



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, April 21, 2026
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

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 Amended. 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)

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the Consent Agenda added by City Manager Hellenga. 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)

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to move item (G) Resolution 2026-102 to the top of the Agenda. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 3 Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

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

20 Members of the public spoke.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2026-098 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-098 under Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026. 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)

B. Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney. 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)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation for story time on the move

B. Roads Presentation

VIII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

A. Ordinance No. 1461 - Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days." Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-092, close the public hearing. Resolution No. 2026-093, determination

Council Member McLean moved to close the public hearing on Resolution No. 2026-092 Ordinance No. 1461 — Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days. 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)

Council Member McLean moved to Approve an emergency ordinance entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days." be approved and given immediate effect. 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)

B. Ordinance No. 1462 - Entitled "Traffic Control Orders Adoption." Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-094, close the public hearing. Resolution No. 2026-095, determination

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to close the public hearing for an ordinance entitled "Traffic Control Orders 2026-001 through 2026-07 . 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)

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve the Ordinance No. 1462 — entitled "Traffic Control Orders Adoption." Resolution No. 2026-095. 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)

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026 - 102, Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026 - 102, Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Council Member King moved to Table Resolution No. 2026 - 102. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

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

No: 1 Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2026-096, A Resolution to Defund ICE and CBP, Halt Deportation Operations, and Protect Ypsilanti Residents

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-096, A Resolution to Defund ICE and CBP, Halt Deportation Operations, and Protect Ypsilanti Residents. 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)

C. Resolution No. 2026 - 097, A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Table the Resolution No. 2026 - 097, A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In as presented. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

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

No: 1 Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

D. Resolution No. 2026-098 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.

Moved to Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A

E. Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Moved to Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A.

F. Resolution No. 2026-100 Approving the change order for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$214,200, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$204,200, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the change order on the city's behalf.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-100 Approving the change order for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$214,200, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$204,200, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the change order on the city's behalf 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. 2026 - 101 Approving a Building Department Consulting Services Agreement with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. for building inspection, trade inspection, and commercial plan review services, for the term through April 30, 2028, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney and signed by the City Manager.

Mayor Brown left the chambers at 10: 35 p.m. and returned at 10:39 p.m.

Council Member Simmons lft the chambers at 10:29 p.m. and returned at 10:31 p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026 - 101 Approving a Building Department Consulting Services Agreement with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. for building inspection, trade inspection,

and commercial plan review services, for the term through April 30, 2028, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney and signed by the City Manager. 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)

H. Resolution No. 2026-103, A Resolution establishing May 2026 as Low Mow May

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-103, A Resolution establishing May 2026 as Low Mow May.. 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)

Council Member Fellows moved to Extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m. 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)

I. Resolution No. 2026-104 Declaring April 28th Workers Memorial Day

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-104 Declaring April 28th Workers Memorial Day. 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)

J. Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve the Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers as presented. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Abstain: (1) Nicole Brown

Council Member King moved to Approve the Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers as presented. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Abstain: (1) Nicole Brown

Council Member King moved to Support the Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers as presented. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 11p.m. during this discussion.

K. Discussion Item - Water Street clear cutting

No Discussion

L. Discussion Item - Gas Leaf Blower Ban

X. 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**

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

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

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member King will post her Council Proposed Business on FaceBook.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown Adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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