



**APPROVED**

**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.  
YPSILANTI, MI 48197  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER –**

Mayor Edmonds Call meeting to order at 7:10 PM

**II. ROLL CALL –**

Council Member Anne Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Nicole Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent		

**Motioned by Council Member Murdock to excuse Council Member Anne Brown and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson from being late, seconded by Council Member Vogt.**

**III. INVOCATION –**

Mayor Edmonds asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

**V. INTRODUCTIONS –**

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following: Interim City Manager Frances McMullen, Chair Ronda Walker, Interim City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, City Attorney Jon Barr, Fire Chief Anthouard, Police Chief DeGiusti, Director of Economic and Community Development Beth Ernat, Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Rasheed Atwater, Tanesha Moore Student Body President of EMU, Beth Desherate won primary for Ward 2 Seat in election, Dwayne Harrington from YUCA, Kent Early OHM, Stan Kirton Public Works director, Fiscal Director Marilou Uy.

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –**

**Moved by Council Member Nicole Brown second by Council member Vogt to approve the agenda.**

Updates to the agenda Council Member Murdock take item Resolution No. 2016-179, approving amendments to the Police Complaint Form and item Resolution No. 2016-180, approving amendments to Police Policy 16 and directing the Police Chief to implement the changes off of the Consent Agenda. The items were asked to be moved to 8 and 9 under the Resolutions/Motions/Discussions. This was seconded by Council Member Vogt.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as amended.

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**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

*Lock it or Lose it- Chief Tony DeGiusti*

Chief Tony DeGiusti provided the presentation on the subject of Lock it or Lose it. **(See Presentation on City Website)**

This is an initiative between Copack and Ypsilanti Police department. Dearborn ran same project which saw a decline in property crime. Lock it or Lose it campaign. One in the Adam’s lots one in the Washington Lot and one in the Huron Lot.

Mayor Edmond asks if it is set up the same way in Dearborn to which the police chief replies yes. Edmond asks Adam outdoor if there is a program for in kind bill boards. Council Member Murdock asks if we’re going to do anything with landlords and student population. DeGiusti says they are going to incorporate it into the Student orientation packet at EMU.

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

- 1. Sara Walsh- 113 Linden Court- city non-motorized transportation committee adding bike lanes to Forest Avenue. Part of plan since 2010 provide continuity between city boundaries and emu. Create more access and transit options for community, bikers safer by giving them a designated space.
- 2. Russ Orwell- director of community director at EMU- in favor of new polling place at EMU Honors College, help students a great deal for voting, great handicap accessibility in the building. Help students engage in voting while not detracting other people from voting
- 3. Tanisha Moore 900 Oakwood- student body president and commissioner for human relation commission for Ypsilanti, invite everyone to rock the boat from September 9th 2 to 4 student center patio also wants to talk about how important the polling place is, the money for busses can be used for other polling issues

**IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –**

- Mayor Edmonds talks about the great importance of EMU student body government and how much they have helped and looking forward to holding another meeting on EMU campus.

Comments based on audience participation? If there are no comments we will move on to the Ordinances.

**X. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING –**

*Ordinance No. 1272*

- 1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti.
  - A. Resolution No. 2016-170, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

B. Open public hearing

Dwight Harrington YUCA- August 24<sup>th</sup> YCA board will consider recommendation for rate adjustment 6.2 increase in water rate 5 in water rate surcharge decrease of 2 % to 61% ordinance that come from these changes are considered in the 2016 2017 YCA budget and it will have 4.3% increase for the city division customer average bill a minimum 4.3 percent increase or 3.52 cents on bimonthly bill average user for see approx. 5.53 increase on a bimonthly bill the Great Lake Water authority increased rates by 6.2% this year. They continue to manage the downturn but the increase in water energy and water increase from great lakes waste water maintenance and EPA standards have caused increases Township is seeing ordinances and with consideration ask for adjustments within these ordinances for 2016

C. Resolution No. 2016-171, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI**

**That the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Murdock asks for a summarization of their conversation.

Dwight Harrington says that as they talked a year ago they hired a rate expert to evaluate the rate structure they completed their study last month and gave the information and passed it on to a finance committee which a formal presentation was given to. It will go to their ward before coming back to the City and Township. Reevaluating the minimum charge and a ready service charge and a flat charge that will go away from the minimum users in which someone who use 2 units pays the same as someone who uses 6 units. It will go to a flat charge then a charge for every unit after that.

Murdock asks if there are dates for finance committee meetings which they have not. Murdock then asks if the rate covers other things than just purchase of water. E

Harrington answers that PA standard for waste water and water in Detroit part of the increase is also the lower consumption which has been in a gradual decline over the last few years, because the base consumption is less than it was the last few years. A lot on the water side of consumption is also from Detroit.

Mayor Edmonds says it seems like a broken model.

Dwight says the idea is to run the plant and run purchase water so when you use less it doesn't make it cheaper, there is a fixed costs that is for more or less units, which causes the increase. At the other growing you would have to have the same type of increase to justify cost. Unfortunately the infrastructure cost is fixed.

Mayor Edmonds mentions about being at a conference in which they discussed green infrastructure and aged infrastructure and ways to mitigate those. She sees them happening in Ann Arbor over the years, watching the systems not being able to take large rain. She asks what YUCA is going to do about this.

Harrington answers that there are two things being talked about, waste water and storm water which is outside of YUCA, it is a county issue.

Mayor Edmonds wants to know how do they work together to fix this issue?

Harrington replies that the project of replacing the water pipes 20 years ago was a huge thing. The City was correct in doing that, he then goes on to say that the storm water is a separate issue and he will have to go back to find out how it works together.

Council Member Murdock says that over the years they have a lot of storms and instead of going to the treatment plant which they want to do, less usage and paying more is the reason they are looking at a new system. The City has the same costumer base period, which makes it difficult.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-170 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 6                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 1 (A. Brown)                      VOTE: Carried

*Ordinance No. 1273*

- 2. An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to increase sewage disposal service rates.
  - A. Resolution No. 2016-172, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 5% within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

- B. Open public hearing

**No comments from the public**

- C. Resolution No. 2016-173, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, and Section 106-455 (a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 5% within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Edmonds says she has a question before the vote on this. She asks that YUCA has the biggest available land solar ray and is a he electricity user, wo where is that on the docket?

Harrington answers that they've talked about it, wind, and solar. Wind is difficult because of the willow run but solar is still being investigated.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-172 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 6                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 1 (A. Brown)                      VOTE: Carried

*Ordinance No. 1274*

- 3. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the Code of Ordinances to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills.

- A. Resolution No. 2016-174, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI**

**THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills within the City of Ypsilanti by**

**adding a surcharge of 61% (a 2% decrease) to each water and sewage bill for billings to be deposited in a restricted debt retirement and capital improvements fund be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

B. Open public hearing

**No Comments by the Public**

C. Resolution No. 2016-175, close public hearing

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills within the City of Ypsilanti by adding a surcharge of 61% (a 2% decrease) to each water and sewage bill for billings to be deposited in a restricted debt retirement and capital improvements fund be officially closed.**

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-174 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 6                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 1 (A. Brown)                      VOTE: Carried

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA –**

Resolution No. 2016-176

**Mayor Edmonds mentions that item 3 and 4 were removed from Consent Agenda so only items 1, 2, and 5 will be spoken about.**

1. Resolution No. 2016-177, approving the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOVLED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> be approved.**

2. Resolution No. 2016-178, approving a blanket permit for window signs of any size for the month of October for businesses that participate with the Homecoming Court's "Paint the Town Green" project.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT a blanket permit for window signs of any size for the month of October for businesses that participate with the Homecoming Court's "Paint the Town Green" Project will be approved.**

- ~~3. Resolution No. 2016-179, approving amendments to the Police Complaint Form. (Removed and heard during Resolutions/Discussions/Motions)~~
- ~~4. Resolution No. 2016-180, approving amendments to Police Policy 16 and directing the Police Chief to implement the changes. (Removed and heard during Resolutions/Discussions/Motions)~~
5. Resolution No. 2016-181, approving MDOT Contract No. 16-5391 for the 2016 Signal Upgrade Project at the Michigan Avenue and Prospect Road Intersection.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the MDOT Contract No. 16-5391 for the 2016 Signal Upgrade Project at the Michigan Avenue and Prospect Road Intersection is hereby approved.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown  
 SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-176 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 6                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 1 (A. Brown)                      VOTE: Carried

**XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –**

1. Resolution No. 2016-182, approving contract with Erie Construction for permanent at grade rail closings at Grove and Park Streets.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, Funds have been programmed in the 2016-2017 FY-Budget for construction services for the permanent at grade rail crossing closures at Park and Grove Streets; and**

**WHEREAS, bids were solicited on MITN and by direct mail; and**

**WHEREAS, three sealed bids were received and opened on August 4, 2016 ranging from \$188,747.10 to \$169m967.00; and**

**WHEREAS, Staff recommends accepting the bid submitted by Erie Construction, Wood Haven, MI for the amount of \$169,967.00; and**

**WHEREAS, the construction services will be expended from account number 202-7-9061-973-04; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED THAT the City Council approves the bid submitted by Erie Construction, LLC.; and**

**THAT the mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign this contract, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and**

**That the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders that may be needed to maintain the project's schedule, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock  
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

Stan Kirton prepared to give the results of the bids.

Mayor Edmonds asks him if he was pleased with the Bid quality. To which Mr. Kirton says that yes he was pleased. Council Member Murdock asks if this is all going to be from MDOT, is it a reimbursement? Mr. Kirton replied that yes it is and we have already received the money. Council Member Murdock then asks if this is a prevailing waste job. Mr. Kirton says no it is not it follow the city standards.

City Attorney Jon Barr says he will have to look under the prevailing wage. Council Member Murdock asks if there is a state ordinance. Mr. Barr replies that he doesn't remember if it is in the contract. Dwight Harrington says that it is in the bid package with they are trying to find out right now.

Mayor Edmonds says this should be postponed and tabled until there can be an answer. Council Member Vogt asks if the City will receive more money than they will spend. Mr. Kirton replies yes the City will.

Council Member Murdock move to table the resolution to later Council Member Vogt seconds this.

Council Member Murdock revisits Resolution 2016-182:

Harrington states that yes it is in the bid package, all city ordnances including the prevailing wages.

Council Member Murdock Motions to remove from table, seconded by Council Member Vogt.

Kent Early says that this is relative to the contract Mr. Kirton spoke about for construction for Park and Grove Street. There were bids from 3 firms, Erie Construction at \$169,967 says they are capable of doing this, it is their recommendation to award the contract to Erie.

Council Member Robb asks about the account number mentioned in the contract as it is not on the budget. Fiscal Director Marilou Uy says the reason it is not on the budget is because the budget was finalized before the contract came up. Thus it will be amended to reflect this.

Council member Murdock says the crossing, while they're down there can they clean up the graffiti on all the structure. Early says they can ask for it to be done.

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On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-182 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016-183, approving contract with OHM for construction engineering services for at grade rail closings at Grove and Park Streets.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, City Council has approved the contract to permanently close the at grade rail crossings at Park and Grove Streets; and**

**WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure construction engineering services to expedite this project for the 2016 construction season; and**

**WHEREAS, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has provided an exemplary level of service to the City of Ypsilanti on numerous projects, and possesses a depth of experience with the infrastructure in the project area; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the construction engineering services proposal with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI at a not to exceed cost of \$29,800.00; and**

**THAT the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution 2016-183 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2016-184, approving the relocation of precincts 2-4 and 3-1, effective November 8th, 2016 and for all future elections.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is always striving to improve efficiencies when conducting elections and ways to make voting more assessable and convenient for the citizens of the City of Ypsilanti; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to improve upon space, efficiency and parking, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of Precinct 2-4, primarily a student precinct, from Estabrook Elementary (1555 Cross) to Eastern Michigan University's Honors College – former Trinity Church on W. Forest; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to improve upon space, efficiency, and to provide a voting place for students, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of 3-1, from Emmanuel Lutheran Church (201 N. River) to Eastern Michigan University's Honors College – former Trinity Church on W. Forest.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the relocation of precincts 2-4 and 3-1, effective November 8th, 2016 and for all future elections**

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro- Tem Richardson  
SECONDED BY: Council Member N. Brown

Interim Manager McMullen stated by saying that this started a while ago when students started to request a polling place on campus. They wanted one for the August ballot but they could not find a place in time. It would be an addition as a polling place, the campus was canvased and a conclusion was reached that the honors college would be the best place to put it. There will be parking outside the college, handicap spaces, and on street parking. Public works and police were asked to bag meters on the street for longer parking on Election Day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks what precautions are being taken and how will they go about preventing students from parking on the bagged meters and staying there all day. Manager McMullen replied by having more frequent parking enforcement for that area, and to have officers working routinely stationed outside to make sure traffic is flowing the way it should be.

Mayor Edmonds asks what about putting on the bagged meter something that says 30 minutes only. Manager McMullen says that it may take longer to vote, and we'll have people outside who will keep track of the people who went inside to vote.

Council Member Robb says that four major elections we're dealing with and making sure we know who are all taking place in these votes. Voting is low amongst students because they have a hard time getting to the polls. Voting is steadily high amongst residents; the residents will not be discouraged about going to another location to vote.

Council Member Anne Brown says that she received several calls over the weekend saying that people loved it and said that most of the residents from Ward 2 that called her said they were on board for relocating the polling place.

Mayor Edmonds stats that she appreciates the advocacy on campus for this idea. Council Member Murdock thinks is a great idea for the 3-1 and many people are looking forward to it. The 2-4 is a little different people crossing Leforge will still have to ride further to get to the polling place. Also, he asked that when mass mailing is sent to the voters and half of it comes back the Clerk are not cancelling these people are they. Manager McMullen replied that no the clerk does not cancel people on their first mailing, it will go back to their last know addresses.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-184

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Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2016-185, approving the installation of bike lanes on Forest Avenue and their inclusion in the City’s capital program &/or capital improvements plan.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has an adopted Capital Improvements Plan (2015) and Non-motorized Transportation Plan (2010); and**

**WHEREAS, bike lanes have been proposed on Forest between Norris and Prospect to bridge a gap in the existing bike lane system; and**

**WHEREAS, Planning Commission has made a recommendation to Council that the bike lanes be constructed, after further design review and potential inclusion in said design of safety improvements at intersections; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council authorize the construction of bike lanes on Forest between Norris and Prospect after the recommended design review has taken place and any necessary changes have been incorporated into the design**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Ms. Ernat begins by stating that this is a matter brought to us by the non-motorized committee to bring through a potential capital project. It has gone through public engagement and the planning commission is recommendation is to make these bike lanes as a pilot project, this is a paint only project with no curb adjustment or movement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richards asks if the planning commission approved this. Ms. Ernat states that yes it is a recommendation of the planning commission. Council Member Murdock states that this as a long history than what Ms. Ernat has said. It started as a non-motorized plan before it was adopted by the planning commission and the last three years Ypsilanti had budget put away for this project.

Ms. Ernat says this is project has momentum right now and that it is relatively low cost. Council Member Anne Brown asks if this will be included in the capital improvement plan? Ms. Ernat states that there is money in the plan for this project.

Council Member Murdock states that the Council may want to freeze the capital plan, on many of the projects you are doing. The freeze was only for the general fund budget, this project has already had money budgeted for it for 3 years. If the Resolution does not say to do it, I would like add something that says so. Ms. Ernat says that the resolution does say that.

Mayor Edmonds says that’s not what she got from it, what she read was that Council would be approving the plan and Ms. Ernat would be executing it in the future if they felt comfortable with the plan. Ms. Ernat says that the resolution is to go through with the construction, the recommendation comfortable to hold it for further examination. Council Member

Vogt wonders if the money is spent will there be less for other road services. Ms. Ernat says that this project would not come out of the road budget.

Council Member Murdock wants to clarify that the Act 51 money is for roads but a certain percentage of it has to be spent on non-motorized and its ineligible expense so it can't be used for cops or anything, and it has been in the budget for three years.

Council Member Anne Brown says that we just put a freeze on all capital projects. Council Member Robb points out that Council didn't freeze any of the projects that were approved when put forward by Mr. Lange. Mayor Edmonds wants to know what the other things are in the non-motorized docket this year or what is coming up on the capital improvement plan, we know it's the 5% what is the number out of 10,000. Harrington replies that he understands the question but does not have the answer right now. He states that 5% is actually at the county watts level.

Council Member Murdock points out that one of the reasons that the non-motorized group are looking at this project that didn't cost a lot of money that was in the plan, that got into 7 figures. This is basically a way to do something on the plan that we had the resources to do, been trying to fit it in for the last few years. Ms. Ernat says she is unaware of that her department is actively working on that part of this project.

Mayor Edmonds asks if this could be used for things such as bike stations, would that be part of the non-motorized transportation plan? Ms. Ernat states that they would have to get legal advice on that. Traditionally the money is used for the passing trails and grow the ease of non-motorized travelers.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any further comments. Council Member Robb says that he's supported the project for 3 years however this project goes about it the wrong way. He says that execution is everything, parking is an asset and we should not give up our assets. He states that five people came to the planning commission who lived on East Forest and asked that the parking remain the same.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there was an answer to that as whether that was a design consideration. Ms. Ernat states that there was a design consideration, but it would require more than just paint. Edmonds asks what would be required. Harrington states that with the required lane width the bike lane/parking combination to be eligible for the 51 funds you would need to wide it out by 18 inches.

Council Member Robb says that the combination bike path fades on Cross Street. It's his first time hearing that the street is too narrow, and Harrington is not doing a good enough job explaining this. Ms. Ernat says that Cross Street was done before the 5<sup>th</sup> street ordinance. Harrington agrees.

Council Member Murdock says that he believes that portion was looked at the planning commission. The applicant were not particularly happy about that, the bike path up to the city limit is no parking with bike lanes on both sides. Council Member Robb says if you make a mistake you should not continue to make it. Council member Murdock says he doesn't think it is a mistake.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-185

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5                      NO: 2                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- 5. Resolution No. 2016-186, authorizing the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of a new engine for a value of \$460,827 from SMEAL Fire Apparatus.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti Council approved \$430,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine for fiscal year 2016-2017. And,**

**WHEREAS, the purchase of this apparatus will tremendously increase the operational capability of the Fire Department and will substantially decrease the use and the maintenance cost of its aerial platform.**

**WHEREAS, the Fire Department received a bid from SMEAL Fire Apparatus for \$460,827.00 and a bid from The Zahnen Company for \$445,151.00. And,**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department Apparatus Committee, after carefully reviewing the truck specification assessed that the SMEAL Fire Apparatus will better serve the needs of the Fire Department.**

**WHEREAS, the purchase price of this apparatus exceeds the allocated budget by \$30,827. Several options are available to cover the additional cost such as: using prepay discount options, the sale of old Engine, or saving realized by equipment purchased with grant monies.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of a new engine for a value of \$460,827. And,**

**THAT, the City Manager is authorized to sign the purchase proposal to acquire this vehicle.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Fire Chief Anthouard began by saying that Scott Madison was instrumental in the writing the specs for this truck. He has been writing it for two years now. The Fire Department applied several years ago for the truck, there is an increase in price because it has been a year and a half. Chief Anthouard said that he can answer any questions about the financing or the technical restoration of what can be saved. Maddison will answer any questions as to why.

Mayor Edmonds asked why, can you give us the overview of the need for the new truck. Maddison says there are three overall reasons for the need of a new truck. The first reason is the 30 year structural warranty vs a 20 year warranty. Two compartment doors does not build an overlay door which is what was requested and two vehicles have overlay door, inside doors they have too much problem in needing of much maintenance in which only needed on door latch replacement in the last 10 years.

Maddison says that the Zahnen Company did not spec the pump as requested and the pump that the Spartan ERB spec will save money on the manufacture side. Also the SPARTAN ERB met the specs of a 24 thousand pound axel on the back of the truck that was requested, but leaves little room for improvement as the weight on the vehicle will be around 2390 pounds. SMEAL did the same but moved up to a 27 thousand pound axel giving extra room.

The repair facility for SMEAL is closer as well being in Northville as opposed to Greenfield. He also stated that the alternator the City asked for was a 270 amp, which SMEAL opted to go with a 320 amp. Finally because we do not know how long we are going to keep this truck the 30 year warranty is a better deal Maddison says. If the truck hits the 20 year mark then there are still 10 years left on the warranty.

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Mayor Edmonds asks the Chief if he can give the need. Chief Anthouard says that the need is in direct correlation with the staffing going down to 5 a shift. It gives the fire department more flexibility as to what truck to use. He states that the tower truck uses a lot of gas and the goal is to reduce its usage by about 60%. The Chief says the tower truck will only be used in fires.

Council Member Vogt asks, for public consumption, how will the truck be deferred to the fire department, how will it be paid for. Chief Anthouard answers saying that the current truck that we want to replace is 20 years old. There are many items that do not work on it. Last year it failed its pump testing. There are three stages three levels, twice the truck overheated and it went over 212 which meant the truck had to shut down. The truck cannot be used for fire; the fuel tank is punctured and can only be filled up to half.

Maddison also replied by stating that - one of the big items we have to do with the pump testing, not sure what the problem is it's not cooling itself and because the temperature raises so much can't continue the test. A mechanic says that it'll be 10 thousand to put in a new radiator for a 20 year old truck. The top of the fuel tanks are rusted can only fit so much fuel, over fill it, it leaks all over.

Council Member Vogt says that the truck is unreliable and unsafe, but let's talk about funding. Chief Anthouard says the money was moved twice to capital improvements. Also the bulk of the money is going to give us the chance to use a bond option. It won't be 460 thousand it will be reduced by either 10 thousand or 13 thousand depending on the option taken. Also, we may be able to get 12 thousand by selling the current truck says Chief Anthouard.

Mayor Edmonds wonders if there are repairs that can be put into the old truck to raise its resale value. Maddison says it's possible but the Fire Department is scavenging some equipment from the old truck to use on the new truck to cut down on the price of it. Edmonds then wonders what would be the market for the old truck. Maddison answers that small towns would be interested in purchasing and a few organizations, Chief Anthouard adds that it will be refurbished for use.

Council Member Ann Brown asks the Chief if he had applied for any grants. Chief Anthouard says that yes they should receive a few grants. The money that Ypsilanti will save on the money from the line times that we did not use was 35 thousand; we did a 10% match. Council Member Anne Brown then asks if this was one of the items in the Capital Improvement. Manager McMullen said yes and council approved it and so that it would not be subject to freezing.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-186

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2016-187, approving an increase in a professional services contract for Environmental Attorney Mikalonis not to exceed an additional \$15,000, for a total of \$28,923.62.

**RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

**IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:**

**WHEREAS the Water Street Project requires additional environmental planning and testing and negotiation with the State of Michigan and others, and**

**WHEREAS the City has employed the services of attorney Saulius K. Mikalonis, an expert in environmental legal services at a rate of \$225 per hour for environmental legal services and has been satisfied with his work, and**

**WHEREAS the attorney fees will be more than \$25,000 and require City Council approval,**

**NOW THEREFORE, additional legal services of attorney Saulius K. Mikalonis are approved up to an additional \$ 15,000.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Mr. Barr starts off by saying about a year ago the Herman Kittle matter was moving forward to recoup from the state organizations and departments the MISHDA raised problems with environmental concern. Mr. Barr says that it was very clear that the City needed an environmental audit, the City came to my office and I said we need an expert to look at this. With the Manager's approval I did a search for an environmental attorney and found this specific attorney who was not connected to this issue. Mr. Barr says the attorney's work has been satisfactory and the City Manager only has the authority to approve 2500, we would like 3000 to continue his work.

Ms. Ernat says that he has been invaluable over the past couple of months. We still have work to do with the MISHDA staff and we believe consistency will be key. Council Member Anne Brown asks when they expect this. Ms. Ernat says that since we do have a purchase agreement with Herman Kittle we need to finish those projects.

Mayor Edmonds says that he has been really valuable to us in advising this kind of project and how to proceed on it. Council Member Anne Brown asks if he is preparing to do care plan or is that staff. Ms. Ernat says he is preparing to do care and he supervising the middle so it has to go to Herman Kittle for answers and it has been submitted.

Council Member Anne Brown asks if Ms. Ernat or Mr. Barr will be amending the scope of the work. Ms. Ernat says no they don't think so and Mr. Barr says it's a continuing scope.

Council Member Robb says that he supports doing this; however this practice of spending money until we reach our limit then asking for more is part of the old management system. He says that we need to be much more accurate of what we need to spend ahead of time. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she agrees with Robb and there should be a system in which there is no continuous need to ask for money.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-187

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

7. Resolution No. 2016-188, approving a 3.5% raise for the City Clerk once Interim City Manager duties are relinquished.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City Clerk reports directly to the City Council and is supervised by the**

**governing body; and**

**WHEREAS, the City Council has evaluated City Clerk Frances McMullan for her performance over the evaluation period; and**

**WHEREAS, Ms. McMullan rated a 4.1 out of 5.0 for her performance;**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Clerk be awarded a 3.5% pay increase not to be paid until she has relinquished her duties as Interim City Manager.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown  
SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson starts by saying she thinks that the City has to remember the evaluation is over a year old and she doesn't think waiting however long before Manager McMullen's interim manager duties are over is fair to her. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she think we should be right and fair to everyone.

City Council Vogt says that this is a compromise between different points of view roughly averaging the three positions. He would like to point out that there is no point in making affective as Manager McMullen is making more money in her current position as Interim Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she agrees that the payment was a compromise coming together. She is not bothered by that as she voted on the increase. Mayor Pro-Tem says her problem is the evaluation is a year behind and she feels that there should be retroactive pay.

Manager McMullen then says that she is puzzled as to how that applied to something that was a year old. She says that went back and applied it to what is going on now, and she feels that the evaluation should be based on the merit of the work she did then.

Council Member Vogt says that the disagreement stems from the effective date and amount, they did not resolve the issues of retroactive pay and it is hi interoperation that it was not resolved. Council Member Ann Brown asks if this was the recommendation from the committee to which Council Member Vogt says yes it was.

Mayor Pro-tem Richardson says that was she did not understand, they never used the word retroactive but they did talk about paying from the time of the evaluation. Council Member Anne Brown says they need to deal with the issue before us with the 3.5% which will resume when Manager McMullen goes back on roll.

Manager McMullen says she was like to ask council to consider a different percentage because historically not long ago employees were given raises for taking on extra duties. The Clerk has taken on extra duties, we have given raises to employees taking on extra duties, so I think I deserve more than 3.5%.

Mayor Edmonds says she would like to accept the resolution that is being presented at this time. Council Member Murdock says that talking about this issue for a year and a half we need to bring it to some conclusion so we can move on. Council Member Robb says that the reason the evaluation is late because the rest of Council did not finish it. He says that Murdock didn't even compete one and that the evaluations are in their mail boxes and he'll pick them up Friday.

Mayor Edmonds says that she will not be able to have it done by then as she is busy, but can have it the next week. Council Member Anne Brown says that under new business they still have to say it doesn't entail anything about the responsibility of the treasurer.

Council Member Robb states that the goals that were set were not goals for her. Council Member Anne Brown goes on to say that she is referring to the specifically the responsibilities she has taken on as the Treasurer and none of this is reflected on the evaluation.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-188

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Absent	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4                      NO: 2                      ABSENT: 1                      VOTE: Carried

8. Resolution No. 2016-179, approving amendments to the Police Complaint Form.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, through the direction of City Council the Police-Community Relations/Black Lives matter Joint Task force was created, and comprised of members of City Council and the Human Relations Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, the Task force was given the directive to improve the relationship between the Ypsilanti Police Department and the community at large; and**

**WHEREAS, through public input the Task Force selected improving the complaint process and created a clear and concise form with several options to submit the complaint.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the revised Citizen Complaint form.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Mayor Edmonds asks Council Member Nicole Brown to walk them through this. Council Member Nicole Brown says that they basically went through the first form and made some edits, so that citizens can write out their complaints a little more clearly, as well as adding an online component. Some small edits on the questions and gave the citizens a chance to decide how they want to receive correspondence, and an area form for a complaint number so you can follow up if you want to be anonymous.

Council Member Anne Brown says that they reduced it from several sheets down to a front and back that allows people to submit this form anonymously online and have several places they can complete this form. This is a police and citizen complaint form. She then asks Chief DeGiusti if he had a chance to review it.

Chief DeGiusti says that the YPD are very pleased with the form and there isn't much difference in the policies then what's on the form. Mayor Edmonds asks if it make sense for us to approve it in the first place. Council member Nicole Brown points out that the two do not necessarily go together and the process is how the police handle citizens coming in to make complaints.

Council Member Robb states that he created a form back in December and had it all laid out. In January he took the form to the task force and asked for approval, it then took 8 months and they sent it back changed with things moved around. Council Member Robb states that the fact that it took 10 months and this is the first thing being put forward is

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embarrassing and he's voting against it. He also points out that the form he created was benchmarked across 7 different police departments across the country he says his objection is that they are not taking time to rewrite the task force form. The committee is likely to adopt an oversight which will go to the HRC then back to us.

Mayor Edmonds says she could care less about voting on a form that is laid out different. Council Member Robb says that staff gave us that form, it was laid out by staff. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson ask why the form for the task for is going to HRC and not Council as the task force was formed by Council anything dealing with it should go through Council first.

Council Member Robb says that they moved some things around and made other changes. Mayor Edmonds says that Council decided to refer to HRC, and then it kept working with them or a few months. So what is before Council now is the form of substantive changes, questions and further on the form. She asks about where to drop off the form.

Council Member Nicole Brown says that there are several locations to drop it off. It will be sent to the City Manager, Police Chief and Attorney to be investigated. Council member Ann Brown says that there will be notifications once the form is submitted. Mayor Edmonds asks if they call in to the police department or the Clerk. She says she would recommend on the website where this is or on the form that if you have any questions where you can call.

Council Member Nicole Brown points out that people will receive a receipt with a number on it to call after turning in the form. This will allow for a follow up with the complaint. Mayor Pro-Tem asks if its going to be 7 days just receive the receipt. Council Member Anne Brown says its going to be up to 7 days not in 7 days.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richards then says that too long, if she made a complaint she would want to receive a receipt right then when she turned it in. Council Member Anne Brown says you will receive a receipt if you hand it in in person. Council Member Nicole Brown says that if you drop it off or submit it online it can take up to 7 days due to USPS. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson thinks that it should say that on the form. Council Member Nicole Brown says they are trying to keep the form as simple as possible and changing the language can cause the form to get to large.

Mayor Edmonds then says her amendment would be to add a main contact. Chief DeGiusti says he would suggest putting the YPD down as the contact because if you call the Clerk they'll just have to call YPD anyway. Council Member Nicole Brown says that part of the revamping was the people's fear of communicating with the police department and wanting a neutral contact. DeGiusti says that they are talking about police and community relations, which means the police should be talking to the citizens. Mayor Edmonds believes that this is about ease of access in which calling the Clerk you are more than likely to get someone to answer than calling the Police Department.

Council Member Nicole Brown says that she thought the concern was the following up with the receipts. Chief DeGiusti says you can drop it off at three different places, the clerk office may not know. Council Member Anne Brown says whoever receives the complaint should always call the clerk to give them the number. Council Member Vogt wonders what number to which Council Member Anne Brown states the complaint number.

Council Member Vogt says that he was brain storming and says that the complaint number on the City website subset and having a police message saying we need more information please contact this number. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says there are still people who do not have access to computers or the internet.

Mayor Edmonds points out that she agrees with Council Members Nicole Brown and Robb about not making it too long. She also says that the Clerk's office is our main source of citizen communication. Council Member Nicole Brown ask what phone number was it, she will add the number to the Clerk's office complaint form. Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any more questions or comments on the adding the phone number? Council Member Robb opposes this to which Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks if he is opposed to the Clerk's number on the form any number on the form.

Council Member Rob says he is opposed to redesigning the forma at a council meeting. He says what does adding a number even means. Does it go at the bottom or the top, he doesn't know.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-179  
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Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2016-180, approving amendments to Police Policy 16 and directing the Police Chief to implement the changes.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, through the direction of City Council the Police-Community Relations/Black Lives matter Joint Task force was created, and comprised of members of City Council and the Human Relations Commission; and**

**WHEREAS, the Task force was given the directive to improve the relationship between the Ypsilanti Police Department and the community at large; and**

**WHEREAS, through public input the Task Force selected improving the current Police Policy 16, which governs the Department how to process a complaint filed against an officer.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the revised Police Policy 16 and directs the Chief of Police to implement the changes in the policy.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Council Member Nicole Brown says that some edits concerning when the constituents come in to the police department were made. Who they encountered and how mediation was to occur. Pronouns were changed from he’s and she’s to the complainant and verbiage was changed and sent to the HRC who did not make any changes.

Mayor Edmonds said to clarify her question of when they were looking at the overall zero representation and things that sort of informed and composed our policy from that. Council Member Nicole Brown said they looked at it and don’t believe that it was anything superficially changed.

Council Member Anne Brown said it was submitted anonymously the police would seek to find out who that person was, that was the change that was made. Mayor Pro Tem Richardson asked Council Member Nicole Brown to repeat her last comment. Council Member Nicole Brown said that it was edited with many changes from the campaigns it was just edited to make it more neutral for people.

Mayor Edmonds asked the Chief if he had any other comments. Chief DeGiusti said that has not seen it a very long time, and he asked Council Member Robb it was pretty much the same. Council Member Robb says they changed it. Mayor Edmonds says this not an edited version to show changes. Chief DeGiusti said he would have to look at it.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any further discussions. Manager McMullen asks if there is an appeal process, what if they go through the process and are not satisfied. Council Member Robb says that the policy is on how the policy handles the complaints. Manager McMullen says she is just taking a step further for the process. Council Member Robb says this policy is just on complaints but not he process.

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Council Member Nicole Brown says that it's not internal it's how the police handle a complaint when it comes to them. Mayor Edmonds says the review board on the sub-committee is still looking at the broader process and where a review board would come into an appeal process that question can be dealt with in a large process.

Manager McMullen says she only asked the question from past experiences as people bring in forms and don't know what happens next. Mayor Edmonds asks when are they discussing the next level of the appeal process. Council Member Anne Brown says that what Manager McMullen asked is if with the direction or subliminal material completing this form there will be something starting what to do its unsatisfactorily.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-180

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

**XIII. LIASON REPORTS –**

- A. SEMCOG Update  
Mayor Pro Tem Richardson says there is nothing at this time.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study  
Council Member Murdock says there is no meeting this month or last month
- C. Urban County  
Council Member Anne Brown says it was canceled
- D. Freight House  
Council Member Murdock points out that Mayor Edmonds accidently missed the freight house.

Ms. Ernat says that what has been created over the past few weeks were three different list. What to be completed by envision the contractor. We are officially out of money for the project two additional list one for a temporary sea of hope, all items that need to be addressed, then there is a long term to do before the end of the year list. Safety items have been added as things have popped up.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are safety items that are not safety items. Ms. Ernat says that they are required for long term maintenance to the building. Mayor Edmonds asks if it will be 60 days at max. Ms. Ernat says that what she attended to do was to update the MLU to include any ongoing maintenance items, which should be appearing shortly to Council. Her guesstimate is around October.

Mayor Edmonds asks how much money would be needed. Ms. Ernat says that she will be working on the friends of the freight house; with they had a meeting to request the City to wave a past bill that Council Member Murdock knows about.

Council Member Murdock says that it was moving dirt for the stimulus grant. Ms. Ernat says that the request had been made from the City to wave the amount, the request has not

been responded to. She says that it would be a good chance to leverage 24 thousand the Friends of the Freight House finished all of the needed work.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if there was a current operating budget for Friends of the Freight House. Ms. Ernat says there is not. Council Member Anne Brown asked if they are still doing fundraising independent for anything, Ms. Ernat says she cannot answer that.

E. Parks and Recreation

Council Member Anne Brown says the Park Commission would like to write down park fee form and break down the expenses as we come through a few events of trail town will be meeting in September.

F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Edmonds says the meeting is this Thursday.

G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance

Council Member Anne Brown says they are not meeting till September

H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force

Council Member Nicole Brown says there is no new news.

I. Friends of Rutherford Pool

Council Member Nicole Brown says maybe next week.

**XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –**

Richardson

- Wanted to know about the Town Center and if the elevator had been repaired.

Mayor Edmonds said she didn't get any report of it being down.

Ms. Ernat says that the elevator is still running, but the back-up generator did explode, which controls all the emergency power. She says that the fire department was told to get it done; they did not wait for a permit as it was an emergency.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked why they would need a permit. Ms. Ernat says because the generator, they will have to put a temporary one outside the building for the time being.

The remainder of this issue was carried over to Communications from the Mayor.

- Asks if there is a way to get more light in the parking lot out back.

Mayor Edmonds says there is a grant funding opportunity here as there is a company owned by an Ypsilanti resident making solar street lights. They work on many projects and are based out of Pittsfield but are City owned.

Council Member Nicole Brown ask why are they are in Pittsfield and not downtown Ypsilanti. Mayor Edmonds says they use manufacturing buildings as well.

- Fundraising for Parkridge and are selling t-shirts at 15 dollars and up so that people know they are free to give more. They will also be selling at the Parkridge Community Festival.

Vogt-

- Two things following up the discussion on truck roads. Using Hewitt Street as a truck route there is a petition from Stadium Meadows with 75 signatures opposing this.
- Wants to note the great pleasure he had presenting the City's proclamation to Charles Kettle's Medal of Honor winner.

Anne Brown-

- Council Member Robb under the 2016 Evaluation it says technical performance, if you can add in responsibilities in terms of Treasurer and take out Mayor Exchange Days. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson points out we were active in exchange days, but when we started cutting line items we determined that it was something we could no longer do.

Robb-

- No new business

Nicole Brown-

- No new Business

Anne Brown moved to extend meeting to 10:30 Nicole Brown seconded

Murdock-

- Second meeting September, September 20 is 47 days after the freeze. Council needs to have some options to balance budget in two year cycle FY 16-17 and 17-18 or have some options to come pretty close.

Mayor Edmonds says that if Council can have information ready by the first meeting in September then it will be easier getting ready for the second meeting.

**XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –**

- Town Center- Touched based with Congresswoman Dingle 3 times a day about this. Yesterday was the meeting, was there by phone, Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson was there as well as Council Member Anne Brown, Beth, Frank and Dan. There were also several residents around 8 or 9 people including on the phone for the City, 4 people from their headquarter, staff, legal services, 4 people from MISHDA. Mr. Barr was preparing a conversation.

Mr. Barr stats that its pretty well covered and the City is dealing with a meeting with other law firms involved and the mayor suggested we look at a pilot.

Mayor Edmonds says that the pilot is a piece that the City controls, they are understanding with so many bodies involved.

Ms. Ernat says that they are in their rights to condemn the building but are not the entity to relocate the residents. Not every resident are on the state or federal funding waiver or voucher.

Council Member Anne Brown says that the director of MISHDA indicated that there are no prior records of issues with that building.

Mayor Edmonds says that they are gather as much information as they can to look at the violation of the fair housing. Part of the problem is that residents feel like their complaints aren't being heard.

Council Member Murdock says that this is somewhat related to the pilot for contract. The Council should seriously consider a service fee.

Mayor Edmonds said she did talk to the Fire Chief today about the extent of extra runs. He said It does not justify charging for run as it continues its hard to say at this point. They are hoping to know more about the legal status by the end of the week and she will be in direct contact with the director of MISHDA. The fire department will be on call just in case the elevator fails.

- She had dinner with Mayor Bobby Hopewell of Kalamazoo and spoke to him about Mayor Things. She also spoke to Mayor Chris Taylor of Ann Arbor. One of the things that was bought to her attention was that a HUD funded building with Elevator issues is under law suit in Kalamazoo.

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –**

- EMU- October 18, like council to work on thinking about a date for the YCF school Board meeting.
- Still working on a location for EMU meeting and would like Council's input before proposing a date for the YCF meeting.
- Have meeting Tuesday with See Click Fix, so that we can let residents know we are acknowledging issues. Nan is currently monitoring it.
- Looking into the Facebook page to find out who was the original creator. Need to know if we can take it over fully or if we have to start a new page.
- Heidi is sending the list server still. Trying to get as much information from before she leaves at end of the September.
- Ms. Ernat announced that Ypsilanti has been approved for 200,000 grant for our Brownfield redevelopment. Water Works Bridge should be replaced by tomorrow, and mid-block crossing trail will be seamless.

**XV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

- None

**XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –**

- None

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT -**

Resolution No. 2016-189, adjourning the City Council meeting.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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