



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

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; City Manager Ralph Lange, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, City Clerk Frances McMullan, Treasury Technician Rhonda Walker, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, DPS Director Stan Kirton, AKT Peerless Regional Director of Energy Services Jeremy McCallion, OHM Engineer Marcus McNamara, and Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Rasheed Atwater.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Anne Brown moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated she would like to add Resolution No. 2016-161, addressing salary adjustments for the Interim City Manager and Interim City Clerk, to section XI, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

Council Member Murdock stated at the last meeting there was a very light agenda and this meeting is very full. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson agreed. Mayor Edmonds responded items on the agenda could not be on last meeting’s agenda but noted the concern.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

Nation Outside – Aaron Suganuma, Coordinator

Aaron Suganuma and Hazelette Crosby-Robinson provided a presentation on the subject of ex-convicts being released from prison. **(See Presentation on City Website)**

Council Member Anne Brown asked the new name of the Michigan Re-entry Program, to which, Ms. Crosby-Robinson responded the Washtenaw Prisoner Re-entry.

Mayor Edmonds asked about increases and decreases in funding for re-entry programs. Ms. Crosby-Robinson stated there has been a drastic decrease in funding for re-entry programs. Ms. Crosby-Robinson added that Washtenaw County has the highest recidivism rates in the state at around 75%. Ms. Crosby-Robinson continued by stating that once re-entry programs were introduced, recidivism rates began to decrease until Washtenaw County had one of the lowest rates in the state; however, the program no longer has access to funding for certain services. Mayor Edmonds stated this is such important work and said she appreciated both individuals for being here.

Coal Tar Presentation – Sally Lusk, Huron Watershed Council

Sally Lusk, Ypsilanti Representative of the Huron Watershed Council provided a presentation on the dangers of coal tar seal coat use for construction. **(See Presentation on City Website)**

Council Member Anne Brown stated Council will probably be introducing a resolution similar to Ann Arbor's by the next Council Meeting. Ms. Lusk said the Council Staff would be willing to assist Ypsilanti in developing a resolution specific to Ypsilanti.

Mayor Edmonds stated the tremendous increase in cancer risk caused by coal tar is easily avoidable.

DPS Director Stan Kirton stated recently the City resealed City Hall's parking lot using a petroleum base, which is the same as used by Ann Arbor.

Rail Platform Feasibility Presentation – OHM

City Manager Ralph Lange stated, six months ago, the City was informed if it closed two at grade crossings and constructed a rail platform, MDOT would direct Amtrak to stop in Ypsilanti, which has not happened in 34 years and a new service has not been created in 22 years. Mr. Lange said City Council authorized \$145,000 to complete a preliminary study and the public now has a 30 day comment period with the next step creating a plan for execution.

OHM Engineer Marcus McNamara, Rick Gillotti, and Phillip Ladette Bergmann and Associates, provided a presentation on the Rail Platform. **(See Presentation on City Website)**

Mayor Edmonds asked if there would be a ticket kiosk on the platform. Mr. Gillotti detailed how ticketing is going to work, but is still under discussion. She added that most ticket purchasing is done online.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the reasoning behind the 300 ft. platform. Mr. Gillotti responded, it is a result of how many cars a train includes. Ms. Edmonds asked if a 500 ft. platform would accommodate current lengths, to which, Mr. Gillotti replied it would increase trips not necessarily number of trains. Council Member Murdock stated when this was previously discussed, the platform was 400 ft. Mr. Gillotti responded the length can vary and it depends on what Amtrak wants at that time. Mr. Lange said one of the trade-offs of this discussion is how much can the City save versus quality of product. Mr. Lange said this plan is a worst case scenario to which no authority involved would have an objection. Mr. Gillotti stated the worst case scenario is to not have the funding in place for this project. Ms. Edmonds asked if the designed project budget is fair. Mr. Gillotti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if Ms. Gillotti has been in contact with the other entities to ensure the cost amounts are in line with their projections. Ms. Gillotti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated one of the differences between Dearborn and the City of Ypsilanti is that the person the Dearborn Station is named after provided funding to build the station and Ms. Gillotti replied because of that, many options have been explored.

Council Member Vogt asked what the cost difference would be between a 300 ft. and a 500 ft. platform. Mr. Lange responded the 300 ft. platform would be 40% less. Ms. Gillotti responded he can provide the exact number to Council.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the platform would be made by a Michigan company. Ms. Gillotti responded the company is RLE International and she does not believe they are Michigan based but she did see the prototype in Sterling Heights. Ms. Edmonds said it is not made in Michigan but it is a Sterling Heights company. Ms. Gillotti responded she believes the company is based out of Germany and they have two facilities in the US and one is in Sterling Heights.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the exit would travel up Norris. Mr. McNamara agreed that there would not be a grade crossing since it is prohibited by Amtrak and MDOT.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the listed cost includes the \$145,000 for the feasibility study. Mr. McNamara responded that it did not.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the process is slowed down for rail stops that receive federal funding. Ms. Gillotti responded it also depends on what federal authority the funding comes from. Ms. Edmonds asked what authority would be recommended and Ms. Gillotti responded it would be the Transportation Authority or Federal Rail/Road Association because they would provide more funding. Mr. Lange stated time is money and the first stage of this project once completed will allow other funding mechanisms to become available.

Ms. Gillotti stated, currently, the dual platform is not feasible because the track is not live on both sides. Mr. Lange said MDOT is opposed to this because there is not a hard edge to the west side of this track.

Mayor Edmonds stated there has been concern in the community about the Border-to-Border Trail running along the edge of the parking lot. Mr. McNamara responded the design reflects pedestrian movement which has a direct route into Depot Town. Ms. Edmonds suggested as this project moves forward, it would be wise to revisit those concerns.

Council Member Anne Brown asked when the comment period begins and Mr. McNamara responded immediately.

Council Member Murdock stated the finances of this project are daunting and it is not known if this will be a commuter train. Mr. Murdock said the City should be concerned with the Wolverine stop and designs for

commuter rail can wait. Mr. McNamara agreed and said Option A is the minimalist plan. Mr. Murdock said it does not look like the City will have a second usable track for quite some time and at this point, why not plan to locate everything on the east side. Mr. Lange responded that nothing is planned for the foreseeable future on the west side of the track and all loading will occur on the east side. Mr. Lange added the issue that would arise with the stop only servicing the Wolverine Line is parking, which is why a crossing would be required. Mr. Murdock said the issue that has been discussed is that people would have to walk too far for parking and said the Ann Arbor Station people have to walk a long distance. Ms. Gillotti replied that is why their recommendation includes at grade crossing. Council Member Vogt asked if the minimalist plan does include parking improvements on the north east side. Ms. Gillotti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Vogt said parking improvements on the southwest side are not a part of that plan. Ms. Gillotti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Vogt said his concern is if all options are released, it could be confusing and create public outcry against the cost.

Council Member Vogt proposed moving forward with a minimalist plan only for public commentary because the other options will not be obtainable for quite some time. Mr. Vogt added he would like to hear feedback on any possible ways to shave costs and asked for clarification of funding sources; if those are funds the City has coming or must the City apply. Mr. Lange said this project cannot use Act 51 or Local and Major Street Funds. Ms. Edmonds said Local Street funds are listed in this project but they are allocated for parking lot construction. Mr. Lange responded those funds can be used for the area where Oak and Norris connect. Mr. Lange said the City will more likely to be awarded funding if it has money of its own dedicated to the project. Mr. Lange said there are several other funding opportunities that would be positively affected by the rail that could be tapped. Mr. Lange added the other options provided were done so Council could understand why and what they were objecting to.

Council Member Vogt asked if the City decides not to move forward with the rail project how much of this funding could be used for other projects. Mr. Lange responded \$760,000 could be used for a road project. Mr. McNamara added those funds have already been allocated to the City. Council Member Robb stated funding would come from Local and Major Streets and a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) bond. Mr. Lange replied the DDA agreed to a bond to support this project. Ms. Edmonds said it is actually \$760,000 in trade-off costs for other road programs. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked if it is the consensus of Council to only comment on the minimalist option. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded in the affirmative. Mr. Lange stated as the project moves forward, there will be other grant options available to the City.

Council Member Robb stated his biggest concern is in two weeks an election will be held that is very important to the future to the City and now Council is discussing a \$6.4 million option for a train platform. Mr. Robb said this platform could be the new Water Street and asked if \$2.1 million is a good investment for 25 people getting on and off the train each day. Mr. Lange responded that is not the correct characterization. Ms. Edmonds stated rail creates a very positive economic impact in terms of property values and other developments, which has been proven. Mr. Lange stated Amtrak's Government and Community Affairs Representative Derick James, volunteered to present Wednesday, July 27th about the value of rail. Mr. Lange said if the City chooses not to build the platform, the funding will go back to roads and the DDA might chose to bond for another project. Mr. Lange added this project is not like Water Street in the slightest.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the timeline looks like for the next steps. Mr. McNamara responded the normal course of action is to wait until after the comment period to avoid rework. Mr. McNamara said it is always difficult to provide a concrete plan but until the detail design is complete, those answers are not always available. Mr. McNamara suggested 30 days after the comment period closes a detailed report could be

submitted including those comments and proposal for the next phase. Mr. McNamara said at that point, it can be discussed about what kind of qualifiers need to be in the design. Mr. McNamara said this phase could begin the first Council meeting after Labor Day. Ms. Edmonds asked how long the design process should take, to which, Ms. Gillotti responded that it is difficult to make that projection because each project is so different. Ms. Edmonds asked for a best and worst case scenario. Ms. Gillotti responded that the best case scenario would be around three to four months and the worst case, up to a year. Mr. Lange said the substance of this project is, MDOT supports it and has the clout to push the other agencies involved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what the chances would be of MDOT backing away from this project. Ms. Gillotti responded in previous projects she has worked with, MDOT, if they agree to do something, do not back down. Mr. Lange said once the City has the service, it will not lose it.

Mayor Edmonds stated in the best case scenario, the proposal for detail design work, would take until the end of the year. Ms. Edmonds asked if the permitting time takes twelve to eighteen months, to which, Ms. Gillotti responded, permitting should take around six to twelve months.

Council Member Vogt stated the new northeast parking configuration would reduce the lot by six spaces and assumed everything was done to save as many spaces as possible; however, Depot Town Merchants are going to be very upset to lose any parking. Mr. Vogt asked if an improvement could be included for the southwest lot to show what can be done to get those spaces back. Mr. McNamara responded there is an option to allow the drop-off area in the east lot. Mr. Vogt asked if it would do a flow through to Oak St. and would the present parking configuration interfere with that. Mr. McNamara responded the only parking change on the east lot was to eliminate the angle parking and replacing it with a pull-up drop-off area. Mr. McNamara said the City could decide to not do that at all; reduce the drop-off area and allow some parking, and possibly resurface the west lot, but there is no way to gain spaces. Mr. Vogt suggested the plan contain sub-options for parking for the public commentary. Mr. Lange said parking is an issue for the DDA and the concept he had was to resurface the Frog Island parking north of the recycle center and maximize that parking. Mr. Lange said he has also spoken with Michigan Ladder to add a concrete walkway with minimal cost. Mayor Edmonds stated moving the recycling center would provide for additional parking as well and asked what the cost would be. Mr. Lange responded the issue with moving the recycling center is where it could be relocated. Mr. McNamara added the cost to raise the building is relatively low but until an alternate site is picked, it is difficult to estimate a price. Mr. Lange said that was left out of this plan because of issues of cost and delay.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if option one would include relocating the recycling center. Mr. Lange responded that it would not.

Mayor Edmonds agreed with Council Member Vogt to see sub-options for parking. Mr. McNamara stated he can provide those options.

Water Street Environmental Update – Beth Ernat, Economic Development Director

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat and AKT Peerless Regional Director of Energy Services Jeremy McCallion provided a presentation regarding Water Street. **(See Presentation on City Website)**

Mayor Edmonds stated before the Taska Testing was introduced, Water Street was not exceeding regulations. Ms. Ernat responded MSHDA has now decided Taska standards are the standards for PCBs.

Council Member Murdock stated when this began, it wasn't required but the City needed to do it anyway and asked why was this not completed 10 years ago. Ms. Ernat responded she cannot explain that. Mr. Murdock asked why it was not explained five years ago. Ms. Ernat responded the strategy behind Water Street was to wait for development and have the developer complete the Due Care Compliance. Ms. Ernat stated the Brownfield Tax Increment Financing was put in place and the Due Care Compliance was the next step. Ms. Ernat said it was completed now because of the Herman Kittle project but it could have been stalled, however, at this point, it costs the City nothing extra to complete the plan. Mr. McCallion stated regulations have been changed for the way things are done and submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality and now what is called a Due Care Plan is documentation of Due Care Compliance.

Council Member Murdock stated if the City does not complete the requirements of MSHDA, there will not be a MSHDA financed project on the site, to which, Ms. Ernat responded that could be the result. Mayor Edmonds stated Taska is the federal standard and MDEQ is the state standard but it should not be called standard because the MDEQ keeps changing. Ms. Ernat responded the MDEQ is under a lot of pressure at the moment and they are working under an Environmental Justice Standard that operates off a concept, not hard data. Ms. Ernat added MDEQ is apprehensive in signing off on projects that could cause trouble for the agency.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she has heard the contamination of the land stays with the original owner of the land and asked if they would be responsible. Council Member Robb responded he believes that is true if some testing is completed before the sale but who can the City try to recover remediation costs from because the companies that owned the land previously no longer exists. Mr. McCallion added the law reads; in order to be held responsible for remediation, the party must be a viable entity. Ms. Ernat said there are two things to do at this point, response and remediation.

Council Member Robb stated a PILOT was awarded to Herman Kittle to assist in gaining MSHDA funding and asked since there will not be MSHDA funding, can the PILOT be removed. Ms. Ernat responded she would have to look into the purchase agreement but the Attorney's Office is looking into the requirements. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene stated the PILOT would not be an effect if the project was no longer eligible for MSHDA credits and would not require action from Council. Mr. Robb said it would be a good public relations move for Council to remove the PILOT. Mr. DuChene said he does not believe the City should take that stance before the outcome is known. Mr. Robb said "Ms. Ernat said if the City does not complete MSHDA requirements, it will lose MSHDA funding and if there is no MSHDA funding there is no PILOT. Council Member Murdock stated Herman Kittle might decide to complete the requirements listed by MSHDA.

Mayor Edmonds asked if Council would like to apply for grant to support the Border-to-Border Trail. Ms. Ernat responded she has already had a preliminary conversation anticipating Council's decision on this matter and expressed that Council would support the grant. Council Member Murdock said he would be interested in pursuing that grant and asked what the remediation plan is. Ms. Ernat responded they would dig and remove the contaminant, air quality testing and monitoring, and a barrier would be put down. Ms. Ernat stated the response activity would be the fence. Mr. McCallion stated the fence removes access to the center are of the site but the Due Care Plan still must be submitted and approved by MDEQ before remediation can begin. Mr. Murdock confirmed that the part of the trail requiring remediation is all public property, and will stay public property. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Anne Brown asked how far down would the testing be required to dig. Mr. McCallion responded the testing only requires one foot down but the depth for the remediation could vary, but around two to three feet.

Mayor Edmonds stated the fencing is a requirement until the other sites are remediated. Ms. Ernat responded the PCB and lead areas need to be fenced in as soon as possible. Mr. McCallion added that area will need to be remediated at some point.

Council Member Murdock asked what the million dollars would be for, to which, Ms. Ernat responded to remediate inside the fenced in area. Mayor Edmonds referred to the fenced area asking if it is clear what the level of cleanup would be needed. Ms. Ernat responded it requires the highest level of clean-up because it could be residential space.

Mr. Lange stated he supports everything Ms. Ernat has said and he has been a supporter of this project as long as it made sense. Mr. Lange stated opening the trail is an extremely important item and the City is on budget for all of those items except it is around \$360,000 short in money received. Mr. Lange said the reason for that is the trail has been closed and the Department of Natural Resources will not pay the City until the trail re-opens. Mr. Lange stated County Parks still has \$29,000 each for both the trail and the bridge that has not yet been paid.

Council Member Murdock stated assuming the Council approves the fence, what is the timeline? Ms. Ernat responded that the next meeting this could be considered is in August, then it would be put out to bid, meaning construction could start in October.

Council Member Vogt stated the grant is meant to cover everything from Michigan Ave. to Grove, to which Ms. Ernat agreed. Mr. Vogt said if the City gets the grant, everything in that area could be cleaned up and there would be no issues with the trail, to which, Ms. Ernat also agreed.

Council Member Murdock asked if there would still be sections of the trail that would be fenced off and Ms. Ernat responded a small part of the trail would be fenced off.

Council Member Vogt asked if the sites in the fenced-in area are able to be developed. Ms. Ernat responded all sites are able to be developed.

Council Member Murdock asked if the City could receive information from Herman Kittle what studies they have performed through their Due Diligence. Mr. McCallion responded in the affirmative. Ms. Ernat responded that was part of the purchase agreement.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Deana White, 1185 Sweet Rd, stated a month ago she asked City Council to budget \$10,000 to the Rutherford Pool to assist with its programming. She thanked Council for approving that amount.

Council Member Anne Brown asked how she was notified Council had approved the \$10,000. Ms. White responded she saw it on Facebook.

2. Erin Schneider, 129 Bell, stated she and her neighbors have concerns the contamination from the former landfill could migrate to her neighborhood. She said she also has concerns with the zoning changes for most Bell and Kramer streets from residential to commercial because it's difficult to sell property because a mortgage is difficult to get if property cannot be rebuilt if it is destroyed. She said she had spoken with the Planning Department regarding these concerns and was told this would be

something City Council would be discussing in several of the upcoming meetings. She said this zoning designation is very impactful to the residents living on the street.

3. D'Real Graham, 3018 Roundtree Blvd, read a mission statement and said that many County and City officials have misrepresented the Black Lives Matter Movement and its origins. He said Radical Washtenaw wants to create a forum to share ideas primarily aiming to implore black youth to become more active in the community, aid in the struggle against economic segregation, to offer love and protection to the downtrodden, to be in the streets, to expose abuse when it is found, and to erode white ignorance. He said he shared this statement because the Black Lives Matter Movement has been misrepresented. He said RAW's vision is to provide to the underrepresented community issues that have great consequence to that community. He said RAW is also empowered to design programs for underrepresented communities a broader perspective of the systems and issues that impact them. He asked that in the future, Council and City leaders that RAW and KYB share similar values but are not affiliated. He said when you think of Tony Morgan do not think of Black Lives Matter and is disheartening that RAW is being linked to a national organization when it only focuses on Ypsilanti. He asked what the City is doing to increase equity for community members. He thanked Council for adding Jermaine Dickerson's mural to City Hall and hope the City adds a plaque so that people know who made the mural. He said he has asked repeatedly about Indigenous People's Day and how much time is needed to pass that resolution but he is very disappointed.

Mayor Edmonds stated that has already been passed. Mr. Graham asked when the public was notified. Mr. Graham asked if it could go public. Council Member Robb added an article was written in MLIVE.

4. Erica Savage, City Manager Assistance, stated that it was a pleasure working with everyone; this will be her last meeting and wished everyone the best.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Mayor Edmonds stated that when she first came to Ypsilanti, her friend, and NAACP Attorney, was talking about a similar issue that Ms. Schneider was referring to regarding contamination.

Mr. Lange stated it came as a response to the solar field and if placed at that site, it could have capped the issue. Mr. Lange stated from the report three years ago, there were gas pockets and the city had no way to know the extent without monitoring wells. Ms. Edmonds said she would like a summary report from staff including information from Ms. Schneider and the NAACP. Economic Development Director Beth Ernat responded she will be bringing a report at the August 16th meeting.

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 12:00 a.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended until 12:00 a.m.

X. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2016-153

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1. Resolution No. 2016-154, approving the minutes of July 5 and July 8, 2016.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of July 5 and July 8, 2016 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2016-155, approving appointment to Boards and Commissions (*Michael Davis to HDC*)

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>
Michael Davis (appointment) 905 Grant Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Historic District Commission	7/1/2019

3. Resolution No. 2016-156, approving amendment to FY 2016-17 Budget to include the I-94 billboard proceeds to be used for the pay down of the un-refunded portion of the Water Street Debt.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Council approved Resolution # 2016-047 on April 5, 2016 to sell the I-94 billboard easement to Adams Outdoor Advertising, LLC for \$470,000; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds will be used to pay down the re-refunded portion of 2006 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Refunding Bonds, leaving a balance of \$230,000; and

WHEREAS, the budget for FY 2015-16 that Council adopted included the \$470,000 additional pay down; and

WHEREAS, the actual pay down is scheduled August 1, 2016 instead of June 30, 2016 due to redemption requirements, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves the FY 2016-2017 budget amendments of the following accounts:

Pay down	\$470,000	
Principal, interest & fees for the balance of \$230,000		<u>\$ 24,873</u>
Account # 101-7-9670-999-23		\$494,873

Account # 477-4-000-699-01	\$494,873
Account # 477-7-9000-991-00	\$485,333
Account # 477-7-9000-995-00	\$ 8,790
Account # 477-7-9000-997-00	\$ 750
Total	\$494,873

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-153 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

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-157, awarding contract to American Fence & Supply Co., Inc. to erect a fence around the Water Street Redevelopment Area in order to reopen the Border to Border Trail.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti seeks to erect a fence around a portion of the Water Street Redevelopment Area in order to reopen the Border to Border Trail; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti let bids and received three qualified bids for the installation of a fence around a portion of Water Street Redevelopment Area and the bids are within the project budget; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to reject the lowest bid by Future Fence Company and accept the second lowest bidder, American Fence & Supply Co, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council waives the lowest bidder and awards the Water Street Redevelopment Area Fence bid package to the second lowest bidder, American Fence & Supply Co., INC, and seeks to its Mayor and Clerk enter into a contract to be approved by City Attorney from the amount of \$35,000 and allow change orders to be signed by the City Manager.

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

Ms. Ernat stated the lowest bidder excluded several items asked for in the bid specifications. Ms. Ernat stated the second lowest bid provided all that was asked for in the request for proposal (RFP).

Mayor Edmonds asked if the fence can be moved once it is no longer needed. Ms. Ernat responded the fence will be contaminated and will not be able to be used at another location.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the rear of the site has been cleared. Ms. Ernat responded no.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the fence was chain link. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene asked if there will be signage at the site. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-157 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. 2016-158, approving urgent Major Streets road repairs.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the condition of all the streets within the City limits were evaluated in the fall of 2015 using the PASER rating System; and

WHEREAS, City staff and OHM has identified several street segments in need of urgent repairs, and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2017 FY budget includes \$310,000 in the Major Road funds to make these urgent repairs, and

WHEREAS, the repairs needs far exceeds the \$310,000 budgeted, and

WHEREAS, City staff is requesting City Council prioritize and select the street segments council would like to bid out for repairs, and

WHEREAS, City staff is requesting City Council to consider appropriating additional funds if available to address additional street segments, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council authorizes staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to make repairs the following street

segments_____

_____, and

FURTHER, that City Council authorizes \$_____ be allocated to the Major Road Fund to fund these repairs.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

DPS Director Stan Kirton stated at a work session in September of 2015 several road segments were discussed. Mr. Kirton stated after roads were given a PASER rating which listed Cornell and Huron River Drive. Mr. Kirton stated he planned to use the Washtenaw Alternative Transportation funds to repair those roads however those funds are no dedicated to another project. Mr. Kirton suggested on allocating \$310,000 on Huron River Drive and Cornell.

Council Member Murdock asked if County funds could be used to repair those roads. Mr. Kirton responded they could not because it was not submitted by the deadline.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mr. Kirton is suggesting the City use \$310,000 to repair these roads. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Council Member Murdock stated \$148,000 of the \$310,000 came from the County and those projects would not be eligible. Mr. Lange stated the plan was to use half of the County money and the remainder coming from the Major and Local Streets Funds. Mr. Lange added the Major and Local Street Funds are in good condition and the amount for this project could be increased.

Mayor Edmonds asked for an explanation of the funding mechanisms. Mr. Lange responded \$148,000 would come from the County and \$162,000 would come from Major and Local Streets. Mr. McNamara stated when the County asked for support for a road millage last fall the road list was examined and the City was aware that the \$148,000 was not enough for a capital improvement project of this magnitude. Mr. McNamara stated roads that were in need of less improvements were selected to use the \$148,000 to repair. Mr. McNamara stated staff asked him to prepare estimates for roads with greater repair needs, which are listed at the bottom of the presented list. Mr. McNamara stated the decision is to either select off this list, including enough to satisfy the County requirement for the amount already budget, or if Council wishes to select a road not on the list, it would require a budget amendment. Mr. McNamara said he believes Cornell is the only road that would require a change condition. Mr. McNamara added if construction is delayed on Cornell, something will need to be done within the next year to ensure that road is passable.

Council Member Murdock stated the Road Commission must submit a specific list of roads to be completed and once adopted, there can be no changes. Mr. Murdock stated when the City was examining this early in the process, it was known the County money would not cover all of the costs but there was funding going to be contributed by Act 51. Mr. Murdock said also the legislature increased an allocation prior to the completion of a road plan and Ypsilanti was to receive \$100,000 and it was his understanding that would be used to make up a portion of the remaining balance. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated either next year or this year the new funding for roads begins and the City will receive an additional \$300,000, which could be used for an additional round of urgent road repairs. Mr. Murdock said repairs might need to take place before the \$300,000. Mr. Murdock stated Major Streets that are most in need of repairs are Cornell and Huron River Drive but there is a lot of work to be completed on local streets including walkability and other modes of transportation. Mr. Murdock said there are several future projects that have been discussed to allocate Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding such as the I-94 pedestrian

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crossing which is being delayed partially because of the delay in the Huron and Hamilton road diet, which was supposed to happen in conjunction. Mr. Murdock said the pedestrian crosswalk at Ferris and Hamilton also needs attention for safety issues. Mr. Murdock stated the City was also looking at a TAP grant for the Border-to-Border Trail out to Grove Street.

Mayor Edmonds asked if other options to fund these projects need to be examined before moving forward on this particular item. Council Member Murdock responded he is not certain that is necessary but when discussing road funding, Council needs to begin talking about it in a broader context. Mr. Murdock said the list of items before Council is specific to county funding and Council needs to discuss other possible needs in the City that need to be addressed. Mr. Murdock said there are several corridors in the City that require major construction, not simply patching holes. Mr. Murdock said he assumes the County money has to be spent on a project this year. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock said all of the streets on the list are important but he suggested Hamilton between Washtenaw and Forest be the main concern, which connects to the highway. Mayor Edmonds stated last September, we held a working session and it would be a good idea to have one once a year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson recommended the City do whatever it can for Cornell and said she is approached often asking for something to be done. Council Member Vogt agreed and said something must be done soon and said Huron River Drive is the worst stretch, particularly for a major street, which also needs attention as soon as possible. Mr. Vogt said he could agree with a project for Lowell because it is a major entrance to Huron River Drive and if there is more funding after those projects, Hamilton should be addressed. Mr. Kirton responded he does not think Lowell is in that bad condition. Mr. McNamara added Lowell would be more geared toward preventative maintenance.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mr. Kirton's recommendation is for the City to approve projects for Cornell and Huron River Drive. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated Cornell is on the list approved for county funding. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson asked if Huron River Drive is on that list. Mr. Kirton responded it is not but the City can use its own money for that construction.

Mr. Kirton suggested not doing any construction on Lowell and using that money for Cornell. Council Member Vogt asked if Hamilton should be considered as last on the list of projects. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Anne Brown asked how far down Huron River Drive would construction occur. Mr. Kirton responded Huron River Drive would be completed in spots and said most of the issues with that road are around the manholes.

Mr. McNamara stated there would be no issue with spending more money on Cornell and Huron River Drive but what would be seen is patching in most areas and a mill and overlay in others. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene recommended against doing that. Mr. McNamara responded then the plan would either to be preventative maintenance on the entire corridor or shorten the length of the mill and overlay. Mr. Kirton added Area one does not qualify for Community Development Block Grant funding so another funding source will be needed to complete the ramps. Council Member Murdock asked if Hamilton is in Area one. Mr. Kirton responded no, Area one is in the College Heights area.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there are ramps on Huron River Drive. Mr. Kirton responded there are not, and explained there are not that many intersecting roads on the stretch. Ms. Edmonds said it intersects with Oakwood which is such a key intersection in the City and accessibility is extremely important. Ms. Edmonds

asked if this funding could be used to install a sidewalk along the north side Huron River Drive. Mr. Kirton responded he does not believe so but there are funds available for non-motorized projects. Mr. DuChene added that would be on EMU's property not the City's. Ms. Ernat added the City does not own enough property on the right-of-way to install a sidewalk. Mr. McNamara said years ago, the City pursued funding for this project. Ms. Edmonds said the City should approach Congress and DTE because this is a major safety issue. Council Member Murdock stated that is why it is a major project. Mr. Murdock explained there are two intersections that need to be completed, plus sidewalks, and turn lanes. Ms. Ernat stated she is not sure how much of a road diet can be completed along that road because of the curve west of Leforge.

Mr. McNamara stated in the past, OHM was asked to provide Council with a list of road projects with costs but what it seems Council wants is a transportation capital improvement plan. Mr. Lange said there are a lot of capital projects that have occurred recently and this is more of a preventative maintenance issue which will free up cash for other projects.

Council Member Vogt offered a friendly amendment to the resolution to list the streets in the resolution as Cornell, between Washtenaw and Mayhew in the amount of \$70,000 and Huron River Drive, between Leforge and Cornell in the amount of \$100,000, and Hamilton, between Washtenaw and Forest in the amount of \$140,000 as listed in the potential project, at the total cost of \$310,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson accepted the friendly amendment.

Council Member Robb asked what the \$140,000 worth of repairs is for Washtenaw and North. Mr. Kirton responded spot patching for Cross and Hamilton. Mr. Robb asked if \$300,000 would have completed everything including ADA ramps. Mr. McNamara responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb asked how long \$300,000 would postpone the need for construction. Mr. Lange responded around seven years. Mr. Robb asked if the City selects a less expensive repair how long will it last before needing repair. Mr. Kirton responded around five years. Mr. Robb stated if the City spends \$140,000 the construction will last five years with no ADA ramps. Mr. Kirton stated not all the intersections cross all the way on that stretch. Mr. DuChene said if there are intersections there will need to be ramps. Mr. Robb said the planning of this is poor because the money needs to be spent and he is asking if spending \$140,000 is the best thing to do because it does not get the City exactly what it needs. Mr. Robb said it will be unlikely that the City will have the money available to complete this project again in two years and it should be done correct the first time. Mr. Kirton said then the project will require more funding because something needs to be done about Cornell. Mr. Lange said \$160,000 would need to be added to the project to fix Hamilton. Mayor Edmonds stated now is a time to be conservative and five years versus seven is not a tremendous difference. Mr. Robb responded but there would not be ADA ramps included. Mr. Vogt said he does not disavow the importance of ADA ramps but he believes patching the road is of greater importance. Mr. Vogt said if the City gets additional money, it can complete the ramps at a later date. Mr. Robb said that is a major street and the City attorney is bringing back an ordinance regarding heavy truck routes so Hamilton should be in good repair.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to increase the amount for Hamilton to \$300,000.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2016-158 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 2 NO:5 (Richardson, Edmonds, N. Brown, A. Brown, Vogt) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-158 as amended was as follows:

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 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2016-159, approving proposal for City Manager recruitment services.

THAT Michigan Municipal League (MML) is approved to perform
the Executive Search for the City of Ypsilanti City Manager position at an
amount not to
exceed \$15,000.

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

Mayor Edmonds stated she solicited a number of bids since the last meeting and selected agencies that have completed municipal searches in Michigan which was forwarded to Council. Ms. Edmonds stated before Council is a total of five proposals including one from Michigan Municipal League. Mayor Edmonds stated the MML proposal confirmed that if selected the person performing the search has been in and around the state for some time. Ms. Edmonds explained that it will take around two weeks to begin the search once selected. Ms. Edmonds stated MML has given the cheapest bid of \$15,000, Mercer’s bid is not to exceed \$19,900, Slavin Management Consultant bid is slightly over \$15,000 with an estimated \$8,000 additional cost, and JD Grager bid was \$26,500. Mayor Edmonds recommended the City move forward with MML. Ms. Edmonds explained once someone is hired, MML ceases its service while some of the other companies provide benchmarks and review of the hire.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson agreed the City use Michigan Municipal League because it is located in Michigan and as much as the City is able, it should hire companies operating in Michigan. Mr. Vogt agreed that MML should be used. Council Member Robb stated he felt Slavin Management Consultant was head and shoulders above the other bids. Mr. Robb said he understands it is more expensive but he would like the City to take a different direction with this search. Mayor Edmonds stated Bob Slavin, the owner of Slavin, informed her that

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many years ago, he worked with the City. Council Member Anne Brown stated Slavin stood out to her also. Ms. Edmonds said all bids turned in a standard proposal and it was not prepared specifically to each municipality.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the timeline is for each proposal and asked if MML had the longest time for the search. Ms. Edmonds responded MML had a minimum of 120 days and Mercer Group was 110 days.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown to contract Michigan Municipal League to perform the executive search for an amount to not exceed \$15,000.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-159 was as follows:

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 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2016-161, approving salary changes for Interim City Manager and Interim City Clerk. (Added)

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

Whereas, Mr. Ralph A. Lange has resigned his position as city manager, and

Whereas the Ypsilanti City Charter provides that the City Clerk become acting city manager when the City Manager is absent, and

Whereas the position of City Manager has a higher pay grade than City Clerk, and

Whereas when the City Clerk becomes acting City Manager the Deputy City Clerk becomes acting City Clerk and the City Clerk has a higher pay grade than the Deputy City Clerk, and

Whereas the city union contracts provide for a person holding an acting position to receive the pay of the position,

Now Therefore the pay of Frances McMullan shall be adjusted to the present rate of the city manager position for the time she is acting City Manager and the pay of Andrew Hellenga shall be adjusted to the rate of City Clerk for the time he is acting City Clerk, to-wit: Frances McMullan new acting rate: 46.7680; Andrew Hellenga new acting rate: 35.5240.

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

Mayor Edmonds stated she had a conversation with the City Attorney to find out if the City had a policy to inform Council on how best to make this decision. Ms. Edmonds said she was told that there was not a specific policy but this is what it would be if the union contracts process is followed. Mr. DuChene stated the only policy in existence is the Charter that states the City Clerk would act as City Manager and this is what happened in the past.

Council Member Robb stated the numbers provided in the resolution are incorrect and said the rate of pay is lower and is given a residency bonus if the City Manager lives in Ypsilanti. Mr. Robb said unless Ms. McMullan is planning on moving into the City she would not be eligible for the residency bonus. Mr. Robb said Ms. McMullan's salary is also based on the increase she received for the Administrative Hearings Bureau. Mr. Robb said Council should be careful and said Ms. McMullan has been with the City for nine years and Mr. Hellenga is going to step into the Acting City Clerk position but he is not stepping into that position with nine years of experience. Mr. Robb said when Ms. McMullan was hired in April of 2007 she was hired in at \$60,000 annually and that is the amount Mr. Hellenga should receive. Mr. Robb said when Mr. Lange was hired he received \$93,500 annually and that is what Ms. McMullan should receive. Mr. Robb stated the non-union employee handbook does not discuss this process and suggested this resolution be tabled. Mr. Robb said this should be updated in the non-union handbook.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what role Rhonda Walker will be assuming. Ms. McMullan responded Ms. Walker is the Treasury Technician and it has not been decided what role she will fill but she might assume a fulltime role during this period.

Mayor Edmonds stated when Clerk McMullan assumes the Interim City Manager position role who would then become Interim Interim City Manager if she were to go on vacation. Ms. Edmonds stated in her discussions with the City Attorney, it led to the possibility of the Chief of Police assuming that role. Mr. DuChene stated if the Interim City Manager were to go on vacation Ms. McMullan could appoint someone to take her place. Mr. DuChene said the charter does not address succession of office if the Interim City Manager is unable to serve in that role. Council Member Vogt asked if Ms. McMullan could name a person to act as Interim City Manager in case of emergency. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb stated Council could name an interim City Manager if Ms. McMullan is unable to act as Interim City Manager. Mr. DuChene responded the Charter acts as a default and Council has the ability to appoint anyone that they want to act as the City Manager. Ms. Edmonds said being that Mr. Hellenga who will become Interim City Clerk has less experience than other Department Heads in the City, another department head might be a better choice to act as City Manager. Ms. McMullan responded when she was not available Mr. Lange appointed another employee to act as City Manager. Mr. DuChene stated the Charter, which acts as a default, would list the Interim City Clerk as the Interim City Manager. Ms. Edmonds said that is her concern since he is a newer employee but that is something Council could address if needed. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said in the past the Interim City Clerk appointed someone to fulfill the obligations of City Manager while they were away. Mr. Lange said in the past if he and Ms. McMullan were both away he appointed DPS Director Stan Kirton and when all three of them were away Economic Director Beth Ernat was appointed. Mr. Lange added the appointment should always be a civilian which is why the Police Chief was not selected.

Mr. DuChene asked for clarification of what direction he should provide to City Attorney John Barr to amend the resolution. Council Member Robb said the City Manager had a pay analysis completed which listed pay

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ranges for the positions in the City. Mr. Robb said when Ms. McMullan was hired her salary was \$60,000 and that is the salary Mr. Hellenga should receive and when Mr. Lange was hired in his salary was \$93,500 and that is what Ms. McMullan should receive. Mr. Robb said the entry level rate should be used for those positions and experience should be a factor. Mr. Robb explained since Mr. Hellenga does not have experience as City Clerk he should start at the entry level point but since Ms. McMullan does have experience she should begin above the entry level range. Mr. DuChene said it is starting to sound like this is policy. Mr. Robb responded he wants this to be policy and it should be included in the non-union handbook. Mr. DuChene stated once experience is made a factor it becomes more subjective. Mayor Edmonds stated she is in full agreement with Mr. Robb but once a fulltime Human Resources Manager is hired that individual can create those steps of a formula to be created. Mr. Robb stated Ms. McMullan has been with the City for nine years and in that time has acted as City Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked when Ms. McMullan was Interim City Clerk before how was it handled. Ms. McMullan responded Human Resources informed her of her new salary and added she was not given what former City Manager Ed Koryzno was given because Mr. Koryzno had been with the City for 15 years.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to table this resolution until the August 4th meeting.

On a roll call, the vote to table Resolution No. 2016-161 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

XII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Anne Brown stated the Water Resources Task Force will be meeting July 26th.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Freight House - None
- E. Parks and Recreation – Council Member Anne Brown stated she received a note from Elizabeth Riggs informing her that the railing on the stairs is being installed, the stairs were sandblasted, temporary signs were installed, and the last element is to prep the concrete wall for a mural.
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA will be taking off July instead of August this year.
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force – Council Member Nicole Brown stated she has been following-up with the concerns of citizens and the next meeting is going to be held August 8th. Council Member Anne Brown stated the sub-committee will be meeting July 20th at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Anne Brown stated the goal is to hold one more meeting then makes a recommendation to the task force. Council Member Murdock stated there are three vacancies on the Human Relations Commission.

- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Resolution in support of August 2nd millage proposal – Council Member Nicole Brown stated at the last meeting a resolution of support for the Water Street Millage was passed. Ms. Nicole Brown stated the resolution was very positive and board members will be circulating it as much as possible.

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Anne Brown

- Asked what the plan is to fill the Human Resources Manager Position.

Mr. Lange responded he and Ms. McMullan have been discussing the issue and because of how quickly it happened there were not a lot of good options available. Mr. Lange said the City has been accumulating applications since Kevin Welch left his position with the City. Mr. Lange said once Ericka Savage decided to leave her position the need became to fill the position became greater. Mr. Lange stated the applications received were reviewed and one applicant was selected to be hired as the interim HR Manager. Mr. Lange added the contract will expire at the beginning of 2017 and her salary is \$50,000. Ms. McMullan stated she met with Mr. Lange after finding out that Ericka Savage would no longer be employed by the City and several options were discussed. Ms. McMullan said she was given the applications the City had received in order to exhaust the process. Ms. McMullan stated when conducted the interviews the applicants were aware that it was on a non-committal basis. Ms. McMullan stated the City had four exceptional candidates and one person during the interview stated she was available if the City needs help even on a temporary basis. Mayor Edmonds asked if this individual has been offered anything. Mr. Lange responded that she had not, and said he spoke with the City Attorney's Office and it was decided she could not be hired as a contract employee but could be hired with an individual employment agreement.

Mayor Edmonds asked if Kim Jones could act as the Interim Human Resources Manager. Mr. Lange stated she doesn't have the time. Ms. McMullan added Ms. Jones stated she does not have the skillset at this point to act as Interim Human Resources Manager. Ms. McMullan clarified Ms. Jones showed interest in the position but through her own admission she said she is still learning what the position would entail. Ms. McMullan said the person selected for the position has been both a human resources manager and a generalist. Ms. McMullan said if Ms. Jones were to take that position Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy would need to fill the position currently held by Ms. Jones. Ms. McMullan said Ms. Jones was also excited about the applicant because she also has a background in payroll which would provide a backup for Ms. Jones. Mr. Lange said Ms. Jones is also the backup for the Assessor and all other employees are stretched too thin to fulfill the duties of that role. Mr. Lange said the applicant will be able to begin on Tuesday, July 26th, which is also Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage's last day.

Council Member Anne Brown stated the email she initially saw was disturbing because it appeared both Council and the interviewees were given mixed messages that the position might be temporary or it might not. Ms. Anne Brown explained she feels it shows the City in a bad light and preferred to receive correspondence from the City

Manager explaining the discussion of the vacancy and what the proposed next steps were. Mr. Lange agreed and said the position he would like to hire is Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director with an HR Generalist underneath that position but there was not time to do that.

Ms. McMullan asked what Council Member Anne Brown envisioned the City doing to fill the role of Human Resources Manager. Council Member Anne Brown responded she was interested in shared services with Washtenaw County because the City would not need to hire a person. Ms. Anne Brown added she felt the Human Resources position should be filled by the City Manager once hired. Ms. McMullan responded that would have been a good option if a suitable applicant could not be found. Ms. McMullan added in her experience with the County, they provide the bare minimum when they are contracted for services.

Mayor Edmonds noted the City will hold an election in two weeks with a ballot that includes a City millage. Ms. Edmonds explained the budgetary issues facing the City could change in two weeks and Ms. McMullan's staff could not be cross trained to fulfill those duties until after the election. Ms. McMullan responded the staff in her department does not have experience in Human Resources and asked if the Human Resources Department should be closed for two weeks. Ms. McMullan asked if Council is looking to eliminate the job and what would be the basis for waiting until after the election. Mr. Lange added if the position was in anyway optional it would be another story but recent employee resignations freed \$125,000 in payroll and benefits. Mr. Lange said that \$125,000 has already been budgeted and the City will now not spend that money and the contracted person is being brought in under the pay of either the HR Manager or Assistant to the City Manager positions. Mr. Lange said even if the millage is not approved by the voters, the City will still need a Human Resources employee. Council Member Anne Brown stated with open enrollment about to begin it does seem that this position will be necessary for the City.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the City Manager's Office would require additional staffing given the recent resignation of the Assistant to the City Manager. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative but that is not an essential position. Ms. McMullan added the next City Manager should have the opportunity to decide how that position should be structured and the applicant they feel would best fill that role.

Vogt

- Stated the City should recognize Charles Kettles who recently was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service during the Vietnam War. Mr. Vogt asked that something be prepared for the next Council Meeting on August 4th.

Council Member Murdock stated an event is being scheduled for Mr. Kettles at the Yankee Air Force Museum on August 13th and he asked the Clerk Department to prepare a Proclamation.

Richardson

- Around two weeks ago she called about a truck full of trash at First and Michigan. She explained it has been moved several times and now sits in the driveway with a red van blocking it from the street. She said it is across the street from 329 First Ave.

Mr. Lange said he will be certain that the ordinance officer is made aware of the issue.

Murdock

- Stated the textile box at Huron and Harriet at the gas station has become a nuisance and Council should approve an ordinance to regulate those issues. He added the dumpster at the same location has not been emptied since the gas station closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she recently passed by that gas station and clothes were scattered throughout the property.

- Asked if a truck route ordinance will be brought to Council in the near future.

Mr. DuChene responded it will be on the agenda for the August 4th meeting.

- Said Holmes Rd. is beginning to become worse than Prospect and needs to be addressed.

Nicole Brown

- During the Friends of Rutherford Pool meeting several of the staff in attendance spoke about a house across the street from the pool, a white brick home near Elm Street, that has illegal activity occurring. She said it is concerning especially with younger children traveling to the pool.

Robb

- Asked for an updated list of the tree trimming schedule.

Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- He directed the Department Heads to put together a list of the top five accomplishments of the Department to distribute to the public. He asked if Council had any objections. Council directed the City Manager to distribute the report.

- Stated the solar array will be operational by the end of August.

- Stated Park and Grove are closed. He said he is working on getting the \$375,000 released from MDOT for that project.
 - The Michigan Ave mid-Block crossing came in 10% under budget and negotiated with Mannik Smith for another 10% reduction in cost. He said it will be on the August 4th agenda and construction should be complete before the end of the construction season.
 - Stated Charles Kettles should be invited to City Hall and be recognized for having been awarded the Medal of Honor.
 - A Community/Unity Town Hall is scheduled this Thursday, July 21st at EMU.
 - The pit bull who attacked the seven year old boy has never returned its home once removed.
- Mr. DuChene said he can provide Council with a memo updating them on the legal proceedings of that case.
- Stated he is trying to get the money owed to the City by EMU.
- Mayor Edmonds asked how much money EMU currently owes the City. Mr. Lange responded \$15,000 for the Heritage Bridge. Mayor Edmonds said she would follow-up with EMU.
- Stated the City has received really good press on the mural on display on the rear of City Hall.

XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Stated she will not be at the August 4th meeting.
- She is still working on exit interviews.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2016-160, adjourning the City 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 Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.