MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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, Council Member Fellows, Council Member McLean, Council Member King, and Council Member Tooson. Absent Council Member Simmons and Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen.

Council Member Fellows moved, supported by Council Member Tooson to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxen and Council Member 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 King seconded the motion.
Council Member McLean requested that Resolution No. 2026-191 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the AGENDA as amended. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

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

10 Members of the Public spoke.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. Vacancy Tax/Registration Fees Presentation by Jasmine Kaltenbach of MI Home Rule Project and Mia Loseff of Local Progress.

VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

A. Ordinance No. 1470 – "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates within the City of Ypsilanti."
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-182, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2026-181, determination.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1470 – "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust water service rates within the City of Ypsilanti" upon first reading. Council Member King seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-182, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2026-181, determination.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

B. Ordinance No. 1471 – "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal service rates within the City of Ypsilanti."
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-184, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2026-183, determination.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 1471 – "An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to adjust sewage disposal service rates within the City of

Ypsilanti" upon first reading. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-184, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2026-183, determination.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2026-185 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-185 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

B. Resolution No. 2026-186 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2026.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

C. Postponed Resolution No. 2026-144 Approving the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the TPOAM, for the term 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.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

D. Resolution No. 2026-187 Approving the tying of teal ribbons in the business districts during the month of September for "Tie the Town Teal" to bring awareness to Ovarian Cancer.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

E. Resolution No. 2026-188 Appointing Residents Matt Jones, Barry Larue, Erika Lindsey, Hannah McCready, Paul Schreiber, and Anne Stevenson to the HDC Study Committee for Amendment to Ypsilanti's Local Historic District, until completion of the study.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

F. Resolution No. 2026-189 Appointing Resident Kidus Hiwot to the Planning Commission, with a term ending July 1, 2029.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

G. Resolution No. 2026-190 Approving the request of Maniacal Mead Co., located at 15 E Cross Street, for a Social District License, contingent on the approval of Maniacal Mead Co's request for a local liquor license.

Approved under the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 2026-185.

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2025-193, approving a Small Wine Maker Off-Premises Retailer Permit, with outdoor seating, dance and a social district, for Maniacal Mead Co., for use at 15 E Cross St. Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-194, closing the public hearing.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2025-193, approving a Small Wine Maker Off-Premises Retailer Permit, with outdoor seating, dance and a social district, for Maniacal Mead Co., for use at 15 E Cross St. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-194, closing the public hearing.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

B. Postponed Resolution No. 2026-179 Adopting the fee schedule pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and the following fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City are hereby established, and the various City Departments are authorized to charge and collect such fees, effective immediately.

Council Member King moved to Approve Postponed Resolution No. 2026-179 Adopting the fee schedule pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and the following fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City are hereby established, and the various City Departments are authorized to charge and collect such fees, effective immediately. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

C. Resolution No. 2026-195 Approving, upon Second Reading, Ordinance No. 1466 amending the Zoning Map to rezone the property located at 424 S. Mansfield (Parcel No. 11-11-39-340-003) from PMD – Production, Manufacturing & Distribution to GC – General Corridor.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-195 Approving, upon Second Reading, Ordinance No. 1466 amending the Zoning Map to rezone the property located at 424 S. Mansfield (Parcel No. 11-11-39-340-003) from PMD – Production, Manufacturing & Distribution to GC – General Corridor. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

D. Resolution No. 2026-196 Approving the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1467, entitled "Walk-Up Window Zoning Text Amendment".

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-196 Approving the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1467, entitled "Walk-Up Window Zoning Text Amendment". Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

E. Resolution No. 2026-197 Awarding a professional services contract for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update to SmithGroup in the amount of $96,900, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City, following review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Council Member McLean left the Chambers at 9:30p.m and returned to the Chambers at 9:31p.m.
Mayor Brown left the Chambers at 9:34p.m. and returned at 9:36p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-197 Awarding a professional services contract for the Comprehensive Master Plan Update to SmithGroup in the amount of $96,900, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City, following review and approval as to form by the City Attorney. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

F. Resolution No. 2026-198 Approving the Park Restroom Renovation Project at Parkridge Park, Riverside Park, Prospect Park, and Candy Cane Park and authorizing staff to competitively bid the work; also authorizing to utilize funding from CDBG and to release an RFP for the project.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-198 Approving the Park Restroom Renovation Project at Parkridge Park, Riverside Park, Prospect Park, and Candy Cane Park and authorizing staff to competitively bid the work; also authorizing to utilize funding from CDBG and to release an RFP for the project. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

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

G. Resolution No. 2026-199 Appointing a voting delegate and an alternate delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention to be held in Traverse City, Michigan, October 7-9, 2026.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-199 Appointing Mayor Brown as voting delegate and Council Member King as alternate delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention to be held in Traverse City, Michigan, October 7-9, 2026. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

H. Resolution No. 2026-200 Awarding a contract for Frog Island Parking Lot Replacement Construction Services to OHM in the amount of $142,825; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-200 Awarding a contract for Frog Island Parking Lot Replacement Construction Services to OHM in the amount of $142,825; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

I. Resolution No. 2026-201 Awarding a contract for Prospect Road Bridge Design - Superstructure Replacement to OHM in the amount of $305,860; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-201 Awarding a contract for Prospect Road Bridge Design - Superstructure Replacement to OHM in the amount of $305,860; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and that any change orders may be approved by the City Manager to facilitate completion of this work. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

J. Resolution No. 2026-202 Awarding the 2026 Janitorial Services contract to Facilities 360 for an annual cost of $59,400 and authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract documents and any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-202 Awarding the 2026 Janitorial Services contract to Facilities 360 for an annual cost of $59,400 and authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract documents and any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

K. Resolution No. 2026-203 Adopting the Special Events Policy.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-203 Adopting the Special Events Policy. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-203 by adding that the City will provide the updated fee schedule to all events who signed a contract or paid fees on or after July 1, 2026. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-203 Adopting the Special Events Policy, as amended. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

L. Resolution No. 2026-204 Adopting the proposed Parks & Events Fee Schedule.

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-204 Adopting the proposed Parks & Events Fee Schedule, as well as amend the Noise Permit policy to extend the 76 decibels until noon. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

M. Resolution No. 2026-205 Approving the proposed Freighthouse Fee Schedule.

Council Member King moved to Approve the Resolution No. 2026-205 Approving the proposed Freighthouse Fee Schedule. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

DPW Director Wessler noted that some information in this fee schedule may not have been clear and she may have misspoke on something.

Council Member McLean moved to Reconsider Resolution No. 2026-205. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(5)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	0	None
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

Discussion continued regarding the effects of this fee schedule on community events.

Council Member McLean moved to Amend Resolution No. 2026-205 by amending the hourly rate for Community Events from $150 to $80 for weekend events. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(4)	Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No:	1	Michelle King
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

Amended Resolution No. 2026-205 passed unanimously upon the second vote, after the reconsideration vote and the amendment.

N. Resolution No. 2026-206 Approving an amendment to the contract with OHM to add additional design, survey, and permitting services in the not to exceed amount of $38,200, bringing the new total to $278,760; also authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign this contract amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-206. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Council Member Fellows moved to Table Resolution No. 2026-206. Council Member King seconded the motion. The motion failed upon a roll call vote as follows:

Yes:	(1)	Amber Fellows
No:	4	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-206 Approving an amendment to the contract with OHM to add additional design, survey, and permitting services in the not to exceed amount of $38,200, bringing the new total to $278,760; also authorizing the Mayor & City Clerk to sign contract amendment, subject to approval by the City Attorney. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(4)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No:	1	Amber Fellows
Absent:	(2)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen

Council Member McLean moved, seconded by Council Member Tooson, to extend the meeting until 11:15p.m. The motion passed upon a voice vote.
Council Member Fellows was feeling unwell and left the meeting and Chambers at 11p.m.
Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting for 2 minutes at 11:01p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:03p.m.

O. Resolution No. 2026-207 Awarding a contract for underground storage tank pump conversion, upgrades to the key reader at DPW, and upgrading the DPW and Fire Veeder-Root monitoring systems to R.W. Mercer in the total amount of $73,638.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-207 Awarding a contract for underground storage tank pump conversion, upgrades to the key reader at DPW, and upgrading the DPW and Fire Veeder-Root monitoring systems to R.W. Mercer in the total amount of $73,638. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(4)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No:	0	None
Absent:	(3)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Amber Fellows

P. Resolution No. 2026-208 either approving or denying the FOIA appeal of Alexander Munro, regarding 24 N. Huron St permit records.

The City Council Received and filed this FOIA appeal.

Q. Submitting FOIA appeal of Alexander Munro, regarding Solid Waste.

The City Council Received and filed this FOIA appeal.

R. Submitting FOIA Appeal of Alexander Munro, regarding FOIA 26-172 fees.

The City Council Received and filed this FOIA appeal.

S. Resolution No. 2026-191 Approving the request of ACE Pyro, LLC for a Pyrotechnics Permit for the Fall 2026 Football season at EMU, subject to approval by the Fire Department.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-191 Approving the request of ACE Pyro, LLC for a Pyrotechnics Permit for the Fall 2026 Football season at EMU, subject to approval by the Fire Department. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(4)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No:	0	None
Absent:	(3)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Amber Fellows

T. Resolution No. 2026-192 Approving the request from ACE Pyro, LLC for an additional Pyrotechnics Permit for an additional fireworks display at the conclusion the game on September 4, 2026 at Rynearson Stadium, 799 N Hewitt Road, Eastern Michigan University.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-192 Approving the request from ACE Pyro, LLC for an additional Pyrotechnics Permit for an additional fireworks display at the conclusion the game on September 4, 2026 at Rynearson Stadium, 799 N Hewitt Road, Eastern Michigan University. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes:	(4)	Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No:	0	None
Absent:	(3)	Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxen, Amber Fellows

Mayor Brown mentioned issues impacting the Embracing Differences portraits in the park and then adjourned the meeting at 11:15p.m.

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

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Submitting correspondence related to the two Proposed Charter Amendments, via Initiative Petition.

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.