



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – MCKENNY HALL BALLROOM
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL –

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

III. INVOCATION – Mayor Edmonds asked everyone who can to stand for a moment of silence

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Moved by Council Member Nicole Brown, Seconded by Council Member Anne Brown

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced Interim City Manager McMullan, Interim City Clerk Hellenga, City Attorney Mr. Barr, Finance Director Marilou Uy, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, Police Chief DeGiusti, Fire Chief Anthouard, DDA Director Joe Meyers, DPS Director Stan Kirton, HR Manager Tarina Myris, Housing Commission Director Zach Fosler, Anthony Williamson, Marge Preston, Markron Jackson, Russ Oswell, and Chief Haze

Russ Oswell thanked the City and Mayor and Community for the help and support over the last two weeks for the vigil and forum. He continued by stating that having the Council on campus provides a sense of community to the students in a broader sense. He added that EMU has many projects that they partner with the City and Community and thanked the students for coming out. Student government has been an important part of EMU this year. He finished by thanking everyone for coming out.

Interim City Clerk Hellenga reminded everyone that Oct 11 is the last day to register for the November election. To register, you can go to your local clerk’s office; IDs to be used to vote is driver’s license, state ID, school ID, tribal and military ID. He invited anyone who is interested in becoming an election inspector to see him at City Hall at 1 South Huron. Clerk Hellenga added they are open the Saturday before the Election Day and can also request an absentee ballot. There is a new polling place at the Honor’s College for Ward 2-4 and Ward 3-1

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Valerie Brannon, 318 Washtenaw - Ypsilanti Housing Commissioner. Regarding resolution 2016-233, they are pushing to hire minority employees and contractors. Their Assistant Director has been going to meetings in an effort to release data and be as transparent as possible. They have sent data ahead of time, but are uncomfortable releasing names, race, and other information without their permission.

Pearlen Johnson- 132 Bell Street - has lived in Ypsi since 1956 wants to know about the contamination. She stated that when she first moved to the site, the dump was there but it has been gone now for years having been closed down. She is just now hearing about the contamination.

Sherisha Lamar- 123 Bell Street – She is concerned about the zoning in that neighborhood. The dump was there for over 50 years. They did not put it there and if it is contaminated, it should be cleaned up. She is concerned about the character and preservation of their neighborhood.

Michael Simmons 128 Bills Street - First of all, he is appalled that he had to learn from a newspaper that there is contamination there. They have been fighting against the City to take care of their responsibility on that property for 20 years. He can't understand why council didn't have a community meeting to communicate with everyone. If there is contamination on that property, then the City has shirked their responsibility. He wants to know what is really going on about this. He is upset the City is trying to relocate people without getting their consent or telling them what has happened. He is appalled that the city can make a decision about a residential area without consulting the residents. He wants Council to immediately to get with residents to find out what to do next.

Carter Simmons, has lived on Bell Street the longest – He stated that at one time, it was used to dump dead horses and pigs. What makes him angry is that the City will tax people for not cutting their grass, but won't even take care of their own property. When they cut the trash across the street, which comes from the dispensary, they try to charge him for doing that. It's a headache for our community, but no one lives there. Police do not come over to them. When the City was trying to take Mr. King's property, there were signs for no parking; now that the property is taken, the signs are gone. He is upset that the City won't take responsibility for their properties. It's a disgrace that the area is contaminated.

William Breadener, Student at Eastern –He attended this meeting to mention resolution 2016-232 because he wasn't aware that there was a contamination issue in Ypsilanti. He works with the EPA and finds environmental issues interesting and asked if the MDEQ have looked into brownfield or superfund designation with the EPA, or looked for responsible parties to help fund any resources or actions that need to be taken. He is asking the City to support the transit authority. Ypsi is great but there is a transportation issue; other cities have transit systems that make them more appealing.

William Simmons, Eastern Wayne County – His family has been in Ypsilanti all their lives as well as some council members. He finds it appalling that they had to read in the paper about dislocation of people on Bell Street. Many of these people have been there all their lives with their houses paid for. The city needs to get this right because there's a storm coming. If council doesn't get it right now they won't get it right later as people are going to be watching them.

Mayor Edmond closes Audience Participation

Mayor Edmonds agreed with everything everyone has said about Bell Street and the council asked staff to make a presentation to explain everything that happened. She wants to understand if the City is responsible; some citizens said they wanted the option to move. She also said that there are zoning issues because now some people can't sell their houses and get mortgages. Some residents have been told they can't sell because of the contamination. How much will it cost to clean up? We need to know everything about the contamination; is it affecting residents directly or indirectly? It is a really active issue and we need input for residents. The community outreach meeting was a state-of- state for the residents to tell them what is going on and discuss it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she is really happy to see people from Bell Street this evening. She hasn't been there recently but has been down there to help work on the situation because it is an eyesore. She is a resident of the City and used to work across the street and the dump has always been an eyesore smells bad and a trouble spot for the community. Even although she was away for a while, she began to hear some of the things that were dumped in there. She asked staff for a meeting about it, but staff doesn't have a solid plan yet; she says she will meet with the residents whenever they are ready.

Council Member Anne Brown referred about the Simmons family who she knows have lived there for the longest time. She agrees that the entire council needs to meet with the community. Mayor Edmonds said that she asked staff to prepare a report for a community meeting.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

X. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING –

Ordinance 1278

1. Adopting budget adjustments due to failed Water Street Millage on August 2, 2016 be approved on First Reading

Moved by Council Member Anne Brown, supported by Council member Nicole Brown

- Close Public Hearing
- A. Resolution No. 2016-223, determination
 - B. Open public hearing
 - C. Resolution No. 2016-224, close public hearing

Manager McMullan explained how the Water Street amendment failed on August second. Staff presented Council with ideas on what could be cut that would help the budget due to the failed water street millage. Department heads reviewed their budgets and came together to present to city council a list of budget adjustments. Council has reviewed a total cost saving of \$852,285, leaving the deficit at \$670,000 for FY16-17 and FY 17-18 with a surplus of \$34,000. This is prior to council being directed to go back and review what was presented and bring back their suggestions. This will be the discussion this evening for council to deliberate the FY16-17 budget adjustments. She then asked if she should go over what was proposed. The cost reduction relied on deferring the capital projects leaving positions vacant, eliminating

positions, which included the following: three police officers, records clerk, property manager clerk, planning intern, HD intern, part-time position in clerk's office, elimination of the media intern, the HR manager and Assistant City Manager, which would end in a combination of the Assistant City manager and HR Manager as well as the addition of a HR generalist. This would work short term but is not a sustainable solution, however, it was determined that the capital projects slated to be delayed can only be delayed for so long. We decided that we needed to get a new normal for the City and not offer the same level of service as we have in the past. We proposed some revenue enhancements, one of them being street light assessments, sale of city owned properties, and adding additional parking. These were some of the things we thought might give the city long term substantial revenue. Ultimately, City Council will decide if we are to bring the Water Street millage to the people at a later date.

Mayor Edmonds asked for Chief DeGiusti to talk about the cuts in the Police Department. Chief DeGiusti began by explaining that these are positions that are not filled. It would not create layoffs; it would increase pressure on the clerical staff and will need overtime. Mayor Edmonds asked the impacts on community policing. DeGiusti responded that we have the DDA officer and school resource officer, which is funded by the school for the most part. There are community policing pieces but council is correct in that we have fewer officers on the street and the follow up required in certain cases because we have fewer detectives, is time consuming and time is a factor. Council Member Anne Brown asked if there are any opportunities in relations with the Sheriff and Eastern in terms of patrolling. DeGiusti responded that has been sustained and we really haven't stopped it . Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance is still alive. Council Member Anne Brown asked if you could use that relationship to lessen the strain on officers on call. Chief DeGiusti responded that this is not really a viable solution as the cars being used by the Sheriff Department are contracted out. They are more than willing to help us when we need it; they did cross patrols over the summer, but as far as day-to-day, it's not feasible. Mayor Edmonds asked how the cuts affect the property room and records clerk. DeGiusti responded that the records clerk does a lot of things, making sure the records are right as well as freedom of information work and she is pretty overwhelmed most of the time. When she needs to go on vacation, there is no one to back her on that. It falls on the Admin Assistant who has to do both jobs.

Council Member Murdock asked about the 29 officers and DeGiusti responded that one was on family leave and the other was serving. DeGiusti added that this comes up from time to time; currently, one officer is deployed and another officer is on family leave; another officer was injured and will be off on medical. This causes overtime issues because there is really only 26, which compounds the issue of having overtime and moving days off and canceling vacation. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked that when the records clerk is on vacation, if we could possibly put a slight budget addition on for a temp to come in at that time. DeGiusti says that there is a lot of confidential information and to bring someone in for a week to do that job is ineffective. Council Member Robb says that reducing by three, we have unbalanced shifts. DeGiusti disagreed adding that we only have 2 detectives right now who handle the harshest cases; everything else is handled by the officers from start to finish. Council Member Robb asked the number of people

we have on road patrol, to which DeGiusti responded, five people for each shift without taking from the detective. With 32 people, they would have had extra people for other places. If there are fewer detectives, then road officers have to do detective work rather than being on the road making it less efficient. Council Member Robb asked when we start to see retirements. DeGiusti responded that we have many people in the drop system with Lt. Eberts who is 3 ½ years out; there are several who have not entered the drop program.

Council Member Murdock moved to reopen the public hearing, Council Member Anne Brown Supports it

1. **Bill Welsh 700 Cambridge St.** He voted in favor of the millage; the millage vote took place at 5 pm on a Friday afternoon for the most part. He does not understand why there wasn't more of an effort to educate the public on the ramifications of this and not reopen it in November when there is a larger turnout - that is a mistake! We are talking about big cuts and restructuring a town. He repeated a rumor he heard said by the former city manager that the citizens need to feel some pain before they come around to supporting this millage. He says he feels like they are being bullied and wondered why weren't they were perfectly clear about the full extent of these cuts instead of saying city services will be cut. It seems like it's too late now.

Council member Anne Brown moved to close the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson supports it

Mayor Edmonds stated that several council members went knocking on doors trying to educate people. August was the first time they could have an election following the spring time. Council decided to put the millage on the first immediate ballot. Council Member Vogt added that with respect to Mr. Welsh comments, every City Council for ten years has been explaining to citizens what the problems are. State has illegally refused to share money with the cities' statute amount, which is approximately our annual deficit, and instead, gave money to political cronies. The recession caused such a drop in property tax values that we are in a structural permanent tax cut - we cannot get that back simply by new construction. State has cut personal property tax and we still get shorted on \$100,000 per year because of fire protection at the University. Potentially, any of those could have solved our problems without even worrying about Water Street; in fact, it could have helped us with Water Street. On the other hand, people have told us they don't want more tax, they want us to make more cuts. This is a democracy so we're trying their approach to see how we can do, cut a little further to see what works. So when we do go back, people will be able to see we did what the majority wanted and if we succeed, we will get close, but not close enough. The Police Chief is doing the best he can but the reality is the effective police force is half of what it was ten years ago. There are just a massive number of problems. In terms of the City Council not doing enough, City Council has been explaining this to the public for the last ten years. We need to cut further and show them the outcome will be exactly what we said it would be.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that regarding salary and wages, she noted that the plan is to combine Assistant to the City Manager and HR Manager at \$63,000 plus fringe benefits. She thought they had eliminated the Assistant City Manager position. Mayor Edmonds stated it's eliminating Assistant to the City Manager and combining both

positions. Ms. McMullan stated that the the former City Manager laid out some plans and it was her understanding on an interim basis she was not to change that. He planned a combination of Assistant City Manager and HR Manager and presented documentation on this, hence the reason it has not been eliminated. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says this would be a new position but Mayor Edmonds stated it would be comparable to when April McGrath was employed; she was Deputy City Manager but also did HR work. Council Member Murdock reiterated that we have a vacancy in HR and Assistant and we are proposing to combine them. The new City Manager will make that appointment or suggest something different; in the meantime, they will stay vacant. Mayor Anne Brown says it doesn't look like elimination but a combination. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson agreed with Council Member Murdock that this should be a call for the New Manager. Council Member Anne Brown added that we should keep the HR position since it is a contract position then let the new City Manager make that decision, but also extend this contract through the first quarter. McMullan says the contract expires December 31st so we will have to come back to visit that. Council Member Murdock added that we're talking about the new Manager coming in December or January but until the New Manager can make that decision, we're looking at merging those positions in theory.

Mayor Edmonds says that Ms. Grinzinger from MML is going to send her an updated timeline on where they are on the City Manager position and informed Ms. Grinzinger she wants is someone in place by the end of the first quarter.

Council Member Anne Brown had a question about the second treasurer/clerk part time position. It was suggested that if there were two clerks in that position; one would be going upstairs to Accounting and one would be made full time. McMullan clarified that this was not the suggestion. She said it had been recommended that the accounting/treasury/clerk position be eliminated, leaving one part-time treasurer technician as before. She also clarified that the person who would be eliminated will fill the open part-time position in the Accounting Department. Further, Ms. McMullan stated that the clerk election duties are non-union, and a temporary would be hired to take on those duties following the same procedure as has been done in the past. Council member Anne Brown asked if there were two part time individuals and we are just asking to eliminate one, to which, Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds question why are there are positions in the clerk office that are non-union and Ms. McMullan responded that there was an election clerk prior to her tenure that was a union member and that position was eliminated under former City Manager Koryzno as part of his solvency plan. She stated that during her entire nine years, there has not been a clerk union position.

Council Member Vogt asked why the line item costs in the building inspection division had increased. Ms. Ernat responded that a position had been added which increases certain personnel line items but that the overall inspection budget had not increased as the position is funded but additional revenues generated by the position.

Council Member Murdock stated that this is our first attempt to get things under control and work toward a balanced budget. He said what are doing is not filling a lot of vacant positions and delaying some capital

projects that will still have to be completed in the future. Council member Murdock referred to the document he provided earlier in the day and stated he wanted to discuss three amendments on the expenditure side. He went on to suggest that City Council conference budget be rolled back to the FY15-16 level, saving \$1000 in FY16-17 and \$1700 in FY17-18. He said the second amendment is to remove the Stewart Trust system and the last is to eliminate the subsidy for Parkridge, the Senior Center, and the Rutherford Pool.

Council Member Murdock stated he would like all one-time sales removed from the budget such as the Boys and Girls Club property and the old city landfill. He said he would like to see a comprehensive plan for parking before consideration of paid parking in Depot Town, and would like to see a preliminary vote on the street light assessment before those numbers are included in the budget.

Council Conference Amendment moved by Council Member Murdock, supported by Council Member Nicole Brown

Discussion: Council Member Anne Brown asked if that will be revisited in 2017-2018 or is it for both. Council Member Murdock responded that it's for both. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she would rather see it cut in half than go down to \$1700 since she was told that it would only be reduced to \$2300.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment for Council Conferences 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

Council Member Murdock moved to remove the Subsidy for the Rutherford pool and Senior Center in 2017-18, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated we should keep in mind that when we cut the subsidy from the Senior Center, Pool and Parkridge these are our buildings and does not affect the buildings. When the City doesn't pay utilities, it puts the buildings in danger. While she understands we want to cut money for three of them, we have to take care of the buildings. Council Member Murdock explained that the money that we spend for the maintenance for the buildings is not the \$10,000; this was extra money we did in the last year only. Council member Vogt says he reluctantly supports this but this is one of the things we warned about if the ballot proposal fails. He does not want to do this, but it's necessary and we simply do not have a choice. Council Member Anne Brown asked if the elimination from Parkridge is \$60,000 or \$11,000., to which Ms. McMullan responded it is \$49,000. Council Member Anne Brown asked if there has been any conversation with WCC or Mr. Barfield, to which Ms. McMullan responded we have not seen a contract. Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Nicole Brown as a member of the Rutherford Pool Board what the implications are of this cut. It was the opinion of Council

Member Nicole Brown that by not supporting our local service, it is a disservice to those community members. With regard to the pool, they have worked on strategic planning for the next five years, but they were also aware that if the millage didn't pass, cuts could be something that would happen. Mayor Pro-Tem said agreed with council members Vogt and Nicole Brown, and would vote in favor of this but the subsidy should be put back in the budget as soon as possible.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the \$49,000 from Parkridge includes building maintenance. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Ms. Uy to explain this in more detail. Ms. Uy stated that the total budget for the Parkridge Community Center is \$50,208. \$11,000 will be subtracted from the \$50,208 which represents interest from Mr. Barfield's endowment. In addition, \$10,809 will also be subtracted, which is the 50% city share of the utilities and janitorial services. The net expense of Parkridge Community Center is \$38,219, and that includes wages for two part-time employees, office supplies and operating expense, some travel allowance for Mr. Fry and PCC 50% share of the utilities and janitorial service. Mayor Pro-Tem questioned if the maintenance is included in the \$38,219 and Ms. Uy responded it was being paid by the city in a separate account.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment to remove subsidy from Senior Center and Rutherford Pool was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	No	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: 1 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Move to eliminate the Land Fill and Boys and Girls Club as property sales for sources of revenue for FY16-17 and FY17-18 by Council Member Murdock, Supported by Council Member Robb

Council member Robb stated that since this is speculative, we shouldn't count on this and shouldn't budget it. Mayor Edmonds was in agreement but also asked the estimated timeline on the RFP for the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Ernat responded that we are looking to partner with the state and while it will slow down the process, it will increase our visibility in the product that we put out. We would like to have that bid out by the first of the year, although it may move a couple months back depending on the state. Council Member Vogt added we should not include these things on the budget at this time, adding this amendment does not mean we are trying to sell these properties, we just don't know at what time and what price. Mayor Edmonds stated that council is working to put known revenue, and known expenditures in the budget, in order to have the most accurate version.

On a roll call, the vote to approve to eliminate the Land Fill and Boys and Girls Club as property sales for sources of revenue for FY16-17 and FY17-18 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
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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

Move to amend the parking meter placements in Depot Town by Council Member Murdock, supported by Council Member Anne Brown

Mayor Edmonds stated that while she supports this item, the process for this to take place, and the conditions and configuration of the lots need to be worked out and come to us as part of a broader transit plan in that area. She added that the processing will take time. Council Member Vogt says eliminating this from the list doesn't mean we won't have paid parking in Depot Town in the future; it just means that at this time we don't have enough information. Mayor Edmonds asked McMullan about Ann Arbor donating parking meters to us. Manager McMullan indicated that Ann Arbor is willing to donate the meters and whenever we decide to institute meters or some type of parking, she will discuss it with DPS as to where they will be installed. Council Member Murdock says it is possible that the City may adopt a totally new system of parking meters over the old ones we will get from the Ann Arbor DDA. It is unknown at this time what the parking will look like.

On a roll call, the vote to amend parking meter placements in Depot Town 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

Council Member Murdock moved to eliminate the street lighting special assessment from this budget amendment, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Council Member Vogt and Mayor Edmonds both agree. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if this is being eliminated and Council Member Murdock responded that it can be bought up again later.

On a roll call, the vote to eliminate street lighting special assessments from this budget amendment 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

Mayor Edmonds stated that while she doesn't have a specific amendment for this budget, Manager McMullan did provide her with

utility bills for the buildings. Mayor Edmonds began assessing these, and it is her opinion that in looking at HVAC and City Hall, it is really inefficient to be running on weekends.

Council Member Murdock stated that he would like to maintain the hiring freeze beyond this budget until the new City Manager can review the budget. Council Member Murdock moved to extend hiring freeze beyond budget discussion until new City Manager can look at budget, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson.

Council Member Anne Brown stated we have an HR contract through 12/31. Council Member Murdock said that hopefully we will have a City Manager by then, but if not, it can be brought before council. He said that vacant positions happen all the time but we don't want to rush out to hire someone if this budget is approved. Mayor Edmonds asked if this is just for staffing positions or included paid interns. Council Member Murdock replied that it would mean everything. However, if someone feels it is absolutely necessary, they can make their case. Manager McMullan said we hire temporary staff during the election so that should be included. Council Member Murdock added that he assumed the election inspectors are all hired by now. Mayor Pro-Tem stated she wants to add an amendment to the motion to make exception for temporary election workers. Council Member Robb said we should have a separate amendment after we do the budget amendment and policy amendments should not be lumped into this.

Council Member Murdock withdrew his motion.

Council Member Robb asked for an explanation as to why the business license process has not been updated yet and why revenues are still being shown for a full year. Manager McMullan asked Ms. Ernat to explain. Ms. Ernat stated that the new process requires Council approval and that she intends to bring an ordinance for consideration by February. She added that business license fees are still to be collected but the new ordinance proposal will seek to combine the Business License and the Certificate of Occupancy processes and that she does not see much impact to the budget for FY16-17 but definitely for FY17-18.

Council member Murdock asked if the revenue here is the same amount for this year and next year. Ms. Ernat stated that businesses currently pay for licensing so we have a good idea of the future numbers. Council Member Murdock asked how the new inspector will be able to do business inspections and catch up on the rental program. Ms. Ernat stated that the new inspector's time will be split 50/50.

Council Member Robb made a point of order to remove anything from the budget amendment that does not have to do with money and is just ideas, supported by Council Member Anne Brown.

On a roll call, the vote to approve to remove any item from budget amendment that does not have a dollar amount attached to it 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

Council Member Robb stated that 6 ½ years ago, Council received a DPS efficiency study that recommended elimination of the General Superintendent to save \$75,000.

Council Member Robb moved to eliminate the General Superintendent from the DPS, seconded Council Member Nicole Brown.

Council member Vogt asks Mr. Kirton to explain this. Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Robb to send the Council the packet, to which Council Member Robb stated it is on the website. Mr. Kirton asked Council if they had any specific questions. Council Member Nicole Brown asked if Mr. Kirton has any input or overview of what Council Member Robb is talking about. Mr. Kirton stated that he had no prior contact about this. He added that it would be detrimental to his operation, especially winter. Council Member Murdock added that he recalled that study too although he is not for or against it but would really need to see how it would affect the department. He says that eliminating the position just bumps everyone down. He continued by stating he doesn't believe all the supervisors are funded by general fund; we would have to see how it impacts this budget. Ms. Uy stated that the budget for this is a very small percentage of the general fund, maybe 5 to 10%. Council Member Vogt asked Mr. Kirton how it will be detrimental, to which, Mr. Kirton stated that when we plow for 20 hours at a time, we need supervisors and if we lose one, there would be issues with winter maintenance. Council Member Vogt asked if it would have any impact on summer time and Mr. Kirton responded that they assist in logistics for special events. Council Member Vogt says that this is another issue that will have a direct effect on the citizens. Mr. Kirton added that the Union would have something to say about it because you would be losing a union position.

Council Member Vogt asked to either table this discussion or withdraw it. Council Member Nicole Brown withdrew her support and the motion died.

Council Member Robb moved to eliminate the SPARK subsidy of \$8500 a year, Council Member Vogt Seconded.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the payment for FY16-17 had been made, to which, Ms. Uy responded that a portion had been paid. Council Member Murdock added that at one time, DDA was paying a contribution of SPARK but Mayor Edmonds added that was a separate amount but has since it had been reduced. Council Member Vogt asked what the money is used for and Ms. Ernat responded that she was not aware if we had a contractual relationship but that \$5000 goes to the SPARK East incubator as part of several contributors, and the \$3500 is a donation to SPARK. Council Member Robb stated his intention is to stop this payment at this point. Council Member Vogt stated he would withdraw his support until more information is forthcoming. Council Member Murdock seconded the motion with an amendment to a total of \$5000. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if this is something we would need to discuss with SPARK since there had to be some kind of concession made and we

should weigh the benefits of what the City gets from SPARK. If we just keep cutting ourselves, we're going to find ourselves isolated.

Council Member Murdock Amendment is to reduce the payment to \$5000 in FY16-17 and reduce it by \$8500 in FY17-18. Council Member Robb does not accept this. Council Member Murdock withdraws his amendment. The amendment died.

Council Member Robb would like amend the \$5000 to imagine Washtenaw supported by Council Member Murdock.

Council Member Vogt asked if we have a contractual obligation, to which, Ms. Ernat responded that she has to research it, but assuming there is no contract, we'd be the only community with property on Washtenaw not participating. Council Member Robb says that what they are trying to do does not impact us and it's the same as Aerotropolis, we weren't getting our bang for our buck so we dropped out. Ms. Ernat responded that we can't use the same logic as we did with Aerotropolis because we still have a voice here. Council Member Vogt added that we can amend the amendment to say as long as we don't have a contractual obligation. Ms. Ernat stated she would caution that we research these items to make sure we don't have contractual obligations as we were not briefed on this beforehand. Council Murdock says we should follow up what Council Member Vogt said to postpone this until the second reading of the budget.

Council Member Murdock moved to postpone this until October 18, seconded by Council Member Vogt.

On a roll call, the vote to approve postponement of this amendment 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 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Anne Brown asked for clarification on reducing contractual services. Ms. Ernat stated that departments were asked to make cuts so she proposed a reduction of \$10,000 to contractual services for Planning and Development in the current and next fiscal year. Council Member Brown asked what the funds are used for and if this is a good place to cut. Ms. Ernat stated that the funds are used for services unable to be provided in-house such as zoning reviews, environmental investigations, and other services. Mayor Edmonds suggested that this may not be a good place to cut since there are several on-going projects with these types of issues. Council Member Anne Brown asked if we should restore the total amount. Mayor Edmonds suggested we make the cut told staff to come make requests on a case-by-case basis for the funds if necessary.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the budget as amendment 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
VOTE:	Council Member A. Brown	No		
YES: 5	NO: 2	ABSENT: 0	VOTE: Carried	

XI. ORDINANCE - SECOND READING –

1. Resolution No. 2016-225, Approving Ordinance 1277 an Ordinance entitled “Thompson Block East Portion Rezoning” the rezoning for the east 0.2 acres of property addressed as 400 N. River from CN-SF, Core Neighborhood Single Family, to C, Center.

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

Ms. Ernat stated that this is the same proposal provided two weeks ago and additional comments have not been received. She asked for questions from Council. Council Member Murdock asked if the property would or would not be located in the DDA if combined. Ms. Ernat stated that the parcel would not be in the DDA District and that an amendment to the DDA would be required to combine the parcel to the district. Mayor Edmonds asked if this makes an issue for development. Ms. Ernat stated it would not and that we can still work within the available incentives to make the project work.

On a roll call, the vote to approve resolution 2016- 225 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. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2016-226

1. Resolution No. 2016-227, approving the minutes of September 6, 2016 meeting.
2. Resolution No. 2016-228, approving appointment to Boards and Commissions.
3. Resolution No. 2016-229, authorizing the Interim City Clerk to cast the ballot for the 2017 Michigan Municipal League (MML) Board of Directors election.
4. Resolution No. 2016-230, approving Contract with Carr’s Outdoor Services, Inc. for the City of Ypsilanti Pavement Maintenance Program.
5. Resolution No. 2016-231, approving Ordinance 1276 an ordinance to prohibit coal tar sealants in the City of Ypsilanti, to be new City Code Section 94-3.
(Second Reading)

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Consent Agenda 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

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No 2016-232, supporting regional transit in Southeastern Michigan.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that is long overdue since it has been on SEMCOG radar for a long time and many people will benefit from this transportation. We should encourage everyone to vote in support. Council Member Murdock says the resolution speaks to the issue for us and it connects the four counties agreeing it’s been long overdue. Mayor Edmonds says council strongly supports this.

On a roll call, the vote to approve resolution 2016- 232 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. 2016-233, requiring the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) to furnish information regarding minority contractors used for YHC projects.

Moved by Council Member Nicole Brown, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

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Council Member Anne Brown asked Mr. Fosler, aside from the hours, how many individuals are there on these sites. Mr. Fosler answered that this is not a report that he can just pull. He said the contractors and subcontractors hired were provided to the African American Contractor Association, and were broken down by race and gender. Council Member Anne Brown asked how many jobs were created and how many were filled with people from this community. She questioned if Faith Management is a group from our community or not and asked if that information can be shared.

Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Brown what specific information she wants. Council Member Anne Brown responded she wants to know the number

of bodies. Mr. Fosler stated that the report breaks it down by contractor and the number of hours. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she would like this information provided to Council because she doesn't see jobs being created for people in the community. She said she has yet to see one person that looks like her and that bothers her. She suggested proposing the creation of an ordinance regarding the hiring of local contractors and electricians. She said it's essential that the city begin to protect its residents. Mr. Fosler stated that he provided all the information requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson. Ms. Richardson stated that she received information from the association and she believes Council needs to look into this further.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the information sent to Council was the same information that was sent to the Association. Mr. Fosler answered in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds asked if the number of jobs created locally and locally were among minorities and again, Mr. Fosler answered in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds asked what does local mean. Mayor Pro-Tem expressed concern about the following through of Section 3 of the provision. She stated that helps bring in people from the community to fill in the position. Council Member Anne Brown said she wants to know the number of the people since Mr. Fosler says that they are meeting the requirements of Section 3 and exceeding them at some points. Mr. Fosler stated that Section 3 is separate from local contracts and is an entirely different thing. He continued that the work has been broken down in tiers, which include residents of actual employment throughout the City and the jurisdiction. Mr. Fosler stated that 10% is what they strive to hit for both local and minorities, and they have hit 20% for local and minority subcontractors for both projects. He stated 33% of the 64,000 labor hours were worked by minorities. Mayor Edmonds stated that listing employee's names in the resolution is something that is contending.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated if it's inappropriate to ask for names, she doesn't mind striking it from the resolution. Mr. Fosler stated that specific employees are exempt from FOIA and it would be inappropriate. Council Member Anne Brown asked if Council could get the names where it says Faith Management and Mr. Fosler said he would have to look into that. Council Member Anne Brown asked for the name of the owner of Faith Management and Mr. Fosler stated he does not know the specific names.

Mr. Barr clarified that the names of the owners can be given to Council but questioned whether it's possible to find out the names of actual employees who worked on a public-funded project. He said the public has the right to get the name and addresses of all of the people working in the city. He said he drafted the resolution and thinks it's appropriate to get that information if it doesn't violate privacy. Mayor Edmonds stated that Council is just looking for the number of employees and the names centered mostly on the contracting company. Council Member Nicole Brown suggested changing number 2 so that the request is for a list of names of all the contractors by race and gender without their name.

Moved by Council member Nicole Brown, supported by Council Member Anne Brown to amend Resolution 2016-233 to request the number of all minority contractors, and the number of minority employees by race and gender.

Moved by Council Member Nicole Brown, supported by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Fosler stated that the last project was a rehab, and the actual data is stronger than what Ms. Richardson may have observed from driving by the site. Mayor Edmonds stated that she concurs with the intent of the Council to look at best practices and to solicit the best partnerships. She acknowledged Mr. Fosler's statements that going back to retrieve some of this data could be very costly and suggested that moving forward, such as with the Parkridge project, we start keeping these statistics so it can be easily pulled. Council Member Anne Brown stated she would like to see the number of jobs created, and would like this measure going forward. Mr. Fosler stated it would be easier going forward because everything is now electronic compared to the paper process used for the last project. Council Member Nicole Brown agreed that moving forward it should be much easier so there should not be any problems going back in the future to gather data.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Attorney Barr to look at the ordinance to confirm the percentage required for local and minorities. Council Member Anne Brown suggested community benefit agreements to help create jobs. Mayor Edmonds stated a good reason to put it on the ballot is that community benefit agreements are becoming more common. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if any work had been done around the Peninsular project. Council Member Anne Brown stated that the City needs to be able to say how many people from the community are working on the site. Mr. Fosler clarified that the information Council would like to see is a list of the local and minority contractors used on city projects within the last two years. He added that the projects have sometimes been broken up to help local contractors. Council Member Anne Brown said that is the reason for the association. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the City doesn't have a list of minority contractors but Washtenaw County does.

Mayor Edmonds asked Mr. Fosler if November 7th is a realistic date to provide the data. Mr. Fosler answered he would have to talk to payroll, but it is most likely possible.

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. 2016-234, approving contract with Parks installation and Excavating, Inc. for the Replacement of DPS Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Fuel Tanks.

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

Mr. Kirton stated the existing tank is 24 years old and it's time to change since it is leaking. He is asked that Council approves the replacement of the tank for the second bidder at a \$40,000 dollar saving. The Storage tanks are built in Michigan.

On a roll call, the vote to approve resolution 2016- 234 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	Absent
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

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

3. Resolution No. 2016-235, approving 2017 Health Care Providers Renewal for Employee and Retiree Coverage.

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

Ms. Myris began by stating that the City is looking to renew the current contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield, EHIM and Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage. These plans are in compliance with the labor contract limits for co-pays and deductibles. The City offers a PPO fully insured plan and optional HSA plan. Blue Cross Blue Shield provided a premium reduction of 3.5%, which is about \$42,000 per year. There is an increase on the self-funded prescription of \$27,000 per year and an increase of \$11,000 for medical WRAP expenses, active and retirees combined. The Medicare Advantage plan that covers retirees eligible for Medicare A and B increased by 4% or \$16,000 per year. The net effect is an increase of \$11,000 per year.

Mayor Edmonds asked what Ms. Myris has seen from other municipalities that could help us with our retirees' plans. In discussion with MML members from Ferndale, Mayor Edmonds learned they are saving insurance dollars with wellness programs. Ms. Myris says she is not really sure and introduced Michele Bolser with VTC Insurance Group. Michele stated that the City introduced its first wellness program last year. Employees were incentivized to fill out a survey and have full physical examinations for which they would be paid \$125 dollars. The City had six people participate. Ms. Bolser stated wellness plans can take a few years to see results. She stated that specific to retirees, other municipalities she works with do not have retiree health plans but they have done a good job promoting health clinics. Blue Cross and Blue Shield has rolled out new plans through WebMD, but most come with a cost. Ms. Bolser said she would look into other options available.

Council Member Robb stated when this material was presented last year, it showed a premium cost of \$6,240 and what is being presented today shows \$7,417. Michele asked if the employee contribution was taken out of last year's number; this presentation showed premium only. Council Member Robb said he will check that out.

On a roll call, the vote to approve resolution 2016- 235 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

XIV. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update
 - a. Had a meeting at SEMCOG last week and the executive board is still pushing the regional transit. Has a couple of handouts
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
 - a. Nothing
- C. Urban County
 - a. Nothing
- D. Freight House
 - a. Testing on sprinkler system
- E. Parks and Recreation
 - a. Ypsilanti Huron River Day Sunday Oct 9th at 11, meeting for the friends of peninsular park and a group at EMU looking to do business
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
 - a. No update
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance
 - a. Going to meet again Oct 31 9:30 to 11
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force
 - a. Meeting is next Monday
- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool
 - a. Meeting in a week
- J. Council Member Vogt- Coalition opposing the DTE rate hike. The Coalition voted unanimously to accept the settlement proposal by a number of groups. Our part dealt with ranges and charges concerning street lights. It is costly and the effects cannot be estimated. The experts were very happy with the settlement on our behalf on the point of view is if you have LED lights you will pay substantially less than on DTE’s original plan. Essentially all the increase does not have to do with LED. They will be less than the original proposal.

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Council Member Murdock- Still hasn’t received the committee commission for the vacancies and bringing up the resolution of the hiring freeze. Wants to move that we maintain the hiring freeze with the exception of the voters unless City Manager makes a decision to remove or fill a particular position.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, Seconded by Council Member Anne Brown

Council Member Anne Brown would like to include no pay increases unless voted on by council.

On a roll call, the vote to approve resolution to extend hiring freeze was as follows:

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

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2016

Human Relations Commission

Amber Fellows
210 Maples
Exp. September 2019

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

Work session October 11th for the Roads. Mayor Edmonds wants to make sure everyone is clear on the decision, roads and rails. Council Member Murdock says his thing was to focus on roads and transportation overall.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS –

- October 11th is the close of registration for the November General Election.
- October 11th Special Meeting – Working Session on Roads (7:00 p.m.)
- November 15th Joint City Council and Ypsilanti Community Schools Board Meeting will be held at Ypsilanti International Elementary School (503 Oak St.)

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Mayor Edmonds Closes Audience Participation

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XXI. CLOSED SESSION –

Closed Session to discuss attorney opinion. *OMA 15.268(e)*.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2016-236, adjourning the Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Nicole Brown, Seconded by Council Member Anne Brown

Meeting Adjourns at 10:49 PM