



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S. HURON
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Anne Brown	Present	Council Member Robb	(7:10)	Present
Council Member Nicole Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt		Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds		Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent			

Council Member Anne Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt, to excuse the absences of Mayor Edmonds, Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson, and Council Member Robb.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the absences were excused.

III. INVOCATION –

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock 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. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Anne Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve the agenda.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock introduced the following individuals: Miller Canfield Attorney Pat McGow, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Community Development Intern Rasheed Atwater, and Emmanuel Jones.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Emmanuel Jones, 6906 Plainview St., stated he appreciated Mayor Edmonds and Council Member Anne Brown for attending the Mentor Youth Annual Gala. He stated the annual bowling tournament will be held in April and invited Council to attend. He added Mentor Youth is a part of a coalition titled Communities that Care (CTC) which has been in existence for around two years and is now under the wing of Eastern Michigan University. He said a summit was held recently to understand what Ypsilanti youth needs and what is already being undertaken to understand what services should be provided. He said a follow-up meeting of that summit will be held at the Corner Health Center on Wednesday, January 13th at 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and invited all to attend.
2. Melvin Parson, stated he started "We the People Growers Association" which mission is to create a sustainable social enterprise to create a bridge for people returning home from incarceration. He said he is also the co-director of a mentor program titled "A Brighter Way" which is working with the Sheriff's Department to begin a pilot program to mentor individuals returning home being incarcerated. He stated his intention tonight is to introduce himself and how his organizations could partner with the City possibly leasing land in order to grow food on that land and hire people returning from incarceration to help reduce crime and lower recidivism.
3. Darius Simpson, 900 Oakwood, stated he believes why he has been attending these meetings has been clear. He said there has been a critique that he and the local Black Lives Matter movement is missing the response from Council and he asked Council to inform him of what has been accomplished so far regarding his organizations requests. He stated he is tired and screaming for freedom will cause that.

Council Member Anne Brown interjected that as an activist you cannot afford to be tired and you have to fight all day every day. Ms. Anne Brown stated Council has attempted to make comments but have been unable to respond because after Audience Participation those who comment from the Black Lives Matter Movement leave. Mr. Simpson responded he is here tonight to hear the response from Council. Ms. Anne Brown stated collectively Council has around 60 to 70 years of fighting for the struggle in one way or another. Ms. Anne Brown stated when she graduated from Eastern Michigan University it was the anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. march in Washington D.C. Ms. Anne Brown stated she called her father to tell him that they should attend and her father responded that he was there in the 60's and this is her time. Ms. Anne Brown stated each week that local Black Lives Matter movement comes makes their comments and leaves and bangs on their drums and beeps their horns not expecting Council to stand up and say that they have been in this fight and Black Lives Matter is important to every member of Council. Mr. Simpson thanked Council and stated the protests will continue indefinitely.

4. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated from what he understands is the local Black Lives Matter Movement has been requesting to meet with Council since October and Council should give them that opportunity. He stated he has received several calls over the last few months complaining about how their garbage is being picked up. He said taxpayers are not getting much in the terms of services for their taxes and asked that at least the garbage be picked up properly. He said

services that are less expensive do not mean they are better but the City will have to deal with Republic until the contract expires. He stated he hopes the City will not hire any more African American Policeman until it can be assured they will receive the same treatment and opportunity as white male officers. He said he knows that black officers are not being treated equally as white officers and if they do not it means the City Manager and Police Chief have failed.

5. Nathan Phillips, 509 N. Washington, stated the Native American community supports the Black Lives Matter movement but do not seem to get reciprocation when the Native American Community needs support. He stated Ypsilanti needs something for Native Americans and not just renaming Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples Day, which still has not happened. He thanked the City Council for the change that has occurred and hopes it continues.

IX. REMARKS BY THE ACTING MAYOR PRO-TEM –

- Thanked everyone for speaking and asked Council Member Nicole Brown for an update on the Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated the next meeting of the Task Force is January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Council chambers. Ms. Nicole Brown said during the meeting a letter will be drafted including the recommendations developed by the Task Force which will be forwarded to the Human Relations Commission for approval and then to Council for ultimate approval. Council Member Robb added the letter will include recommendations on the complaint process and procedures as well as training recommendations. Council Member Anne Brown stated the process has been very informative and there are processes of the Police Department that the Task Force does question and appreciates the local Black Lives Matter Movement for encouraging Council to make changes and Council will not let up until every policy is in line. Council Member Nicole Brown added she understands that part of the demand is to see action immediately but government cannot always function that quickly. Ms. Nicole Brown asked that the Black Lives Matter Movement not be frustrated and Council is working as diligently as possible to make these changes. Darius Simpson responded it is not that his organization wants change now what they want is there to be momentum and urgency for change. Ms. Anne Brown replied Council does have a sense of urgency and Council Member Murdock brought his concerns to Council over the summer.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated she agrees with Mr. Tooson's criticism about the trash services of Republic. Ms. Nicole Brown stated it is the goal to make the City clean and safe and this is not acceptable. Council Member Anne Brown added there have also been several complaints on Facebook regarding this issue. Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock echoed the statements of Council Member Nicole Brown and said he has received several complaints from residents regarding service.

- Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock stated the Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force is very close to making several recommendations for policy change. He added there are also a couple of vacancies on the Human Relations Commission that need to be filled as soon as possible and if there is anyone interested in those positions they should contact Mayor Edmonds and the City Clerk.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2016-001

1. Resolution No. 2016-002, approving minutes of December 7, and December 15, 2015.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of December 7 and December 15, 2015 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2016-003, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
John Shuler (reappointment) 316 E. Forest Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Human Relations Commission	11/1/2018
Nicole Putala (new appointment) 914 Pearl Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Parks and Recreation Commission	11/1/2018

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

Council Member Anne Brown stated Ms. Putala would be the fourth representative from Ward 2 and the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Commission require three representatives from each Ward. Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock responded it was his understanding that one member of the Commission from Ward 2 does not attend regularly and the Mayor was going to ask if he wanted to continue to serve.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and Resolution No. 2016-001, Consent Agenda was approved.

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-004, authorizing issuance of Limited Tax General Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 (Taxable).

WHEREAS, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), authorizes the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, Michigan (the "City") to refund or advance refund all or any part of its outstanding securities; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously issued its 2006 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds (Taxable), dated June 8, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$15,740,000 (the "Prior Bonds") which were issued for the purpose of refunding the City's 2003 General Obligation Taxable Capital Improvement Bonds, General

Obligation Taxable Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2003B, General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A, and General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B (Taxable) relating to the City's Water Street redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to pay a portion of the principal amount of the Prior Bonds with a contribution from available funds and the City has also been advised that it may be able to accomplish a net savings of debt service costs by refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Prior Bonds through the issuance of refunding bonds by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Act 34 in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$8,250,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of refunding all or part of the Prior Bonds in order to achieve interest cost savings for the benefit of the City and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to negotiate the sale of the Bonds to Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. (the "Underwriter") within the parameters established by this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Authorization of Bonds; Bond Details. Bonds of the City shall be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$8,250,000), as finally determined upon sale thereof, to be designated LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016 (TAXABLE) (the "Bonds"), for the purpose of paying the cost of refunding all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and issuance costs of the Bonds.

The Bonds shall consist of bonds registered as to principal and interest of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of such maturity. The Bonds will be dated as of the date of delivery, or such other date as determined by the City Manager or Fiscal Services Director (each, an "Authorized Officer"), be payable on May 1 (or such other date as determined at the time of sale thereof) in the years and in the annual amounts determined at the time of sale, provided that the final maturity date of the Bonds shall not exceed the final maturity date of the Prior Bonds. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined upon negotiated sale thereof, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1, first payable as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale, *provided that* the true interest cost on the Bonds shall not exceed 4.50% per annum. The underwriter's discount shall not exceed 0.75% of the par amount of the Bonds. The Bonds may be issued as serial or term bonds or both and may be subject to redemption prior to maturity as determined at the time of sale.

Interest on the Bonds shall be paid by check drawn on the Transfer Agent mailed to the registered owner of the Bonds at the registered address, as shown on the registration books of the City maintained by the Transfer

Agent. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the City to conform to market practice in the future. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan who is hereby selected to act as the transfer agent for the bonds (the "Transfer Agent").

Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the City. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption) the called amounts of each certificate; the redemption date; the redemption price or premium; the place where Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein.

2. Execution of Bonds; Book-Entry Only Form. The Bonds shall be signed by the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk and shall have the facsimile seal of the City printed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized representative of the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and be delivered by it to the purchaser in accordance with instructions from the Fiscal Services Director upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the offer therefor when accepted. Executed blank certificates for registration and issuance to transferees shall simultaneously, and from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the Transfer Agent for safekeeping.

The Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC") and the Authorized Officers are authorized to execute such custodial or other agreements with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book entry only form and to make such change in the Bond Form within the parameters of this Resolution as may be required to accomplish the foregoing.

3. Transfer of Bonds. The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the City. Any Bond may be transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the

Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the City shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

4. Security for Bonds; Limited Tax Pledge of City; Defeasance of Bonds. The City hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds. The City shall, each year budget the amount of the debt service coming due in the next fiscal year on the principal of and interest on the Bonds and shall advance as a first budget obligation from its general funds available therefor, or, if necessary levy taxes upon all taxable property in the City subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay such debt service in said fiscal year. The City Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a separate fund with a bank or trust company designated by the City Council to be known as the LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016 (TAXABLE) DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), the moneys to be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature. Into said fund there shall be placed the accrued interest, if any, received at the time of delivery of the Bonds.

In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, shall be deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein.

5. Issuance Fund; Escrow Account; Proceeds of Bond Sale. Proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and to secure payment of the Prior Bonds to be refunded (the "Refunded Bonds") as provided in this paragraph. Upon receipt of the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, the accrued interest and premium, if any, shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. From the proceeds of the Bonds there shall next be set aside a sum sufficient to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds in a fund designated LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016 (TAXABLE) BOND ISSUANCE FUND (the "Bond Issuance Fund"), which may be established by the City or an escrow agent. The moneys in the Bond Issuance Fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. Any amounts remaining in the Bond Issuance Fund after payment of issuance expenses shall be transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund for the Bonds. The balance of the proceeds of the Bonds, together with other available funds of the City, if any, shall be deposited in an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") consisting of cash or cash and investments in direct

obligations of or obligations the principal of and interest on where are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing (the "Escrow Securities") and used to pay the principal of and interest on all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds as determined by an Authorized Officer at the time of sale. Each of the Authorized Officers is hereby authorized to select and appoint a bank or trust company qualified to serve as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent") and to negotiate the terms of and execute and deliver an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") on behalf of the City. The Escrow Fund shall be held by pursuant to the Escrow Agreement which shall irrevocably direct the Escrow Agent to take all necessary steps to call the Refunded Bonds for redemption on the first date such Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption. Each Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to appoint an Escrow Agent and execute the Escrow Agreement on behalf of the City. The amounts held in the Escrow Fund shall be such that the cash and investments and income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds when due at maturity or call for redemption as required by this section. Each Authorized Officer is authorized and directed to purchase or cause to be purchased, Escrow Securities, including but not limited to, United States Treasury Obligations – State and Local Government Series (SLGS), in an amount sufficient to fund the Escrow Fund.

6. **Bond Form.** The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such changes as may be required to conform to the final terms of the Bonds established by the Sale Order:

**LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2016
(TAXABLE)**

<u>Interest Rate</u> <u>CUSIP</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Original Issue</u>
	May 1, ____	_____, 2016

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:
Dollars

The City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "City"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date specified above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon (computed on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above, payable on November 1, 2016 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is

payable upon presentation and surrender of this bond at the corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Detroit, Michigan, as registrar and transfer agent for the Bonds or such other transfer agent as the City may hereafter designate (the "Transfer Agent") by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to an interest payment date. Interest on this bond is payable to the person or entity which is the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the City kept by the Transfer Agent, by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the registered owner of record at the registered address.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of even date of original issue aggregating the principal sum of \$_____, issued pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of refunding certain outstanding securities of the City.

This bond, including the interest thereon, is payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the City, and the City is required, if necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the City for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional, statutory, and charter tax rate limitations. For prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged.

Bonds maturing in the years 2017 through 20___, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 maturing in the year 20___ and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the City, in any order of maturity and by lot within any maturity, on any date on or after May 1, 20___, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the Transfer Agent, upon presentation of the bond called for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption.

Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owner of any bond or portion thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered address of the registered owner of record. A bond or portion thereof so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption provided funds are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem said bond or portion thereof.

This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the City kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing and upon the

payment of the charges, if any, prescribed in the resolution authorizing this bond, a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond. Neither the City nor the Transfer Agent shall be required to transfer or exchange this bond or portion of this bond either during the period of fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the date of the mailing of any notice of redemption or (except as to the unredeemed portion, if any, of this bond) after this bond or any portion of this bond has been selected for redemption.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the City, including this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter debt limitation.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, by its City Council, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the City by the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and City Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

City Manager Lange introduced Pat McGow of Miller and Canfield to answer any questions that Council might have.

Par McGow, Miller and Canfield, stated after he spoke with Council during Goal Setting a number of options were discussed, and from the discussion the City's Finance Department was directed to put together documents requesting that part of the outstanding Water Street bond which will provide the flexibility for the remaining amount to either be paid down on that May 1st date or at a later time. Mr. McGow stated this resolution will authorize the refinancing of \$8 million of the outstanding bonds which would lead to a significant reduction in interest. Mr. McGow said in order to do this the City must save 5% of the net present value of the debt services.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the timeline is. Mr. McGow responded the timeline is if approved tonight the proposed sale of the bonds could occur by late February and this would be the day that the interest rate would be set. Mr. McGow stated the actual closing would occur in late March because the City needs to provide a 30 day notice in order to call the bonds by May 1st.

Council Member Vogt asked if the new bonds will also hold a time limit after which they could be refinanced. Mr. McGow responded in the affirmative but would not be callable for the first 10 years. Mr. Vogt asked if the bonds are refinanced, it would not result in 15 more years in interest. Mr. McGow responded in the affirmative.

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Murdock asked if the interest rates would be locked in for the span of the 15 years. Mr. McGow responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated this resolution specifies to not refinance more than \$8,250,000. Mr. McGow responded in the affirmative and said it would be used to pay down principal, issuance cost and other related items. Mr. Murdock stated there is some flexibility. Mr. McGow responded in the affirmative but a decision must be made before the late February date.

Mr. Lange stated the reason behind this schedule is that it will not create any penalty. Mr. Lange stated the federal government for the first time in eight years will raise interest rates which might actually help the bond market. Mr. Lange added the timing is critical to carrying the 6.1% interest and the longer that is carried the more it can add to the debt and the paying down of the debt will also help to decrease the interest.

Council Member Vogt stated this block of bonds will be refinanced to lower the interest rate and hopefully when the 10 years end the City will be able to pay them down. Mr. Vogt said in the meantime there is hope to sell property to pay off another set of bonds over the next two to three years. Mr. McGow stated that is generally correct, the remaining \$5 million will still incur interest at 6.1% but the City will have the ability to pay those off any time after the May 1st date. Council Member Murdock stated it is not a onetime option. Mr. McGow responded correct and said the point of this option is to provide flexibility.

Council Member Vogt asked how much is the fair market value for the remaining property on Water Street. Mr. Lange responded a conservative number would be around \$3 million. Mr. Vogt asked if that estimate accounts for infrastructure construction. Mr. Lange responded the infrastructure will be parceled out with each development so it is difficult to provide hard data on the amounts required for funding. Mr. Lange added the City also has other commercial properties that are for sale and if things become too dire the City could refinance additional funds. Mr. Vogt asked what would be able to be applied to the debt if all Water Street property is sold. Mr. Lange responded somewhere between \$2 million and \$3 million. Mr. Vogt asked what the projected sale price per acre is. Mr. Lange responded it varies but on average \$300,000. Mr. Vogt replied \$300,000 with the City's commitment for infrastructure subtracted. Mr. Lange responded it depends on the development and location. Council Member Murdock added it should be understood that revenue created by the sale of property will take time to get to the City.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-006 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Edmonds, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016-005, approving Rules and Regulations of the Parking Violations Bureau.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council amended Ypsilanti City Code Section 102-81 to establish a Parking Violations Bureau for the purpose of handling all alleged parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, Public Act 154 of 1968, as amended (MCL 600.8395); and

WHEREAS, Section 102-81(b) of the Ypsilanti City Code provides that “[t]he City Manager or the City Manager’s designee will, subject to the approval of the City Council, establish a convenient location for the Parking Violations Bureau, appoint qualified City employees to administer the Bureau and adopt rules and regulations for the operation thereof;” and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council has approved the City Clerk/Treasurer’s office as the location of the Parking Violations Bureau and the staff of the City Clerk/Treasurer’s office to administer the Bureau, by adopting Resolution No. 2015-263; and

WHEREAS, the duly appointed and approved Parking Violations Bureau has promulgated the attached Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS these Rules and Regulations are consistent with the Ypsilanti City Code, resolutions adopted by this City Council, the rules and procedures of the 14A2 District Court, and the laws of the State of Michigan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ypsilanti City Council approves the attached Rules and Regulations of the Parking Violations Bureau.

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

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene stated this will be the last step in finalizing the Parking Violations Bureau and this essentially lays out the rules on procedures of how the Parking Violations Bureau will operate. Mr. DuChene stated this resolution outlines payment options and what will happen if fines are not paid.

Council Member Robb stated the resolution does not mention online payments. Mr. DuChene responded the reason that was not included is because the online payment option is not yet available. Mr. Robb asked how payments will be stopped after midnight at the drop box. Ms. McMullan responded when payments are made by drop box they are posted as the day they are removed. Mr. Robb asked how can staff know when payments are made if they are put in the drop box. Ms. McMullan stated it would be posted the next day. Council Member Vogt added it seems that if it is not received during business hours it will be posted received the next business day. Council Member Murdock stated that should be made clear. Mr. DuChene responded the resolution reads once received.

Council Member Anne Brown asked why Visa is not accepted as a form of payment. Mr. DuChene responded that is the rule of the credit card company. Ms. McMullan added the merchant the City uses in the Treasury does not accept Visa but once the online payment method is operational Visa will be able to be used online.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-005 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Edmonds, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

XI. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – City Manager Lange stated he attends the Transportation Coordinating Committee which has changed its meeting schedule. He assured Council he will clear his schedule in order to continue attending that meeting.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – No report
- C. Urban County – No report
- D. Freight House – Council Member Murdock stated construction is continuing to connect the waterline and building the bathroom. He said he was told the work should be completed by March 1st.
- E. Parks and Recreation – Council Member Anne Brown stated the Trail Town Subcommittee met today January 5th and the development of blueprint for activities for the next 12 to 18 months is being discussed. She said the Commission also discussed recruiting volunteers to operate the canoe locker and to remove debris and tree trimming.
- F. Millennial Mayors Conference – No meeting
- G. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Council Member Murdock stated the Downtown Development Authority Director Tim Colbeck resigned.
- H. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – No meeting
- I. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force – Council Member Nicole Brown stated the next meeting of the Commission is on Monday, January 11th.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Nicole Brown

- Stated again that she would like a solution to how Republic picks-up garbage.

Anne Brown

- Stated she and Council Member Nicole Brown met with the African American Association of Contractors who meets every third Monday of the month at the Parkridge Community Center. She said that organization has a pre-bid meeting this week at Parkridge. She said a meeting has been scheduled with Bill Kinley.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated almost \$3 million worth of work has been completed on Adams St. and Prospect and the project combined came in \$100,000 under budget. He added the funding from the Washtenaw Road Commission should be given to the City in the near future.
- Asked that the fourth goal setting meeting be scheduled once the Mayor returns.
- Said the Parkridge Chess Club is ready to move forward with a tournament in January or February.
- Stated his record in race relations can go all the way back to his time in high school and on through his career he has been trying to endure that minority and

female employees have opportunities in the organizations that he has been in charge.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS –

XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Darius Simpson, 900 Oakwood, stated he is not concerned with the City Manager's record. He said he is not speaking for minorities or for females, he is here for African Americans and to make sure that the list of demands that were presented to Council are followed through. He expressed further displeasure with the City Manager's comments and said he would like that the City Manager begin to make the changes asked for in the present.
2. Richard Smith, Downtown Development Authority Board Member, stated things need to be accomplished in the proper manner and just continue to make positive steps until goals are met. He added when you approach an individual in a negative manner it is more likely that you will receive a negative response.

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING MAYOR PRO-TEM -

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2016-006, adjourning the Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.