



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
Council Chambers  
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member McLean, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson. ABSENT : Council Member Fellows, and Council Member Simmons.

Council Member King moved, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to excuse Council Member Fellows. The motion passed unanimously upon a voice vote.

**III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS**

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Tooson moved, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously upon a voice vote.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 60 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**

3 Members of the Public spoke.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Departmental Budget Presentations**

Council Member Simmons entered the Council Chambers at 6:04p.m.

Council Member Fellows entered the Chambers at 6:08p.m.

Council Member Simmons left the Chambers at 7:48p.m. and returned at 7:50p.m.

Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:07p.m. and returned at 9:10p.m.

Council Member Fellows left the Chambers at 9:25p.m. and returned at 9:27p.m.

**VII. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**A. Ordinance No. 1464 – "An Ordinance to Amend Budget for 2025-2026 and Adopt Budget for FY 2026-2027 and 2027-2028."**

**Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-112, close the public hearing.**

**Resolution No. 2025-111, determination.**

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1464 – "An Ordinance to Amend Budget for 2025-2026 and Adopt Budget for FY 2026-2027 and 2027-2028." Council Member King seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-112, close the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2025-111, determination.

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 offered, supported by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting until 10:30p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Council Member Simmons left the Chambers at 9:57p.m. and returned at 9:59p.m.

Council Member McLean offered, supported Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to add McLean's resolution to the table. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Council Member McLean offered the following resolution:

A Resolution to Establish Target Deficit Reduction Levels for the 2026-2027 City Budget

Whereas the city of Ypsilanti is currently facing a structural budget deficit; and

Whereas the Administration's proposed operating budget includes a General Fund deficit of approximately \$1.1 million, with the deficit being covered by the General Fund fund balance; and

Whereas at current General Fund fund balance levels, ceteris paribus, the fund balance will reach zero in the next two budget years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council adopts as its deficit reduction goal to reduce the deficit for 2026-2027 from approximately \$1.1 million to \$.8 million; and

Be it further resolved that the Council requests that the city manager identify areas for possible spending reductions and/or revenue enhancements that meet or exceed the targeted reduction level.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote as follows:

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. Discussion regarding Pen Dam Change Order**

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Brown Adjourned the meeting at 10:13p.m.

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