



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:05p.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 Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as presented. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend the AGENDA by moving Items J, K, N, O, and Q to the meeting of December 9th. 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 Tooson moved to Approve the 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)

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to delay the Cease and Desist order issued by the Building Department for the Dzanc House. After discussion, Council Member Simmons withdrew her support and the motion died.

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

22 Members of the public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation by LEAF Harm Reduction on support for the unhoused population and people who use drugs.**

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- A. Ordinance No. 1456 - Entitled "An ordinance to amend CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" ARTICLE V "FINANCE", DIVISION 2 "FUNDS", SUBDIVISION V "BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND".
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-226, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-225, determination.**

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1456 - Entitled "An ordinance to amend CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" ARTICLE V "FINANCE", DIVISION 2 "FUNDS", SUBDIVISION V "BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND". Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-226, close the public hearing.

Council Member McLean moved, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to amend Ordinance No. 1456. The amendment passed.

Resolution No. 2025-225, determination.

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-227 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2025.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-227 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2025. 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. 2025-228 Awarding Youth Mini Grants to 826Michigan, Washtenaw International Theatre, and Ypsi Youth Athletic Association.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-228 Awarding Youth Mini Grants to 826Michigan, Washtenaw International Theatre, and Ypsi Youth Athletic Association. 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved, supported by Council Member King to extend the meeting until 11p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution No. 2025-229 Adopting Ordinance No. 1454, entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Wood + Watt Project" with conditions, as recommended in the request for legislation memo, upon Second and Final Reading.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-229 Adopting Ordinance No. 1454, entitled "Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development (PUD): Wood + Watt Project" with conditions, as recommended in the request for legislation memo, upon Second and Final Reading. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Mayor Brown left the Council Chambers at 9:41p.m. and returned at 9:43p.m.

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

D. Resolution No. 2025-230 appointing residents to certain Boards and Commissions.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-230 appointing residents to certain Boards and Commissions. 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)

E. Resolution No. 2025-231, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Mama Pizza LLC, for use at 5 North Hamilton.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-232, closing the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-231, approving a new Class C On-Premises Retailer Permit for Mama Pizza LLC, for use at 5 North Hamilton.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-232, closing the public hearing. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

F. Resolution No. 2025-233 Authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess on the December 2025 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$340,669.79.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-233 Authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess on the December 2025 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$340,669.79. 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)

G. Resolution No. 2025-234 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the support services agreement with GiveDirectly to administer the program to launch RxKids in the City of Ypsilanti, subject to approval of the City Attorney.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-234 Authorizing the City Manager to sign the support services agreement with GiveDirectly to administer the program to launch RxKids in the City of Ypsilanti, subject to approval of the City Attorney. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 10:05p.m. and returned at 10:08p.m.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

H. Resolution No. 2025-235 Authorizing up to \$50,000 of support towards the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County operating an overnight warming shelter in Ypsilanti beginning in November 2025 and ending by March 2026.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-235 Authorizing up to \$50,000 of support towards the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County operating an overnight warming shelter in Ypsilanti beginning in November 2025 and ending by March 2026. 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)

I. TABLED 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 Fellows moved to Approve 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 seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued.

Council Member Tooson left the Chambers at 10:23p.m and returned to Chambers at 10:25p.m.

The discussion continued until someone realized the extension time of 11p.m. had passed, and the meeting was abruptly halted and adjourned.

J. Resolution No. 2025-236 A Resolution To Make Veterans Day a Holiday in Ypsilanti beginning in 2026.

K. Resolution No. 2025-237 Designating a Social District within the City, which may be used by qualified licensees that obtain a social district permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (the "MLCC"), pursuant to Section 551 of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 (MCL 436.1101, et seq.), as amended.

L. Resolution No. 2025-238 Adopting the attached fee schedule, pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and Establishing certain fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City, also authorizing the various City Departments to charge and collect such fees, effective immediately.

M. Resolution No. 2025-239 Approving the 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Schedule.

N. Resolution No. 2025-240 Approving the Council Onboarding and Orientation Process and directing the City Clerk to provide this to each Council Member and future Council Member upon certification of the election; also directing the City Clerk to schedule all meetings as instructed in the Onboarding and Orientation Process.

- O. Discussion regarding Annual Review of City Manager and City Clerk**
- P. Discussion regarding Parks and Events.**
- Q. TABLED Discussion Regarding scope of Third Party Investigation for September 23, 2025 Hearing to Review A Removal Action.**

IX. 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**

X. LIAISON REPORTS

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

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority Communications

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

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- 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.**