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**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.  
YPSILANTI, MI 48197  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER –**

Mayor Edmonds Call meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**II. ROLL CALL –**

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

**Motioned by Council Member Anne Brown to excuse Council Member Nicole Brown from absence.**

**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 introduces the following: Interim Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Interim City Manager Frances McMullan, Mr. Barr, HTC Intern Haley, Joe Myers Head of the DDA, Bonnie Wessler Planner, Beth Ernat Head of Economic development, Stan Kirton DPS Director, Marilou Uy Finance Director, Chief Anthouard Fire Department, John Kaczor, Jeff Krascell from YUCA. Markus Macklemore OHM, Bob K.

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –**

Moved by Council Member Robb second by Council Member Vogt.

Updates to the Agenda Mayor Edmonds proposes to move Resolution No. 2016-205 approving the sale of 465 Jefferson to the Cooperative Orchard of Ypsilanti for the side-lot price of \$1.00 plus closing cost up on the Agenda. Was suggesting moving it up because it is at the very end but half the people may be here to speak on it.

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

**VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

1. Bob K 706 Dwight Street. First of all want to discuss a speed control policy and thank the City for working with pedestrians on this especially for wheel chair users. Would just like to say we appreciate the work on this for less costly opportunity for speed control. Truck route ordinance non-motorized issue for especially pedestrians and this is added to the worksheet the planning department have at pedestrian crossings. The committee supports this and wants to discuss that if this pass it becomes an annual review issue. This would take into account more public input after the ordinance has passed.
2. Dana Hayes 812 N. Prospect- first meeting she's been to, a lot of construction and truck traffic near her house. Too much truck traffic will tear up the road, many pedestrian and children so it's dangerous. It also ruins the quality of life. Appreciate Prospect Road because emergency vehicles can get up and down it rather easily.
3. Richard Murphy 406 Florence- Want to speak on the truck route ordinance I have strong objections to the ordinance in its current form and ask that it does not be passed until more information can be provided by the potential impacts on neighborhoods and the mitigation of those impacts. My concern is that trucks on Prospect will be diverted to Huron and Cross. I just don't want to see trucks from other neighborhood diverted to my neighborhood. I understand that the primary issue is trucks have nowhere to go, were hoping that the trucks would use 275. 14 and down Prospect these trucks from US 23. From what I understand there has been no data gathered to show the number of trucks that would be moving down the street. The street is pedestrian heavy and is heavily populated. Both from a matter of illegal classification of the streets as major streets I don't see that as a major thing to protect Prospect street. I will ask that no data is collected until the number of trucks can be discovered.
4. Ron Wilson 483- I have actually written an email about historic issues. I have spent time at the historical museum. Ypsilanti is very unique and the people I reported in my email should be very important to Ypsilanti History. Wasn't sure if I was supposed to contact the mayor or the Historical Society. Just wish we could see African Americans important to Ypsilanti History on a larger scale.
5. Ms. Murphy 34; Couple really quick questions one of the resolutions was for sidewalk ramp replacement program sounded like that it was for Prospect. Is this currently existing ramps or brand new? The light at Catherine and Huron it was cycling all of the time it showed the traffic down on Huron and it's not like that again. Wondering if we can change it to do that again. Since the snow plan didn't work last year will we have a new one?

Mayor Edmonds closes audience participation.

Mayor Edmonds expresses to Mr. Wilson that she feels the historical siting will be a first great step. She wants to also connect him to people who have been doing reports on African American leaders in Ypsilanti. She says that there are several portraits in Parkridge dedicated to African American Leadership.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson adds to that by saying all of these portraits are available on t-shirts that are being sold for a fundraiser. Mr. Wilson asks if there is a portrait of John Dingle. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says there isn't. Mayor Edmonds says she will look into that for him.

#### **VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –**

Mayor Edmonds says that she appreciates everyone comments and she thanks everyone for them. Especially on the Truck Routes about supporting or being against it. Thank you all for your comments in audience participation.

## **IX. PRESENTATIONS –**

- High Five Pedal Tours – Dave Cicotte (**Presentation available on City Website**)

Mayor Edmonds asks if there is any input from Council.

Council Member Murdock asked if there was any information on whether enjoyed the tours.

Cicotte shows the Facebook reviews and the trip advisory reviews and about are 5 star reviews. He says there are other companies currently in Ann Arbor. I did provide the ordinance for Council to look over.

- Exploration of Budget Stabilization Alternatives – Frances McMullan, Interim City Manager & John Kaczor (**Presentation available on City Website**)

Manager McMullan starts by saying that Council wanted to go into the budget for the 15-16 17-18 FY. Staff collaborated to help, thanks staff for all the help and John Kaczor. Going to walk Council through where we are and the alternatives we have come up with. John Kaczor is going to go over the numbers. Then I will come back to go over what the department heads said they will look like with these cuts.

Mayor Edmonds then says she wants to remind the Citizens in the audience that this is not a finalized plan. Council will discuss this further before voting on it at the next meeting. This is in no way the finalized plan as of yet and is just informational.

Mayor Edmonds asks if the larger number under HR/City Manager for 2017 the savings. Kaczor replies yes that is the savings. Council Member Anne Brown asks if they would be eliminating the HR Manager and changing it to HR Generalist. Kaczor says yes that the positions in the red are the ones that are being eliminated removing the Assistant to the City Manager, HR Manager and Intern then adding a HR Generalist at lower pay, then combine City to the Assistant Manager and HR Manager.

Council Member Anne Brown asks if there is still a time on the SR officer, if they are still under contract. Manager Frances says they are actually signing one as it expired. Council Member Anne Brown asks if they asked for an increase. Manager McMullan says that they had 75,000 but we did not request an increase. Mayor Edmonds asks if they provide 75,000 Manager Frances replies that yes they reimburse us. Mayor Edmonds says that there are a lot of reasons we're in this and a main reason is that we've lost about \$1M a year from state budgeting.

Kaczor asks Chief Anthouard if we can go a little bit longer. Anthouard replies some are grant pending and some can be put off until we get the grants. Though he says he cannot put a number on it. Council Member Murdock asks if there is another round of fire grants coming up. Anthouard says yes there is.

Council Member Anne Brown asks about the DPS and capital projects. Manager Frances answers equipment and platforms and concrete pads and exhaust systems. Council Member Murdock asks if that is all. Manager McMullan says that is all on the General Fund. Mayor Edmonds asks about the treasurer department. Manager McMullan says that there was a part time position that will be eliminated and made full time upstairs in accountant with both positions combined. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks about the Fourth Floor. It is pointed out that was already

discussed with the HR position. Council Member Anne Brown asks if those things will be put in place for 2017. Kaczor says that they couldn't be enacted before that realistically. Manager McMullan says that these are all set for next year. There was some money for business this year.

Council Member Anne Brown asks if that parking permit was the one that allows parking in Depot Town. Kaczor replied that it was. Manager McMullan says there are two parking fees one of them is a pre-paid parking permit the debt is asking for money from the annual fee. The others show 50 thousand this year and 100 thousand next from parking in Depot Town. Mayor Edmonds asks will the number of potential things. Kaczor replies that yes we are.

Manager McMullan takes over to go over the impacts that the cuts would have on each department. Council Member Anne Brown asks how the cuts would affect those in the police with vacation or an illness. Manager McMullan says that is where all the overtime would likely come in. Mayor Edmonds says that they just don't think it's possible to manage the overtime the way we did before. Manager McMullan says that there is going to be some times when we just have to operate with the overtime the way it is. Council Member Anne Brown asks has there been conversation with EMU or the Sheriff. Manager McMullan says there has not been. Mayor Edmonds says you would want to inform Council before holding any conversation with them. Council Member Anne Brown says she is just thinking of EMU because they have already collaborated with them.

Mayor Edmonds asks for some examples of the line items. Ms. Ernat replies by saying that 20,000 consultant line item which was used during the intern time, and further OHM engineering consulting. She says her only caution for the 17-18 FY will have to update the Shape Ypsi Plan. Mayor Edmonds asks where we have the City's environmental attorney. Ms. Ernat replies that has been paid out of the Legal Services. Mayor Edmonds asks if the 20,000 will be cut, Ms. Ernat says she is proposing to cut 10,000 per year. Manager McMullan says that right now we're not anticipating any cut for the remainder of this FY. Ms. Ernat says that is correct.

Council Member Anne Brown asks how much time is spent administering these grants. Ms. Ernat says it is about 40% of their time. Council Member Anne Brown asks if there are any licenses to go with that. Ms. Ernat says that all five of the positions are using budget to attend training to keep their licenses. Mayor Pro –Tem Richardson asks if the grants the intern's works on bringing in would not be enough to cover the costs of the interns. She asks how much would we lose by not having the grants. Ms. Ernat says you have a small list of grants we receive, but they do not come with administrative percentages we can't take out. But they allow us to work on things we normally would not be able to do. The Grants are bringing in over a million dollars and if an intern costs 14,000 a year the interns is covered. She says for us to receive a high grant amount we need the people. Council Member Anne Brown says she has a question about the person from EMU. Ms. Ernat says we have an agreement that the City pays 9 months of the intern pay and EMU pays 3 months we have asked EMU to continue with this agreement.

Council Member Anne Brown asks if SPARK East is also cutting some of their financing to which Manager McMullan says that yes she believes so.

Council Member Robb asks why we are going to the secretary of state about the parking tickets. Manager McMullan says that is to stop them when they go to renew their license. This however is immediate. Council Vogt asks how many people are involved in this. Manager McMullan says we see one every day. Council Murdock says when you say towing are you talking about boots or actual towing. Manager McMullan says we're talking about actual towing because we do not have the purchasing power for the boots. Council Anne Brown asks what the City would reap get out of that. Council Member Robb says the tickets paid and we get a 30 dollar cut per state law. Mayor Edmonds asks what the max fee is. Manager McMullan says the fee is 25 dollars for

meter and handicap can go up as well as any other. Council Member Anne Brown asks if you see one person a day. Manager McMullan says that if the Council will say if it's okay we will alert the handheld company so that when the license is entered in the system they will know that person has more than 6 tickets. Council Member Anne Brown asks if we are not using the boot but still using the tow trucks, we will be waiting for the tow truck to come and that person could just drive off. Manager McMullan says hopefully that wouldn't do that and we can figure out the process. Mayor Edmonds said the books show that we tow. Manager McMullan says yes but it wasn't looked up on favorably so it was stopped.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that years ago we were working with other communities for fire protection, what happened with that. Did it just disappear? Council Member Murdock says it just didn't vanish it still goes on, in fact we got a significant increase this year. Mayor-Pro Tem Richardson says are we still actively seeking it. Council Member Robb says that Council Member Murdock was right 500,000 dollars out of about 800,000 that is not going to go up.

Council Member Vogt says that many of these are 1 time cost savings or revenue generators and we will then be back to where we were. Manager McMullan says correct. Council Member Vogt asks what would be permanent and would show up 3 or 4 years from now. Manager McMullan says those that are frozen will be permanent. She also states that maybe the freezing of positions can just be how we do things now; maybe the police can only do records on one day of week. New creative ways that we can have staff not doing everything every day. Come up with a way to say this is how City Hall now operates. Mayor Edmonds asks if there was a way to have a closed day. Manager McMullan says that she looked at 4 days at 10 hours. We are changing out the lighting to LED which is saving money. Mayor Edmonds asks what about the heat. Manager McMullan says she is looking into the heat. Mayor Edmonds says she would to see what the HVAC bill looks like. Manager McMullan says that the cemetery solar fields are known to be active so we should receive half for that.

Council Member Vogt says that are not talking about street light assessment, we're talking about less than half the cost savings are going to be there in year 3 4 and 5. We are still going to be half a million short after the first year. At least 5 to 6 thousand dollar years in deficit. Council Member Murdock says that he is over stating that and those that were originally froze. Council Member Vogt says that is where he was getting at; that half of it is only one timer it is still going to be accumulative down the road. Manager McMullan says we're going to have to get rid of some of our stuff such a recycling that will have to be outsourced. These are services we will no longer be able to offer. Mayor Edmonds says she think we need to decrease our trash collection to once every 2 weeks that way it encourages people to decrease the amount of trash and increase their recycling. Manager McMullan says that the trash collection is currently under contract. We are looking at things that are not covered such as recycling.

Mr. Kaczor says there is a chart in this presentation that he did not include because it was done at the end. Last week the numbers changed again, what we were looking at last Friday this year we can't balance exactly because the hole is too big if we go far enough we may be able to balance even have a surplus next year. If we don't include the 250,000 special assessments in the subsequent years we are looking at 300,000 deficit 400,000 deficits and so on. That's the half a million dollars total that's still there. Between 3 and 600,000 in those years, if the parking goes through in that model is a hopeful number. It is still a substantial number, but compared to where we were it was better. Now you're operating the City with a lower service base than what the City has said that it was trying to get to. Council Member Anne Brown asks how long the street light assessment is. Manager McMullan says that last time it was about 2 years. Mayor Edmonds says that we have to consider that the grant money is huge.

Council Member Robb then says that we can't get careless with the grant the train stuff is not going to be year after year there are going to be other grants, those 2.7 million dollars is special cost. Mayor Edmonds says that if you take that 2.7 million out you still have 700,000 this is

something you might average out as the projects are being leveraged some of those things are us getting outside money to do projects. Mr. Kaczor says that is the important thing we need to remember here you can cut money on paper the entire time, but when it comes to people with jobs and some of them jobs are required. If your staff just do paper works for grants nothing is getting done. Council Member Robb says we are no longer going to be able to provide the same services we were last year, and I think instead of looking into the budget to try and continue that service we need to start figuring out a way to lower it. Council Member Murdock says that what we have been doing for over the last several years is reducing everything, so now we aren't doing anything right. You can eliminate things totally so you can do things that need to be done.

Mr. Kaczor says that without revenue you are going to continue to see this. Council Member Murdock says that looking at the street assessments in the next 3 years we'll be having the same discussion again. That's my problem with the street lights, if you want to do a 4 million dollar assessment of the police that is different. Manager McMullan says that we've looked at a millage for the police, we researched it. Mr. Kaczor says he called an expert on that home rule city you have special assessments that means you have to prove a value increase to the property owner. Council Member Vogt says he appreciates the work and it's something that we needed to get a clear picture of especially. This ultimately demonstrates the anti-taxes faction was wrong and it's going to be worse for everyone in the entire state and we're the first in line. He says we either need to dig deep or put up with the loses, there have been 5 weeks since the vote and almost zero ideas from those opposed the millage.

Manager McMullan says she reached out to several of them Mr. Person and a few other people did not have answers. Council Member Vogt says that answer to that is that there are no good answers. Mayor Edmonds then says that if we don't do something different it's going to keep going and we have to look beyond millage and the we have to play the short medium and long range game. In the long range game we need to raise property taxes and with immediate cuts we need to cut the economic and community development but Teresa and Bonnie could only do so much but we have to invest in the long game. That's what I'm looking at in part right now.

Mr. Bar asks if there are any objections to moving forward with the booting and the parking. Council Member Robb says yes, he says he put money aside for parking for doing that. We are less than half of what it was, we stopped writing tickets for 2 years and now we're not submitting to the security of state and we're losing money which has caused us around 70,000 in the last 4 years. Manager McMullan says that Duncan was old tickets. Council Member Robb says that we are very short on what we used to collect and we need to get back to that level. Manager McMullan says that we did get our security and approval and have access to look up plates and we can now exchange data. Council Member Robb says we should send a notice that says 30 days or you will be towed. Make it public that we will be doing it and in the long run we have to do whatever we can. Council Member Robb asked what the next step would be. Manager McMullan says that she was hoping Council would give the nod to these budget changes and if they wanted to add things to it. Mayor Edmonds agrees saying that it was asked that ideas would be presented for the next meeting. Council Member Anne Brown asks that if the freeze was only for 45 days would it need to be extended. Council Member Murdock says the 45 days is two days before the meeting. Manager McMullan says we can extend it then at the meeting.

Mayor Edmonds says that as Ms. Ernat prepares her presentation Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson has someone she wishes to introduce. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson wants to introduce Cody O'Keith he is a new financial advisor with Edward-Jones and he is having an event in Riverside Park and I thought it would be nice to have him introduce himself and tell us what he wants.

Mr. O'Keith first thanks Council and he says he just started at Edward Jones and he will be having an open house Friday. He is inviting Council and is very excited about running a business

in Ypsilanti. He grew up here and he wanted to return to the City. Having a presenter on the correlation of investing during the presidential election.

Mayor Edmonds welcomes him back to the community.

— Speed Control Policy – Beth Ernat, Economic Development Director (**Presentation available on City Website**)

Council Member Anne Brown asks that the Ann Arbor funding varies. Ms. Wessler says that they do not talk about their funding at all, and this is something that can be funded and with Washtenaw County it could be funded depending on the situation. Some townships do special assessments some don't, it's all different.

Mayor Edmonds asks if we have school in our matrix. Ms. Wessler says it's something good to have it just wasn't on our radar. Mayor Edmonds says that we can try to mirror Washtenaw County, with school bus stops. Ms. Wessler says schools bus stops vary more than standard bus stops; schools are very difficult to get funding but not impossible.

Mayor Edmonds says what this propose is designated staff member and moving forward to mimicking the point structure. She says Ms. Wessler can move forward with this and look forwards for a resolution.

Mayor Edmonds would like to make note about the snow plan and this is the time to be thinking of it.

— Bell Kramer Neighborhood – Beth Ernat, Economic Development Director (**Presentation available on City Website**)

Mayor Edmonds asks if it's pretty small but those are the results on maximum concentration. Ms. Wessler says yes. Mayor Edmonds asks if there is a reasonable way to measure it on this chart. Ms. Wessler says no, but she can inbox it to her.

Mayor Edmonds states that their considerations here and since this is just information is to rezone it, she wants Ms. Wessler's thoughts. Ms. Wessler says that we can rezone it for homes to be rebuilt, but asks if it really gets us where we want to go. Mayor Edmonds says she is not familiar with any upgrades but the housing commission just made an upgrade to the corner there.

Council Member Murdock says that this isn't the only place the rezoning put people in the single family housing in a non-single family district they had difficulties getting mortgages on Photo Street. Mayor Edmonds says that most recent master planning did not change that. Council Member Murdock says though at one time that originally it was a single-family home but anything under R-4 down would be allowed, says he is just noting. Mayor Edmonds asked if there is more than that. Ms. Wessler says the only thing that comes to mind is anything zoned N-C which is equivalent to one and G-C is the only other thing which is equivalent to a rail road street.

Council Member Murdock says that in R-1 there are several buildings that have difficulties getting warrants and selling them. Ms. Wessler says in the R-1 if you keep your standard up you can apply for the special non-conforming status. This was introduced early 2015, we realized this year no one has taken it up with us. We have our first application from the housing commission in 2 weeks.

Mayor Edmonds says we theoretically could amend the zoning and say that if you are not a residential use in the district you can rebuild; the downfall is the long term is if a resident

doesn't want to lose their house they don't have to move. With the investment the housing commission has gone it could be a district. Could you address the environmental concerns?

Ms. Ernat says that the concern here is more than the change in the zoning and we have a couple of houses that don't fit as we have property owners and renters. We need to be more concerned about the environmental damage, not only can you not build for rezoning but we do not allow families to rebuild for environmental, that is not our practice that brings forward a certain liability. The municipality brings forward a certain liability and we do this knowing we can cause future damage. A write a rebuild letter says you know you could rebuild on the property hands down. The vision for shape Ypsi was turning this into a brown field and seeks economic development. We are the last owner so it gives us some inherent responsibility for that land it's not simple at all and we need to keep in mind our residents that is very important to us and the value of the homes that are there including the housing commission but we have to be mindful to why this was done and it was done as a precaution to future homes being built. Once you disturb the ground on a rebuild it disturbs the direct contamination. It's not just let's change the building as we have a building here. My job is to tell you this is not a good place to build.

Mayor Edmonds asks if we have any sense from the contamination, what the cleanup will look like. Ms. Ernat says we haven't gone that far because it costs money. Mayor Edmonds says when she first found her way to Ypsilanti in 99, she is wondering if there is information from the NAACP that may help us. Ms. Ernat says at this point Ms. Wessler has done a pretty extensive search through our records and I trust what she has found at this point. Mayor Edmonds says this is very much an environmental justice issue and this might be an environment in which we can look at EPA or other state dollars. Ms. Ernat says we do have extra property left that we can look into as an alternate property slot and if she had to make a recommendation to council tonight it would be that. Mayor Edmonds asks how many property owners how many properties. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that she can't give the exact number but they have other properties, but we have residents that have been at their properties for years. She says that if we are going to start talking property swaps or moving the people out of there it's going to have to be more than one and she doesn't know how far down the block they are going to have to go to get away from the contamination. Ms. Ernat asks if she could just look briefly, the property in the green patch are all city owned except the property in the orange.

Ms. Ernat says recommendation at this point would be to look at the property and to find out if we have comfortable and I am making that recommendation without research but I wouldn't do that. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says even if we swap property it makes it a hardship for some of those people to build. Ms. Ernat says the other option for that is to work with the County Sheriff and Auction to take some of the foreclosed buildings. Mayor Edmonds asks if we could give CGB money to those to buy a property with an existing building. Ms. Ernat says she couldn't recommend that because the rates are extremely high and there isn't much to go around. Ms. Ernat says relocation is a very expensive process. Mayor Edmonds says this is why we need a County Land bank. Ms. Ernat says we can try to use the land bank model to our advantage without having one.

Council Member Vogt asks if the properties mentioned are they vacant are they residents. Ms. Ernat says that they are all of the above. Mayor Edmonds asks how many are tax foreclosed that have residents. Ms. Ernat responds that 1 is a resident and we'll be speaking of 50 Kramer later which is not a resident. Mayor Edmonds ask why aren't proposing to take the right of appraisal fees for the one with the building on it. Ms. Ernat says it was not offered to us, and it is not going up for auction yet. She says 50 Kramer is up for auction in the material it says its \$4600, she strongly suggests we know our financial decision but go through with the purchase to keep it off the market. This way we don't have to worry about it going through foreclosure again and we can keep someone from building on it. This allows for us to potentially sell this to

industrial user. Mayor Edmonds says she wants to ask the household in the meeting what their best case scenario would be.

The resident answered that two of them have new construction on the street. Built in 2004, she says her neighbors have been there for 50 years so to move them would be almost criminal. The other question is however is that this is zoned and not residential, but there are people living on this street and I am furious at this situation. She says the best case scenario is for her to not lose every financial investment made. Mayor Edmonds asks but for you after hearing the risk, would you rather have it rezoned and sell. She says she can't sell and break even because of the contamination which is what she has to disclose to her buyers. She says that several potential buyers have walked away because of the contamination. Mayor Edmonds says her goal is to protect the resident's investments and health and figure out how to do that for present and future residents. The Citizen says she understands the City's position but she feel this was rezoned in a way that allows it to be non-residential giving the City almost no responsibility for this. Mayor Edmonds thanks the citizen for her thoughts on the matter.

Mayor Edmonds asks for other comments from council. Council Member Vogt says that with some properties it's possible we should consider some other options to buy these properties, if the person does not want them. He says he shares the Mayor's statements, he's had a couple of circumstances with clients having to deal with these problems, and it is tragic. Very difficult, there might be some options if you talked with a knowledgeable attorney they might be more appreciate, but there is no wonderful solution here. The pollution is the issue of course. There might be 3 or 4 solutions and we have to continue to work on this issue.

Mayor Edmonds says we need to clean it up, it becomes an opportunity for residents if it's cleaned. We need to know what it would take to clean it up, what would it take to get the money to offer it to people to buy it out. Those would be 2 things to step forward. Council Member Anne Brown asked about the clause proposed. Ms. Wessler says that is pretty straight forward, it would allow no-conformist single family units to be rebuilt. Council Member Murdock says this does not fix the issue of the contamination. Everyone agrees with this, and Mayor Edmonds says people cannot sell the homes short of a catastrophe. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that is not a good place to live with your health in danger. She then brings up clean up, saying it's an extreme, she then asks what are the options dealing with the state for capping and covering that area. Ms. Ernat answers that it's already been capped with soil. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks what about concrete. It is answered that concrete is not a good idea. She then says years ago someone wanted to buy the land to cap it to build on.

Ms. Ernat says that different level of cleanup is used for different area. She says we use concrete for commercial because we have air valves, and releases, but it's different for residential. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says we're not capping it to build on. Ms. Ernat says that it's still the proximity and ground water movement for the people living in that radiance. Council Member Murdock says when Ann Arbor closed their landfill they had to build a wall to keep it from migrating. Ms. Ernat says it depends on the next level of occupancy and what you are mediating for.

Mayor Edmonds says she made her recommendation, what they need to clean up, what is the number of the occupancies that would be willing to sell, look into the options of the land swap. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says we need to find a way to solve the problem this is the time to solve it. She says that if staff could go back and investigate every possibly. Council Member Anne Brown asked the citizen what the other house constructed was. She says it was the foundation for the habitat for humanity house. Council Member Anne Brown asks if it's on Kramer. The Citizen says no it's on Bale the corner of it. Mayor Edmonds asks if everyone understands their next steps. Ms. Ernat says that they do.

Mayor Edmonds asks about the property owners about the discussions. Ms. Wessler says she just emailed Erin but did not reach out to everyone else yet. Mayor Pro-Tem says before you reach out could they have a meeting with just the residents here. Council Member Murdock asks if Jeff is here for the second reading of the ordinances.

Jeff says he is here for the long hall.

**X. PUBLIC HEARING –**

**Offered by Council Member Anne Brown, seconded by Council Member Vogt**

— Resolution approving the reclassification from a Tavern liquor License to a Class C liquor license for Café Ollie located at 42 E. Cross St., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

A. Resolution No. 2016-190, determination.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there is anyone here to present on this and speak on it. Manager McMullan asks Andrew Hellenga to introduce them.

Clerk Hellenga introduces Mark Teachart the proprietor of Café Ollie to change his liquor license to a Class C.

Mark says he doesn't have much to add and has been serving beer and wine for five years and want to reclassify their license to a Class C. Council Member Murdock asks Mark if classifying to a C allows them to serve liquor. Mark says that reclassifying it would just allow them to serve spirits as well.

B. Open public hearing.

Mayor Edmonds Opens public Hearing.

Abbot Gingsly 409 N. Adams. He says that Café Ollie has been a great investment in the city and that their food is great and he hopes they are able to do more.

Council Member Anne Brown motions to close public hearing. Seconded by Council Member Vogt.

On a roll call, the vote to approve closing of public hearing was as follows:

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

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any more questions or concerns from Council on this subject. Council Member Robb says he has a question about whether or not he received the feedback from police and fire. Mark says he has it wasn't included in the packet however; Council Member Robb asks that it be given to Council. Mark says he will.

C. Resolution No. 2016-191, close public hearing.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-191 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moves to extend to 10:45 seconded by Council Member Vogt.

**XI. ORDINANCE - FIRST READING –**

*Ordinance No. 1275*

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 54 "HISTORICAL PRESERVATION", ARTICLE II "HISTORIC DISTRICTS", DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY", SECTION 54-43 REGARDING PENALTIES AND DIVISION 4 "CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION OR MAINTENANCE", SECTION 54-85 "DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT" SO THAT VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 54-81 "PERMIT REQUIRED" AND SECTION 54-85 "DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT" ARE BLIGHT VIOLATIONS.

Moved by Council Member Vogt, supported by Council Member Anne Brown

- A. Resolution No. 2016-192, determination

Mayor Edmonds thanks Haley for her service over the last 10 months and asks if there are any questions from Council. Mayor Edmonds then opens the public hearing.

- B. Open public hearing

Council Member Vogt moves to close public hearing; Council Member Anne Brown seconds it.

On a roll call, the vote to approve closing of public hearing was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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		

- C. Resolution No. 2016-193, close public hearing

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any other questions or concerns about the ordinance.

Council Member Murdock asked how these issues are handled if they do not go through the administrative bureau. Haley says that there are two avenues that can be used if a property is violating the ordinance but did not get a HTC permit or building permit then the building department can send a time compliance permit. If the HTC needs a permit but the Building department does not all the HTC can do is send a letter stating that the person is in violation. Ms. Ernat says that all we can do is send a civil violation against them. She says we will actually have to take it to Circuit court, reason we are asking for you to make this locally. She says it's harsh but in some cases it is necessary.

Council Member Robb says that his issue that HTC has been operated by the same people for 30 years the enforcement is very scattered and inconsistent. He says it's very compartmentalized. He asks if once this ordinance goes into effect does you go and write tickets for previous AHB tickets. Ms. Ernat says yes once everything goes into

effect. Council Member Murdock says that his question is everyone who plants a tree in their front yard that requires a permit will have to go in front of the HTC? Ms. Ernat says that it would have to substantial changes to walkways, garden areas, and front yards. Haley says that HTC sees it as anything that can be visible on a site plan. Mayor Edmonds says things that have a structural element.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks so someone who wants to plant flowers would need a permit. Mayor Edmonds states it would have to be something like trees. Council Member Robb asks if Mr. Deschene issued his opinion to you, he says that land scrapping is a broad term and wanted it to be specified legally. Mayor Edmonds says that that is a different issue from what is on the table in front of them now. This says we don't send them to circuit court. Ms. Ernat says that the HTC standards are that for the secretary of the interior. Council Member Robb says that it is inconsistent. Ms. Ernat states that we do not have the staff to go out looking for violation as such they are only enforced on a complaint basis. They are enforced on reporting basis or if staff is out on field work and notices. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks to conform this, and she understands what Council Member Robb is saying and it's unfair because of complaints. Ms. Ernat says that difference between the HTC and HD is that it's all clomped together; we have different complaints in different districts. Council Member Vogt says that point the Mayor is making is that you're going to have that issue anyway, what's in front of us is how to proceed with these complaints, do we want to handle it out of court or have to spend a lot of money on circuit court cases. Ms. Ernat says that AHB still appeals out to circuit. Council Member Vogt says that this is an extra step to use an inexpensive court.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-193 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 5                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

**XII. CONSENT AGENDA –**

Resolution No. 2016-194

**Moved by Council Member Robb seconded by Council Member Vogt**

1. Resolution No. 2016-195, approving the minutes of August 16, 2016 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. meetings.
2. Resolution No. 2016-196, supporting the designation and adoption of the Monarch butterfly as Michigan's official State Insect.
3. Resolution No. 2016-197, approving Ordinance 1272 an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti. **(Second Reading)**

4. Resolution No. 2016-198, approving Ordinance 1273 an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to increase sewage disposal service rates. **(Second Reading)**
5. Resolution No. 2016-199, approving Ordinance 1274 an ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the Code of Ordinances to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills. **(Second Reading)**

On a roll call, the vote to approve the Consent Agenda was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 6                      NO:                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

**XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –**

1. Resolution No. 2016-200, approving Contract with Doan Construction, Inc. for Sidewalk Ramp Replacement Program

**Motioned by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson seconded by Council Member Anne Brown**

Council Member Murdock first asked for a list of the locations, which included Prospect Street and some additional ones. They were included in the original prospect plan, how did we miss these why weren't they included in the original plan. When we put the plan together they didn't know about agreement number 4. Stan Kirton says that it was designed as if it was a standard road. Council Member Murdock asked if with standard roads ramps would be on it. Mr. Kirton says that it would be additional roads. Council Member Murdock says that more ramps isn't expanding are walkability we could use that money to build more ramps. It doesn't seem like it's going to achieve their goal either. Mr. Kirton says it seems dangerous to have the crosswalks on the one side of the street like that.

Mayor Edmonds asks for Mr. Barr to give his opinion on the consent agreement. Mr. Barr says the suit against is bought about by the agency helping the rights of the handicap. The suit says that the road should be created in a way that a handicap person can cross the same way an able bodied person can. His position is supported by the federal rules for construction, there's a dispute with the engineers as to if that is safe. The Judge ruled and that was what was agreed to. The plans were drawn not to completely comply this is a fixtunate. Mayor Edmonds asks if we can talk to them and figure this out so we can possibly use this money elsewhere. Mr. Barr says they had very long meetings and they got some leeway on that but it is hard to argue when they control the federal rules. Mayor Edmonds asks Mr. Kirton if it is going above and beyond it. Mr. Kirton says yes he believe it is going above and beyond it. Markus says that for clarification everything that is built the ADA requires they need a ramp. Locations along the stretch that agreed for one cross such as Grove and 94 where there is a mid-cross block, a second crossing there would be unsafe. The pricing is almost 50% below than what we're anticipating.

Council Member Murdock says it was way lower than anyone else. Markus says his unit price was very similar to the original prospect project. He says the good thing about this is it is not costing more than it would. Mayor Edmonds asks if they are still under the overall grant dollars for the project. Mr. Kirton says yes. Mayor Edmonds then asks if that means they could do something else with the money then. Markus says they are not under the original grant dollars and he doesn't have the exact figures, he says the original project was eligible at 2.3 the work that was done was in the 2.1 range. So the full advantage of the 1.9 money has been utilized. Council member Murdock asked that some of the sources of money in the memo were the metro funds, but it's like general fund money, he thought it would come out of street money. Mr. Kirton says its either main road. Council Member Murdock says a couple of things he's noticed as that they seemed to have backed down on the one on Michigan ave and Moss. He wants to ask a future question in which we spend 100,000 we use 50,000 out of the CDBG money then we get 50,000 from street money? Mr. Kirton says Metro Act; this is how we have been getting funding as we have not used General Fund Money. Council Member Murdock ask who gets together to decide how to spend the money. Mr. Kirton says that the plaintiff does have concerns that they would like to address immediately but usually the DPS staff who are familiar with the street. Mr. Barr says the staff surveys the city and takes the worst case.

Mayor Edmonds asks if non-motorized vehicles giving priorities to the matter. Council Member Murdock says he'll follow up on that and they are particular concerned with MDOT streets because they do not do any work. Mr. Kirton says they did some work on Michigan Ave this year. Council Member Murdock said they were supposed to do some side walk work. Mr. Kirton says that they did some work at park. Council Member Murdock says he's really interested in dividing this question in prospect street 1 and 2. Council Member Robb says before you do when Mr. Deschene was here last week he said that there on the North side on Maple there's a crossing on the other side there isn't, why can't we just put a sign up saying that there is no crossing, I guess the question is legal. Mr. Barr says it's certainly a possibility if they wanted to go that route they could ask the judge to change that order, they would have to get the other party or the judge to approve it but the other party has been very hesitant to do so. Mayor Edmonds asks if there a problem with that crosswalk being too close to the intersection on the South Side of Maple isn't it getting pretty close to the highway. Markus says yes but that is why there isn't a hard and fast rule with the ADA. Mayor Edmonds asks in his opinion if it's too close. Markus says that this needs to be done to bring the City into the Compliance Agreement. He says that there is really a safety concern however, and explains that one project they did in which there was a project on Van Dyke on a 7 lane road and everyone got together and agreed that a crosswalk on a 7 lane road would have legal concerns.

Mayor Edmonds asks if there are any further discussions. Council Member Robb says he has a motion split it between Prospect and all the other roads. He says we need to stand up on this as this is diverting money from fixing crossings that are not in compliance. Council Member Vogt asks if they are trying to force us back into court. Council Member Robb is saying he only wants to split these but does not want to go back to court. Council Member Vogt says that it has the effect of working on a resolution that fails or you go back into court but his question is what would be the expense. He understands that Mr. Barr said they reached an agreement to avoid the cost of litigation and if there is a cost issue what would it be. Mr. Barr says that yes they would be pulled back into court but try to reach an agreement with the other attorney. One of the problems is in a case like this is they have to pay the other side attorney because we have to pay our fees then pay their fees too. Council Member Vogt asks how many crossing is an

issue, 4 that are disputed to what is needed, so what is the cost of 4. Mr. Kirton says its 43,000. Mayor Edmonds said you already negotiated and this is what you came up with. Mr. Barr said you can vote it and explain your vote in the record. Mayor Edmonds says this is on the table she then asks if anyone can clarify for everyone what we are doing. Mr. Barr says the vote does not put Mr. Kirton in contempt of court as this is a legislative body. Council Member Murdock says they are dividing the question into two parts the first part is the Prospect road which is 43,174.83 and second part for non-Prospect 55,688.12. Council Member Anne Brown asks if the Prospect pieces are in dispute because it is too many and is unsafe. Council Member Robb asks if they violate the standards. Council Member Anne Brown asks if there are too many on the street. Mr. Kirton says they are just across from one another. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she is trying picture what everyone is saying. Mayor Edmonds asks if there is clarity on what is being voted on.

On a roll call, the vote on bifurcation was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 4                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Failed

### **Motion to extend to 11:30 by Council Member Anne Brown**

Council Member Murdock motions to amend the agenda to remove the two ramps from prospect and counter, at martin place, maple and prospect, Thomas and prospect and high street and prospect. Seconded by Council member Robb.

Council member Vogt asks how that is different from bifurcation. Council Member Murdock says I removed five of the prospect roads. Council Member Vogt was wondering if it was the ones in bifurcation. Council Member Murdock says that they were valid construction at the place. Council member Vogt says the amendment concedes the 4 but remove the ones that are not court compliant. Council Member Murdock says that we vote on this then vote on the resolution sans these 5, he says his reason for doing so is that these are asinine and he wants the chance to say so and he doesn't report it. Council Member Robb says it defeats the purpose. Council Member Vogt asks if it's going to cause issues. Mr. Barr replies that he doesn't know. He says that when they go together with the other attorney they came to some resolution, but that is just them us they are not the elected officials. He says what council decides he'll take that to them. Mayor Edmonds asks if these are removed if the bid is even still good. Markus answers that you wouldn't be in danger in being able to award the contract. He says that if it's over a certain threshold and constitute a major item of work then you can come back to it. Council Member Murdock says he'd like to remove these ramps out of there and use the money from there to put it in the non-Prospect list. Markus said we really didn't discuss that when we met, we worked on the Prospect corridor. Council Member Murdock says there was a list. Markus says when we make a side walk list we purposely make it longer than it should be. Mayor Edmonds says she agrees with what Council member Murdock says but the City has not been winning with their negotiation, she asks Mr. Barr for more context. Mr. Barr says we will take this to the attorney and says this is the rationale of City Council and they feel like you'd get more if you went this way. Mr. Barr says he can't guarantee what will be said but there will be an additional expense and the City is not the soul recipient for this and previous sued Cities have been forced to do this. He said the judge will go back to what the ADA standards are.

Council Member Vogt asks if this has to do with the fact that the road was rebuilt and have to be updated to ADA standard. Mr. Barr says when you rebuild a road it has to be up to compliance. Council Member Vogt says that every new road have to have crossings. Council Member Robb says that is not what Markus said, he says that this is not in their designed guidelines. Mr. Barr says the OHM guidelines are not what the Judge said this is something that can be argued in court. Council Member Vogt asked why these additional crossings a bad idea aren't they an improvement for the community. Council Member Robb says that it takes away resources from the City as the money can be used to approve walkability at another place that needs it. Markus says that this is arguable and that is what Mr. Barr is trying to say. Council Member Vogt asks that eventually won't they have to do all of the crossing. Council Member Murdock says we can get all of these neighborhoods done and redraw Prospect when we redo it. Council Member Vogt says that the judge will have to say that it complies with the consent agreement or it doesn't. Markus says that it wouldn't be covered or in compliance with the consent in agreement. Council Member Vogt says that there is no point to this proposal as if we are going to lose we're going to lose big. Council Member Anne Brown says that if we make the motion to remove then Mr. Barr will have to make that phone call. Council Member Vogt says the cost risks is higher than we'd like to admit and the strategy is not to shove it down their throat but approach it in a business like matter. Mayor Edmonds says we don't to put ourselves in a bad situation.

On a roll call, the vote on amends resolution was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 3                      NO: 3                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Failed

Council Member Vogt moves to postpone resolution 2016-200 so that Mr. Barr can discuss opposing council and report back to City Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson seconds it.

On a roll call, the vote on postponing resolution 2016-200 until 9/20/2016 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 5                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016-201, awarding bid for urgent road repairs to Best Asphalt.

**Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Robb**

Council Member Murdock says he's been trying to have conversations about roads and have decided to go forward with several things. He says that we need to prepare for the issues we have and we have new revenue sources we didn't have and we need to prioritize new projects as well. He says we need to have an idea on how to plan that out, otherwise tonight who will make the decision on these roads. Mayor Edmonds point of order, what number do you need to

press for a police emergency. She then says we have the motion on the floor, the resolution is we award the deal to best asphalt but do not put another 80,000 on it. Council Member Vogt asks which roads. Council member Murdock answer Cornell, Huron River Drive, and Hamilton, it's not major reconstruction, more than pot holes but not major construction. Mr. Kirton points out that it is just skin patching. Mayor Pro-Tem asks what Council Member Murdock reasoning was for leaving the dollars off. Council Member Murdock says that we need to have a discussion on roads in the broader since and plan out what we're going to do. Mr. Kirton says we'll spend another 70,000 on the three roads. Council Member Robb says this is a bad decision to do it this way, we had 2 years to do this right and now we're just slapping this together and because of that you won't get Cornell paved for 5 years. Council Member Anne Brown asks if there is a proposal on the table for a road meeting. Council Member Robb says that it's going to have to be a special meeting. Council Member Murdock says that they just want to set the meeting so they know how we are moving forward in the future. Mayor Edmonds says that unfortunately that this month we haven't had enough staff to go through this just yet and we can look at November for a meeting. Council Member Robb says that after the millage failed you said you would give us a date. Manager McMullan says that October 11<sup>th</sup> is a good date on a Tuesday.

On a roll call, the vote on Resolution No. 2016-201 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 5                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- 3. Resolution No. 2016-202, approving contract with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for the Construction Engineering Services for the 2016 Urgent Road Repairs.

**Moved by council Member Robb, seconded by Council Member Vogt**

Council Member Murdock says that the contract price has been reduced. Markus says that yes it has and it was anticipated.

On a roll call, the vote on Resolution No. 2016-202 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

**Council Member Robb moves to extend to 1:00, Council Member Anne Brown seconds**

- 4. Resolution No. 2016-203, approving AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A TRUCK ROUTE AND REGULATE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CITY OF YPSILANTI; TO PROHIBIT TRUCK AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON OTHER ROADS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY

UNDER ARTICLE VII, SECTION 29 OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION OF 1963 AND SECTION 726 OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, ACT 300 of 1949 (MCL 257.1 ET SEQ)". **(Second Reading)**

**Moved by Council Member Vogt, seconded by Council Member Murdock**

Council Member Vogt says his purpose is to remove LeForge and Hewitt and any other street that isn't mandatory by state law.

Council Member Vogt moves to remove Hewitt and LeForge and any other road that is not required by State Law. Supported by Council Member Anne Brown.

Council Member Vogt says we don't want R&L converging on roads that run North and South through the City. This cause congestion and other issues that will cause traffic flow to move easier. There is nothing but positives that comes from cutting off these roads. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asks why we don't want them. Council Member Murdock says because they are just a trucking depot, their traffic eminent north east of Detroit and comes down Prospect to Michigan Ave. Mayor Pro-Tem ask how removing these streets will hinder or stop them. Council Member Vogt says because they'll have no route North or Northeast to come down the City. Council Member Murdock says that you have the state highway and when they built the interchange at 94 and Huron they created a north south Huron, Hamilton lull as another passageway through the City. He says Hewitt was a dirt road when he was Mayor and it was on the watts list for years and they wanted Ypsilanti to pay for it. They needed a road to St. Joseph Hospital so it became a road. It has no weight restriction and is an all season road, it's a truck route. He says in terms of R&L traffic on Prospects they do have other ways to go and it's to the East of the City. When we discussed this a year ago and asked how we can deal with Prospect, Truck Routes came up the most. He says he doesn't believe it will impact the central City neighborhoods nor will it impede the difficult trouble it's going to be to revert our streets to two ways, that is not the issue, he says he would agree to a 2 year sunset, takes LeForge out and sees what goes on. Mayor Edmonds asks if we can put a weight limit sign. Mr. Barr says if you have a traffic control order after you have a study done. Council Member Murdock says you can't enforce it, Council member Robb agrees saying the Police Department does not have scales, the Chief wrote in the memo that they would prefer to do axel. Mr. Barr says that they did have weights at one point but all of the fines go to the library. Mayor Edmonds asks if there have been any conversations with R&L. Mr. Barr says he does not know. Mayor Edmonds says we should table this until we talk to R&L. Council Member Robb says the best way to control truck traffic is to have an ordinance whether than tell people what to do. Mr. Barr says we can certainly talk to the company but the Legislation should not be aimed at one particular company. Council Member Robb says we aren't. Council member Vogt says this is why I wanted to get rid of anything not mandated by state. Mayor Edmonds that some of these that came up from Residence were that the vehicles weren't going to do the 275 to whatever. Council Member Robb says he wants very specific guidelines, we have to collect data, no one cared when we cared Park and Grove and didn't look for data. If we're going to use this data capture thing I want specific guidelines. Council Member Anne Brown says we'll have a greater idea when we have these meetings. Council Member Vogt says I will withdraw the motion but the answers to the questions are very simple and self-evident. Council Member Murdock and his make it conclusive the better way to go.

**Mayor Edmonds motion to Postpone until the 10/18/2016 seconded by Council Member Vogt**

On a roll call, the vote to postpone Resolution No. 2016-203 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	absent	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: 5                      NO: 1                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2016-204, approving the purchase of 50 Kramer by Right of First Refusal from Washtenaw County Treasurer.

**Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson, seconded by Council Member Anne Brown**

Council Member Robb says he just want to make sure this isn't some idea to sell property. Ms. Ernat says that by selling the property it allows it to return to the tax roll. Council member Robb says wouldn't we own all the mediation. Ms. Ernat says not once we sell it and that is why I highly recommend doing this, we transfer as is no warrant. Council Member Anne Brown asks if this is a part of the contaminated property if so why couldn't we just wait and tell the clerk and have her give it to the City. Ms. Ernat says we have informed the treasurer and they have put as much to it saying please contact the City and it has been advertised for a month and the sell date is Friday. Mayor Edmonds says this is the first of two auctions. Ms. Ernat says that an 8700 square foot vacant is going to be pretty attractive for 5000 dollars. Ms. Ernat says that they will excursive right of first refusal and it will not go in the auction. Council Member Vogt says it's a key piece of property and we should control it.

On a roll call, the vote to postpone Resolution No. 2016-204 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Absent	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: 6                      NO: 0                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2016-205 approving the sale of 465 Jefferson to the Cooperative Orchard of Ypsilanti for the side-lot price of \$1.00 plus closing costs.

**Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson**

Council Member Murdock asks if the Orchid group more than just group or a cooperation. Ms. Andrews says that they were actually formerly made a coop in 2015. Council Member Anne Brown said she thought they weren't selling side lots unless it was a home owner. Mr. Myer says the City cannot sale a side lot as a property for a dollar. He then points out that Orchid is a coop. Ms. Andrews says that they do not gather money to maintain the property. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that she drove by that today just see it, and she never really thought it was a separate lot.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the Resolution No. 2016- 205 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	absent	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: 6                      NO:                      ABSENT: 0                      VOTE: Carried

**XIV. LIASON REPORTS – No Reports**

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- C. Urban County
- D. Freight House
- E. Parks and Recreation
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force
- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool

**XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –**

Council Member Murdock says that he would like to bring a resolution for our proposal for the first meeting in October to support the RTA. He thought Council would be busy in September.

Council Member Robb says Pub 13 would have to have their renovations completed by July, do we have to do anything with that opra, and do we have to cancel it? Ms. Ernat says we should extend the resolution. Council Member Robb says it was supposed to be completed. Ms. Ernat says that we can extend that. They have had an ownership issue and have reapplied for their CRP.

Mayor Edmonds says Andrew has been updating the vacancies so she will be updating that.

Mayor Edmonds also wants people to remember the first responder for September 11.

**XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –**

Nominations

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Heather Khan – **(New appointment)**

711 Cambridge St.

Exp: May 2018

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER – None**

**XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

**XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT -**

Resolution No. 2016-206, adjourning the City Council meeting.

Motioned by Council Member Anne Brown seconded by council Member Vogt

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 AM