resiliency Hub networks, about the Leave the Leaves, and about starting a plan for Earth Day.

E. Historic District Commission

No report.

F. Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported they did not meet.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported they did not meet.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Council Member Simmons reported the next meeting is coming up.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

The Mayor reported that they are very excited about the contract for the parking lot.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

No report.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member King -

- Community Church of God, 565 Jefferson, they're celebrating their 100-year anniversary this Sunday.

Council Member Tooson - no report

Council Member Simmons -

- Food Gatherers and can try to connect with the city manager about a presentation.

- Looking to bring forward a resolution for disbursement of funds for harm reduction services to come from the Housing Trust Fund. So folks are aware, if folks have any questions or thoughts Simmons is happy to connect with people.

Council Member Fellows -

- Would like to decide when meetings begin in January, because planning international travels for December into January.

Council Member McLean -

- Thanks to Bonnie and the Department of Public Works for getting Elm Street pavement down before the end of the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen -

- For next meeting, include the annual reviews for the City Clerk and for the City Manager. We have a questionnaire that goes out, and what we'll have to talk about, is the timeline for that. Typically, we give people a month to go through the evaluation process. They both do self-evaluations, and then we do evaluations, and then we have a meeting about that. The staff can choose to have that be a closed meeting. In all of my years here they've always been closed meetings.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There are so many Halloween celebrations coming up in the community, and they're being shared broadly, widely, everywhere. So many good things for kids!

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- There's going to be a volunteer day at Candy Cane Park on November 15th.
- Good luck to Tracey and her staff for the election on November 4th.
- CLERK indicated voting will occur as usual at the Senior Center!
- Next meeting is on November 18th.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

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

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:56p.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.**