



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 PM - Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

City Manager Hellenga updated Council that Resolution No 2026-144, approving the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the TPOAM, was removed and postponed until July 21, 2026.

City Manager Hellenga requested Council move up Item G, approving the sale of City-owned parcels to the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, above item A. The motion passed upon a voice vote as follows:

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 2 Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows
Absent: (0)

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. 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)

V. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution No. 2026-137 Entering into a Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c), for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of the Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan collective bargaining agreement.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-137 Entering into a Closed Session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c), for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of the Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan collective bargaining agreement. 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 left the chambers at 6:40pm.

B. Resolution No. 2026-138 Leaving the Closed Session and returning to the Open Session of this meeting.

Council returned to Chambers at 7:10 pm, Mayor Brown called Meeting to Order at 7:13 pm.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-138 Leaving the Closed Session and returning to the Open Session of this meeting. 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)

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

26 members of the public spoke.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. City Communications 2025 Review

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026-145 Approving the sale of specified City-owned parcels to the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA), for the construction of a new east side transit center in the Ypsilanti Downtown district.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-145. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-145 by adding "In supporting this resolution, Council would like to reopen discussions on reformatting the board/adding representation." Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Nicole Brown, Amber Fellows
No: 2 Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean
Absent: (0)

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-145 Approving the sale of specified City-owned parcels to the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) in the amount of \$705,000, for the construction of a new east side transit center in the Ypsilanti Downtown district, 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon left the Chambers at 8:29p.m. and returned at 8:30p.m.

B. Resolution No. 2026-139 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council.

Council Member Simmons left at 9:29pm.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-139, Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (1) Desirae Simmons

C. Resolution No. 2026-140 Appointing Resident Peter Church to the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, with a term ending July 1, 2029.

Council Member Simmons returned at 9:31pm.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-140 Appointing Resident Peter Church to the Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission, with a term ending July 1, 2029. 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)

D. Resolution No. 2026-141 Appointing 2 Residents to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Board.

Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:33 pm and returned at 9:36 pm.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-141. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Simmons moved, supported by Council Member McLean to appoint Ryan McCarty to the full term. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Council Member King moved, supported by Council Member Tooson to appoint Juanita House to the partial term. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-141 Appointing Ryan McCarty, partial term, and Juanita House, full term, to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Board. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 1 Steve Wilcoxon

Absent: (0)

E. Resolution No. 2026-142 Authorizing the Removal of the Encampment at Kramer Street and Bell Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to extend to 11:00pm. The motion passed upon a voice vote.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-142 Authorizing the Removal of the Encampment at Kramer Street and Bell Street. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to Table Resolution No. 2026-142 to next meeting, July 21st. 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 Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Simmons, to amend Resolution No. 2026-142 to have city manager meet with certain parties. Upon discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon moved to Table Resolution No. 2026-142. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (5) Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows, Desirae Simmons

No: 2 Michelle King, Roland Tooson,

Absent: (0)

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

F. Resolution No. 2026-143 Supporting the Washtenaw Community College (WCC) proposed replacement operating millage on the August 4, 2026 ballot. Removed and Postponed Until July 21, 2026

G. Resolution No. 2026-144 Approving the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the TPOAM, for the term commencing on July 1, 2026, and terminating on June 30, 2030, as presented and authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the city after approval by the City Attorney as to form. Removed and Postponed to July 21, 2026 Meeting.

Removed

H. Resolution No. 2026-146 Authorizing to renew the Service Agreement with CivicPlus in the total amount of \$42,867.64 for online municipal services, including Website, Codification, NextRequest, SeeClickFix, and Agenda Meeting Management.

Wilcoxon left the Chambers at 11pm, returned 11:01pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-146 Authorizing to renew the Service Agreement with CivicPlus in the total amount of \$42,867.64 for online municipal services, including Website, Codification, NextRequest, SeeClickFix, and Agenda Meeting Management. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

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

No: 0 None

Absent: (0) Steve Wilcoxon

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

New member, their next meeting is Thursday June 25th.

B. Human Relations Commission

Their next meeting is June 22nd at 6:00pm.

C. Parks and Arts Commission

Their most recent meeting was Monday, June 15th.

D. Sustainability Commission

Nothing to report.

E. Historic District Commission

Nothing to report.

F. Planning Commission

City Planner Josh Burns is currently updating data center provisions, a discussion will be held at their next meeting.

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

Nothing to report.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

They will have a General Assembly on the 26th and a Task Force meeting in December.

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Their next meeting is June 17th.

C. Urban County

Nothing to report.

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Nothing to report.

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

They are in the process of preparing their financial and annual report.

Council Member Simmons said "It's fun"

Council Member Wilcoxon reiterated that "The pool is open, it's fun"

XI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Tooson: Summer fest coming up, organizing softball game following Sunday

King: Thank you to everyone coming out, Juneteenth Celebration this weekend, emergency Town Hall if Kramer and Bell St cannot be solved

Fellows: Hope public goes out for Juneteenth, next council meeting is in a month, and then another month after that. Presentation on vacancy registration fees and tax for August agenda

Simmons: add Walter Whit to HDC for next agenda supported Mayor Brown, Community School Government toolkit for metrics and assessment out, new resources for renters for complaints, will offending landlords be published, Mr. Rice seeking permission for metal detecting on Frog Island or amendment to 2018 resolution, Zinc House protecting some graffiti art / designating areas. MOU for sharps, add to July agenda supported by Wilcoxon.

McLean: WCC agenda item removed as president could not attend, moved to July
Wilcoxon: Mayor and McLean hosted Wootback for environmental issues in the City of Ypsilanti saw Water Street, Riverside Park, and the Dam, connected with Nature Conservancy. Water Street meet up for committee walked property with Ed Koryzno new camp present to be discussed later

Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 11:11p.m. and returned at 11:12p.m.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown is looking forward to the City's Juneteenth event, and wished everyone a happy Juneteenth.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

The next City Council Meeting will include discussions on the bathrooms RFP, a fee schedule, and a towing contract. The Youth Alliance Arts Center groundbreaking was last week.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Britton reminded everyone elections are coming up. Treasurer Vicki Simon is rallying youth involvement with elections.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:13 pm.

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