



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor 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 Simmons, and Council Member Fellows

Council Member King offered, supported by Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, to excuse Council Members Fellows and Simmons. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 0 None

Absent: (2) Amber Fellows and Desirae Simmons

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

Council Members Fellows and Simmons entered the Council Chambers at 6:06p.m.

12 Members of the Pubic spoke.

Council Member King moved to add a Juneteenth discussion. A discussion ensued.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dr. Brendan B. Kelly, President, Eastern Michigan University & Dr. Tressa Kelly

B. Proclamation for Stop the Gun Violence Community Outreach Event - Wear Orange Weekend – June 6, 2026

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

**A. Ordinance No. 1465 – "Harm Reduction Zoning Text Amendment."
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-114, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-113, determination.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve the Ordinance No. 1465 – "Harm Reduction Zoning Text Amendment." Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-114, close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Amend Ordinance No. 1465 by amending the buffer to 1,000 feet. 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)

Resolution No. 2025-113, determination, as amended.

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. 2026-115 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-115 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda. 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. 2026-116 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2026, and the Special Meetings of April 22, 2026 and May 12, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council be approved.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

C. Resolution No. 2026-117 Reappointing Resident, Nancy Heine to the Sustainability Commission, with a term ending May 1, 2029.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

D. Resolution No. 2026-118 Approving the Pen Dam Change Order.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

E. Resolution No. 2026-119 Approving the proposal submitted by OHM for project oversight and construction coordination services for the Frog Island Accessibility Improvement project in the amount of \$48,995.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

F. Resolution No. 2026-120 Approving the amendment submitted by OHM to the previously approved CA/CE proposal for the reconstruction of Harriet Street (First to Hawkins) in the amount of \$37,850.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

G. Resolution No. 2026-121 Approving the proposed Ordinance No. 1463, entitled "2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance" upon second and final Reading.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

H. Resolution No. 2026-122 Recognizing June 19th and authorizing to display the Juneteenth Flag from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

I. Resolution No. 2026-123 Declaring June as "Pride Month" and authorizing to display the Pride Flag from a window in Council Chambers viewable from Huron St., through the duration of the month.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-115.

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026-124 Proclaiming Saturday, June 6, 2026, as CIVIC DUTY EDUCATION DAY in the City of Ypsilanti and encouraging all residents, families, educators, youth leaders, elected officials, and community stakeholders to participate in activities that uplift civic knowledge, community voice, and public engagement.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-124 Proclaiming Saturday, June 6, 2026, as CIVIC DUTY EDUCATION DAY in the City of Ypsilanti and encouraging all residents, families, educators, youth leaders, elected officials, and community stakeholders to participate in activities that uplift civic knowledge, community voice, and public engagement. 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 McLean left the Chambers at 8:04p.m. and returned at 8:05p.m.

B. Resolution No. 2026-125 Approving Ordinance No. 1464 entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget for 2025-2026 and Adopt Budget for FY 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, upon Second and final Reading.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-125 Approving Ordinance No. 1464 entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget for 2025-2026 and Adopt Budget for FY 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, upon Second and final Reading. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member McLean moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-125 by accepting City Manager's proposed budget adjustments, less these three line items - building maintenance, Forestry transfer, and Senior Center. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Summary of Proposed Budget Adjustments

Budget Shortfall Decrease: \$361,333 (Increase in Revenues)

- 101-3730-4607-11: \$10,000 – Increased Revenue for Administrative Hearings Bureau
- 101-7210-xxxx-xx: \$50,000 – Redevelopment Ready Community Grant
- 101-3390-4539-09: \$201,333 – Increase in Fire Protection Reimbursement
- 101-7470-4574-06: \$100,000 – Increase in State Cannabis Revenue Sharing

Budget Shortfall Decrease: \$868,833 (Decrease in Expenditures and Transfers)

- 101-9670-7999-29: \$100,000 – Decrease Transfer to Fund 514
- 101-9670-7999-63: \$200,000 – Transfer back to the General Fund from Capital Improvement
- 101-1720-7882-00: \$500 – Decrease in Printing and Publishing (City Manager)
- 101-1720-7864-02: \$2,000 – Decrease in Professional Development (City Manager)
- 101-2650-78xx-xx: \$100,000 – Decrease in Building Maintenance NB
- 101-1720-7818-00: \$5,000 – Decrease in Contractual Services (City Manager)
- 101-8510-7715-xx: \$100,000 – Decrease in Vacation and Sick Payout

Budget Shortfall Decrease: \$1.19 Million (Decrease in Expenditures and Changes in Transfers)

- 101-9670-7999-66: \$100,000 – Removal of Transfer to Forestry PM
- 101-2700-7864-04: \$10,000 – Elimination of Signing Bonus (Human Resources)
- 101-7510-7818-00: \$6,000 – Allocation for Senior Center Funded by Public Safety Millage DS
- 101-7551-78xx-xx: -\$100,000 – Warming Center Costs Allocated from Housing Fund
- 101-4410-7818-00: \$80,000 – Decrease in DPW Admin Contractual Services
- 101-3720-7757-00: \$1,000 – Decrease in Operating Supplies (Code Enforcement)
- 101-3720-7818-00: \$5,000 – Decrease in Contractual Services (Code Enforcement)
- 101-7210-7900-00: \$2,500 – Decrease in Printing and Publishing (Planning)
- 101-2700-7728-00: \$1,000 – Decrease in Office Supplies (Human Resources)
- 101-1651-7818-xx: \$10,000 – Contractual Services for Energy Conservation

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 King, to direct City Manager and Finance Director to provide budget figures for Youth Mini Grants, Fee Waivers, and a COLA increase for Council compensation. Upon further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Council Member McLean moved to Table to the next meeting Resolution No. 2026-125. 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)

C. Resolution No. 2026-126 Approving the request to waive the application, event, and street closure fees totaling \$2,500 for the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra.

Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:33p.m. and returned at 9:34p.m.

Council Member King left the Chambers at 9:36p.m. and returned at 9:39p.m.

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-126 Approving the request to waive the application, and event fees totaling \$2,500 for the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Council Member King moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-126 by allowing to waive the fees for an event up to 8 hours. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

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

No: 1 Steve Wilcoxen

Absent: (0)

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-126 Approving the request to waive the application, and event fees of \$2,500, up to 8 hours, for the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra, as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Simmons moved, supported by Council Member King, to extend the meeting until 10:15p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

D. Resolution No. 2026-127 Formally supporting YCUA's 12 month moratorium on the delivery, commitment, reservation, extension, or approval of water and sewer services to hyper-scale data centers, mid-sized data centers, artificial intelligence computing facilities, and high-performance computational centers pending completion of necessary due diligence investigations.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-127 Formally supporting YCUA's 12 month moratorium on the delivery, commitment, reservation, extension, or approval of water and sewer services to hyper-scale data centers, mid-sized data centers, artificial intelligence computing facilities, and high-performance computational centers pending completion of necessary due diligence investigations. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen offered a friendly amendment, supported by Council Member Fellows, which was accepted by Fellows and Simmons. The amendment changes the 8th "Whereas" clause from "the City finds that..." to "the City needs to explore whether..."

The amended motion passed upon a roll call vote as follows:

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, 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 meeting is next Thursday in Council Chambers at 7pm. They are looking for a second Ward 3 representative but welcome individuals from the other two wards so get on the city's website and apply.

B. Human Relations Commission

Council Member King reported that the meeting is this Thursday at 6p.m. and they are having a Town Hall to talk about the complaint process.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

Council Member McLean reported they met last night.

D. Sustainability Commission

Council Member Simmons reported that they had a presentation about efforts to save trees across Washtenaw County, and heard from Lisa Spitz on the 2030 District. They had a report back from Earth Day that was good in terms of bringing together community groups, but they did feel like they didn't get the word out early enough to the public. And we did have a youth commissioner who's finishing up her term.

E. Historic District Commission

Council Member McLean reported that there were 2 properties for discussion at the last meeting - 410 W Cross and 306 N River.

F. Planning Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon reported the next meeting it tomorrow.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

No report.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

No report.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

No report.

C. Urban County

No report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Brown reported the meeting is Thursday.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

No report.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Tooson -

- Concerns regarding Ferris Street in Ainsworth Circle and reports of potential accidents and near misses. Request is to limit parking on that side of the street.

Council Member King -

- Attended the presentation regarding the Ecorse Road partnership between Ypsilanti Township and the City of Ypsilanti and would love for the City Council to have a presentation so we can know more about that partnership and the details of it.

- The Water Street meeting is tomorrow at 7 o'clock at 300 Michigan Ave.

- May the 28th will be a citywide youth voter civic engagement event at Park Ridge from 6 to 7.30.

- There will be a dance party at the Senior Building on May the 22nd, at 7 o'clock p.m, and that's at 1015 Congress, and also a card party on May the 29th from 3 to 7.

Council Member Fellows -

-Talking about the idea of having a celebration to commemorate the city allocation to fund a community responder program.

- Next Tenant Rights Committee meeting is May 29th. I believe it's 2.30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

- Shout out the Wet Meadow project, which is happening in Riverside Park. It is going to be native plants and different things in the south side of the park.

- Mentioning the Prospect Park improvements. I think they're seeking a grant,

- Requesting that we get a timely report from Chief Anderson about the YPD's part of the siege incident in January,

Council Member Simmons -

- Looking for support to nominate Laura Bowler to the Sustainability Commission, upon the Commission's recommendation. Council Member Fellows will support.

- Naming that people have noticed the signs for ICE staging areas and noting that these can be found on the City's website, under the City Council page.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:15p.m.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

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XV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. WCAA Letter and Resolution Affirming Constitutional Compliance and Clarifying the Authority's Role in Federal Immigration Enforcement**

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

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.**