



City of Ypsilanti
City Council Work Session Agenda
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
City Council Chambers, 1 S. Huron St., Ypsilanti, MI
WORK SESSION: 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Call meeting to order

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 Edmond asked those that are able to stand and face the flag 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 Vogt

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Mayor Edmonds opened Audience Participation

Mayor Edmonds closed Audience Participation

VII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

Mayor Edmonds thanked to thank Bob Krzewinski for attending this work session and always participating in meetings.

VIII. WORK SESSION –

- Discussion regarding roads, other modes of transportation, and funding mechanisms.

Marcus McNamara, OHM stated he would review the presentation advising Council to stop him if there are questions. He would like to get through the bulk of the presentation and then respond to any questions. He began by reviewing some of the historic investments the City had made in the transportation infrastructure. Major roads have been projects because of the availability for multi plumbing services and major roads which are only eligible for those dollars. On average

about, one major road project a year. DPS has continued routine maintenance on both major and side roads throughout the year. He continued that what he would like to do tonight is talk about decisions that relate to projects and prioritizing. In the past, it took care of the local roads, but with constraints from WATS who allocates federal funding; those dollars were only eligible for major reconstructions until about 4 or 5 years ago. The decision in the past was easier because you would just look at a list, and picked out the top two or three that were in the worst condition. We need to figure out a way to measure those projects against one another. He would like to have a road map by the end of the night on how that process will look. One thing driving the need is the near term deadline, are the funds allocated in the 16-17 by WATS. There is \$67,000 that is federally earmarked by the City as a place holder which is not committed to a single project. WATS is going to be putting in calls for our amendments within the next few weeks or months and that is going to be due just after the first of year.

He continued by stating in order to utilize those funds, the City is going to have to make a decision about which job they want to do, or if the funds is going to revert back to the County. Mayor Edmonds asks if we did that could it be that we are saving up for a bigger project. Marcus replied that basically WATS have their goals based on population, some with 10 year averages. He says that some communities are so small that it doesn't make sense for them to do federal projects every year. He said that they like to balance them over an amount of time. Mayor Edmonds asks what the population thresholds are. Markus responded that it is \$4.3 million which is spread out between Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Saline. He said that Ypsilanti's percentage is 7.71, they just looked at a 5 or 10 year rolling average to keep the City at roughly \$360,000 per year on average. Mayor Edmonds says we might go over \$20,000 after this year, She said she didn't know if there was a threshold to bump us up. Marcus says that is the guidance that WATS uses; he says he wouldn't expect it to have a significant impact. What we want to do tonight is identify how many people will be on the scoring committee to evaluate the projects and project list to evaluate, we can take all of those and combine them in one list, doesn't take much time to score the projects and also identify the scoring criteria.

He went on to show a snap shot of the road statistics. He said the local bell curve is centered around a "6". The major distribution is varied; he says you have roughly a mile of 6 -10s. He says the majors have more needs when it comes to the reconstruction, and there is almost no reconstruction needs in local. There is an ACT 51 gas tax from the states which you may have heard about and there is additional funding coming from that due to the additional revenue they are capturing. They are talking about holding steady for the increase. MDOT provided an estimate of what they expected to get that is subject to change and Mayor Edmonds asked what they were. Marcus responded that by 2020 the city would receive 66% more. It was announced that that is going to change, how much is unknown right now. He said there is service transportation through WATS, CDBG money and Retroact Money, which usually aren't for major construction but they do affect the transportation. He says they have been diligent in trying to find any other source of money out there. He says they have tried to take advantage of dollars that weren't programmed. Council Member Murdock says it is always useful for us to have one ready to go and he asks if they have one right now. Marcus says that as of right now, the City does not.

Markus continued that there are limited dollars and having that plan in place for some grants are required but for some of them it is not. Mayor Edmonds asked if we have improved CIP. Ms. Ernat said that this does not include the roads. Marcus said there is a file and projects need to be updated and placed into new slots. Mayor Edmonds said when they approved CIP at their goal setting every year, their goal would be to make adjustments to it because it would be changing constantly. Marcus says the effort here would be to prepare that amendment. He says the infrastructure is more difficult because you have less moving parts and the transportation deserves its own category so you know what is being used. There will be a relatively small group

however, many types of council deem it is appropriate and the staff figures out which ones would work. Also, by having non-motorized involved may be a good idea. Look at the criteria on how you want to score the projects and estimate for those higher up on the list and also it is not a good idea to research projects that are 15 years away as there is too many unknowns. He says a big part of this is not only how to allocate your site resources but also your staff resources. Just because a project is expensive doesn't mean you shouldn't allocate staff to pursue grants for it. He talked about the example scoring, suggesting several categories. Very simple scoring from 0 to 3 with 0 being no impact 1 being minimum, 2 being moderate, and 3 being major. The categories identified were safety improvement, lawful jurisdiction, partnership, capacity improvements, coordination of other projects, whether or not the project needs the master plan or non-motorized plan is separate, asset management principal. Once the projects are scored we determine the cost and provide estimates for those costs. He says that one thing they will see is the projected funded source. It is okay if some are unfunded, don't exclude them from the list because there is no funding for them.

Marcus says the schedule is proposing getting the list complete prior to the December 6th council meeting. One of the meetings in December decides if the City is going to use the FAC funds or if they are going to give it to another agency. If we waited until the next TIF amendment it would not allow the city or another agency enough time to allocate the funds. Council Member Murdock asks if it is all of it or if we could do a portion. Marcus said they could do it but right now it is up to them to do whatever project they want or to give it to a lesser agency. He says this would allow Mr. Kirton to get that information into WATS by the January deadline. He says this is just really an amendment to the earlier CIP. Once this is established, the rest of it happens with the normal budgeting project and all that is left is to decide whether or not to move on with the project.

Mayor Edmonds says in the scoring we can have a column that discusses what wards are affected by the projects. Marcus agreed continuing that he suggest the project the list that the projects already on the CIP to take from the eligible list draw up the cut of three or lower which would be the roads that are eligible by WATS rule for reconstruction. He says lastly, anything that PETA added should be on the CIP. Mayor Edmonds asked that they have a big list with things being added, she said Marcus would want us to see if there are any more than need to be added and if there is a draft project list, she said what Marcus is looking for is the committee list. This list will be help facilitate things. Mayor Edmonds asks what the Council thinks about the current committee. Council Member Anne Brown asked if there were any other groups outside of the Non-Motorized that Marcus could think of that would want to be part of this. Marcus said the only other one that he thought of would be AATA, since some of these may be impacted, such as a bridge project. He said what he didn't mention on the scoring was if you have City staff and Council and someone very familiar with the City scoring every category, but you can have AATA scoring on just one part of it. Council Member Murdock asked couldn't they have an interest in train issues because it impacts them. Marcus said that could be a way to develop a list and have them score it.

Council member Anne Brown says we can add EMU because they would be interested if there are changes in Washtenaw County. Mayor Edmonds says that AATA and EMU have their own categories and just get the input that affects them. Council Member Vogt said it is his thought that the committee should have three council members and one from the other organization. Council Member Anne Brown prefers two members. Council Member Robb says that Non-Motorized shouldn't be on the committee and they can review it afterward like AATA and EMU; the reasoning being that they are not elected officials nor are they staff or council. Council Member Vogt says that he would agree with Council Member Robb in that they are not essential. Council Member Robb says we have eight categories but they do not relate to non-motorized. Mayor Edmonds says she would disagree in the many of the categories could deal with non-

motorized. Council Member Murdock says he agrees that there has been entire budgeting for non-motorized in which none of them have been discussed here. Mayor Edmonds says two council members, DPS, Planning and Development, Non-Motorized and reviewed by EMU and AATA for other special consideration. Council Member Robb says he still likes the idea of three Council Members. Marcus says he can distribute the spread sheet so you can go through and score them. Mayor Edmonds asks if that body needs to meet. Markus says you could or the results can be distributed and council can make the decision. Mayor Edmonds says she wants to find a way to make the process more informed and Marcus says that it can be done that way. Council decided to go with two council members and non-motorized members. Council Member Murdock and Council Member Vogt both volunteered to be part of the committee.

Council Member Murdock stated it looks like in terms of eligible street list is something he would look at for an annual road. He said there is a lot of things listed in his notes that are usually tap grant type of projects and somehow they need to get involved but there are timing elements. He said one of the things he asked for but hasn't received is the 1.5 to 1.6 M in gas tax money annually. Mr. Kirton said we have about \$30,000 or \$35,000. Mr. Kirton says we can use all of this for maintenance; we basically use it all. He says we budget for service maintenance. Council Member Murdock said he is just trying to figure out what would be available to do all the projects they would need to do. He says there has to be money to do that or it doesn't get done. He said if we're looking ahead 3 to 4 years and thinking it is going to be so much for a year to do things, it is going to be money to save such as the WATS money. Marcus says we can get a more definite answer to that.

Council Member Murdock says he would like to put this together in something to talk about. He says that all the resolutions that were being done were piling up and he wanted to talk about the roads before they got committed to do something they couldn't do. He said that maybe in 2022 requires some sort of match of some sort and maybe the train station which was a 1.5 m in budget, if we take the money out of there what is going to be left to do anything else. He thought the money for Huron River Drive was budgeted, there was emergency patch work done there, all other projects were put on hold. He brings up big picture projects talked about in passing such as M-17 and reimagine Washtenaw. He says he assume these things would have to be coordinated with the 2022 resurfacing MDOT is going to do and it will require a lot to just not get in the way of MDOT. He says there are more that have other elements besides reconstructing the road and there are other parts to that. He says that LeForge needs to be realigned and it is a big project that connects to other grants projects. We can start prodding the schools see if they are interested in doing things like this for speed limit signs we have around the school. We haven't talked about any bridges. Marcus says he would take this list and compare and whatever was on your list would just add it. Mayor Edmonds says they should ask Ms. Wessler what other things on this list are on the CIP. Ms. Wessler says that some of the things do not meet the CIP; they usually exceed \$10,000 and have a significant life span so things like signage normally do not fall under that. Instead of completing the B to B trail from point A to point B, it would be B to B trail across the entire City. Mayor Edmonds ask Ms. Ernat what her opinion is about moving some of these into this category that is going to be scored, some of them will use the same funds. Ms. Ernat says that if something was over lapping she sees no harm in listing it twice; she says the CIP should be a living document and it can be done as both goal setting and budget process. Ms. Ernat says the road process can be seen as an addendum but that doesn't mean that it couldn't be eligible under multiple things and having two different bodies looking at the roads and over all CIP it would be necessary to put them into categories. Council Member Anne Brown asked Marcus if he sent his list. Marcus replied that it should have been sent with the presentation but he will send it out, the other list he is looking at is just the CIP structure.

Council Member Murdock says he doesn't think the list should be so rigid that we can't take risks when we see opportunities. He says somethings in future discussions that's not going to happen

right away is that sometime someone needs to figure out what the roads are and how we will manage traffic. He says this will have an impact on traffic and driving patterns and how we design roads. One thing mentioned was that MDOT was looking on how to allocate the gas tax and it might not be beneficial to us. He says another thing he didn't put on there was the second road millage which is coming up in a year and they need to figure out what they are going to do with that. He said this would probably be the next round but it is something we should be looking at.

Mayor Edmonds asks Ms. Ernat if she would like to discuss the train.

Ms. Ernat begins by saying all she has is an informal discussion but would like to ask for Council's direction in concept regarding the council opinion in pursuit of the train and the train stop at this time. If the settlement is still to pursue then she would suggest the \$760,000 of WATS money that Marcus spoke about be pushed forward as soon as possible to allow someone to complete a project and give us 1 to 2 years to use those funds for the train station. That is a decision that needs to be made by the end of the year to push those funds through to be used later or in a project right now. Mayor Edmonds asks if she can give a status update with where we are. Ms. Ernat says that OHM has left things everything is ready to go to public comment. Those public comments left on the schedule Mr. Lange presented would have started a week after the August millage decision. However, we felt that wasn't a wise time to seek public comment as everyone was still emotional over the millage. She would like to have three public meetings and have the AMTRAK representative that Mr. Lange was working with to come out and speak to the public, after which time, we would then start the 30 day public comment period make any revision as necessary and bring it back to council to submit for approval. Mayor Edmonds says her feeling is to press ahead, she says that she doesn't want to get too delayed. Council member Murdock says that putting the millage back on is a mistake. Council Member Robb agrees stating that decisions should not be made tonight before the RTA election. If the RTA fails, we are not going to spend \$2.5M on AMTRAK. We can kill that ballot quicker than anything by committing large chunk of funding to a project then asking people for money. Council Member Vogt says that he agrees and people will not understand and even if they do they will be mad if we do anything on this project, he says defer it until we solve the budget problem, we are in an impossible position and we can't bring it up now.

Mayor Edmonds says she doesn't agree as the train station is going to be the economic tool we need to bring the economy back up. It will bring in more people and work and even help with Water Street. She says that we can't delay it as it put us more in a fiscal risky position. She says this is a proven investment for communities all over the country and this could be a tipping point for the economy. Council Member Murdock says that he is a supporter of the train also, but he's been kind of looking for a place where we can stop and he doesn't know where it is. He says he looked at all the articles with Ann Arbor and their train and they've spent millions and aren't even in the environmental assessment stage yet. He thinks that if the RTA passes they will be a helpful contributor in making that construction happen. He says he is not opposed to moving some or all of that out of the WATS and moving it up so we can make those decisions later, he does want us to have some sort of road repair program, as we work through it in the next several years. He says we are way behind in some of those projects. Council Member Vogt says his problem with the project is that the size of the project needs to come down; the size of the contribution has come down and this has to come down tremendously before we can sell this in the future. He says we are not there yet and need to wait for the RTA vote and we should get our new City Manager in to do some recalculations and re-vetting. He says he is waiting for convincing evidence. Mayor Edmonds says we can send some information. Council Member Vogt stresses that he needs evidence for their particular project and we have not gotten any real concrete evidence before this time, he says that he believes it's premature.

Council Member Anne Brown asks Ms. Ernat what the timeline was for the public comment. Ms. Ernat says that the material is ready and the time is whatever you want, it was originally decided as 30 days but it can be changed, we were just going to do it online, but she disagrees and feels there needs to be actually face to face with people, business owners and just anyone interested. She says she sympathizes and sees the point of waiting for the two elections to wait for those results, the waters got very muddy in the last election over who is funding the train station and how it is being funded. Council Member Anne Brown says she agrees with the RTA but thinks we should move ahead with the public comment. Council Member Anne Brown asked if the RTA is a failure what would Ms. Ernat recommend be the next step on their platform. Ms. Ernat says Council would have to take a look at the funding and now that we have a cost estimate, it's easier to work to a number, she says there are two options for large funding available and we need to explore those before the public commenting. She says we can find out how much we can get to \$ 2M before we do the public comment. Council Member Murdock says we don't want to get into a situation where we show pretty pictures; we need to be able to show the public how we are going to fund it. Ms. Ernat says we should have it funding before we do the public comment. Mayor Edmonds says she still hears positive comments coming from the people. Ms. Ernat says the comments she is hearing is where is the money coming from as we are making budget cuts. She says the biggest decision that Council should make tonight is the move the WATS money. She says we need to decide to either fund a project or move the money forward a couple of years. Her recommendation is to move it forward to figure out where we are.

Mayor Edmonds says she believes Council Member Anne Brown's point is a really important one in that we work with all the boards and staff to get everyone excited about the project. Ms. Ernat said at this time we only have one real source of funding; we need to do more behind the scenes to get 70% maybe 80% funding before we take it to the people. Council Member Vogt said he agrees with Ms. Ernat as we need to keep city costs down, which leaves third parties trying to make up the money. We need to show people that the money is not coming from the general fund and will not affect services. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she doesn't like the idea of waiting two years; she says we've got somethings in motion but we do need to wait to wait till after the RTA. Ms. Ernat said that strengthens our position if it is approved and it gives us time to evaluate. She says timing and funding is everything and would give us a little time to vet those funding before we do public comments. Mayor Edmonds says Ms. Ernat is recommending keeping pushing and getting the money together, and we'll make it public when its ready. Council Member Murdock says the City is in for supporting this project with \$2M. He said he wasn't recommending that we wait two years, but we can move on doing several other things and if anyone is serious about putting the millage on in May, we should wait for that to be solved. Ms. Ernat says the alternative to that would be unless it is funded. If those go through we can immediately go to public comment, if not if the Council put something on the May Ballot for Water Street then we should wait. Mayor Edmonds we have 75% of the funding and if we go to the public and they say "no," what would we do then. Mayor Edmonds says she doesn't see the point of moving forward if we do not have public opinion on the matter.

Council Member Murdock says if we have a public hearing that is the information they are going to get. He asked if we are still working with Berkman and (Oraro?) Administration sees what they are doing we can see how RTA is doing and postpone that money for the future. Mayor Edmonds says she does not support, that she would want to see what RTA does and look for other things to pursue. Mayor Edmonds informed Council Member Vogt that she met early on with the County and with AMTRAK about the economic analysis and she says Tony Dandreff from the County spent a while looking but didn't see any methodology for doing that in a predictive way, she asked him for that exact reason to do that for the City. Council Member Robb asked the kind of study; he says we are talking about two different things, and he believes in the transportation oriented development of commuter train but he doesn't believe that 9,000 to 40,000 people boarding for AMTRAK will have an economic impact; he cited the Dingell Station

as an example. He says think of the airport in which people will shop and eat while a commuter station is just a destination. He wonders that when Mayor Edmonds says case studies, does she means case studies based on AMTRAK or case study based on commuter rail.

Ms. Ernat stated there are two different rails; passenger which would be AMTRAK and commuter rails indicate what RTA is proposing to do, short distant trips. Ms. Ernat says that AMTRAK would be more a long distance transportation because of cost and businesses would like to be close by to those. She says the factor here would be the center for mobility that is seeking to locate in Ypsi Township, if the Center comes then the offshoot of businesses that comes with it could be highly dependent on that passenger rail, and we do have a lot of hospital secondary locators that come with the Center of Mobility that would be interested in the City because of the possibility of transport. Mayor Edmonds says SPARK is putting much energy into that Center with the Township and we are working to make sure the attention for the spill over affects for the City happens; we are working to get our voice into that conversation and that train will be a lynchpin on that spill over. Ms. Ernat said that generally speaking, Mr. Robb is right that 9,000 people riding that train will not have an economic impact as most of these people will be coming from Eastern or already live in Ypsilanti. She says what it does do is give us a chance to promote ourselves and what we do with it is the impact.

Mayor Edmonds said in addition to that, it is attractive to the build the housing on that side of EMU, it makes us look different to developers. Council Member Vogt said that as he said about the Water Street Tax millage what is needed before this is a series of articles, and outreach to the community so that the people are already seeing articles describing the benefits of and council's efforts to reduce the City commitment before we get to that point. It will help support the RTA if we get things out before November so it doesn't turn into a complaint session of people not wanting to believe. Council member Vogt said as of right now, we have not done this with the rail and there are too many people who don't believe us or don't want to believe us; we need to find a way to get around this. Mayor Edmonds said that is what Derrick from AMTRAK is going to come and do at that presentation to show the impacts that are similar in scale to Ypsilanti. Ms. Ernat says that Mr. Vogt said it would have to be more than once. Council Member Vogt agreed and said even from different sources he doesn't know how to coordinate that but we can also encourage other people to get out and get information out there, even using things such as social media.

Ms. Ernat asks if the direction is to push the WATS funding back. Council Member Murdock says we're going to meet on that. Ms. Ernat says this is just one of the many funding authorities. Council Member Murdock says that he is not opposed to pushing it up, he's hoping the county millage goes through so they can find out how much they have to do the road plan, and he wouldn't like to eat that up. Ms. Ernat says if you cut anything out of that \$768,000, it's not attractive to other communities because essentially we have to sell this; she says we have to keep the pot large enough to keep it attractive for another community next year. Council Member Murdock said he's not worried about some other community taking what we make available it's never been a problem before, but he says we're not quite there.

Mayor Edmonds says they have had a discussion with a committee they are going to start moving forward pretty immediately with that ranking and scoring. She said we'll see after the election in November if they will have recommendations for Council, as we need to have it in by December. Marcus says that the deadline to do whatever it is the City is going to do is January 4th. Mayor Edmonds says her only other comment for the messaging is that someone talking to our potential funding partners, the first question asked is how much skin does the City have in the game, in leveraging funding that is an important point. She says she understands the messaging of make our citizens feel like we're not putting anything into this but it really hurts our ability to leverage the other funds and has been identified by our community as high priority that our skin needs to

be in the game. Council Member Robb says that they passed a resolution committing \$2M, so that is our skin in the game. It has nothing to do with us taking action. Mayor Edmonds says when we're thinking about the message we must think about the pros and cons of the message such as getting other people to pay more. Council Member Vogt says that getting other people to pay more is essential. He said that the problem is to get public support is we need to improve their trust and unless they see signs that we are shrinking the project and doing more to leverage our contribution, it jeopardizes the bigger issue, which is Water Street and getting the City back on financial track. He says we can ruin this project by killing the Water Street millage.

Mayor Edmonds said after having been around the table in the County and leveraging that \$500,000 we have committed; that was the question, leveraging is important and maximum leverage is the term. Council Member Murdock says besides the \$2M we have also spent a lot budgeting on this project, he says it's not that we have spent money, part of this project will be the TAP Grant and there is going to be a match to that. We had those numbers but we do not know specifically how much that match is and where it is going to come from. Mayor Edmonds asks Ms. Ernat if she feels she has an adequate direction, Ms. Ernat replies that she does.

Mayor Edmonds closed the discussion to move on to Resolution No. 2016-238

- Resolution No. 2016 – 238 approving the speed control policy and process effective immediately.

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

Ms. Wessler referred to what was last said when looking at the Speed Control issue. Council decided to go with the Washtenaw County Road Commission Metric. She said they have a rather robust metric compared to ours; it has more cut and dry numbers. Ms. Wessler added that the Washtenaw Road Commission included information about a funding sources in their policy; a policy she drafted for the Council basically echoes that; however, for funding there is a question. She says in our budget we have \$50,000 set aside per year for traffic calming, so she referenced that line item in #8 on page 1 on the City of Ypsilanti Policy. It says that the approved funding will be budgeted from the City Traffic Calming fund between three local streets. In the event that this fund is exhausted, depleted or not funded the approved project will be blank? She says she put in some suggested language there. Mr. Kirton asked if traffic enforcement considered a control method and Ms. Wessler said it is not considered part of it. Mr. Kirton says if you are going spend \$50,000, you might as well hire a traffic enforcer.

Mayor Edmonds asks for options about number 8. She said that the first two options would fit the best. Mayor Edmonds says there are three things in the and/or list, basically saying it will be put in the CIP or granted priority of place for the next available Traffic Calming Project Funding and/or incorporated into designs of the next reconstruction project if already part of the CIP.

Council Member Anne Brown moved that in number 8, it include the first and second alternatives but not the third alternatives and was supported by Council Member Nicole Brown.

Council Member Vogt said that he opposed this adding that he raised this issue in the first place in order to give residents a chance to not be subject to an assessment that does not make money. If council cannot or do not approve a measure or a the traffic control commission did not recommend a change to council or the council did not have money to recommend it, the local residents should have an option to have speed bumps that they can pay for as an option and approved by Council, so he feels they absolutely need number three. Ms. Wessler pointed out that this policy does not allow for any speed bump installation that is not warranted by this policy. Council Member Vogt says the point is to leave the local option as is, and choose, which of the three Council is going to do depending on the circumstances. Council Member Anne Brown

stated we are already budgeting \$50,000 per year. Council Member Vogt pointed out that this can change because Council is only 1/3 through the budget cuts needing to be made. He says he would like to see #8 revised so Council will decide whether funding will be budgeted from the traffic calming fund, if they will be incorporated into the next CIP, incorporated into design, or residents will be given the options.

Mayor Edmonds asked if this is a friendly amendment. Council Member Anne Brown says she does not think so as it would set up a system that might be unfair. Council Member Nicole Brown asked Ms. Wessler if she could repeat what she spoke about in the policy about the situation Council Member Vogt spoke about. Ms. Wessler stated that under this policy, if something meets the warrants, it gets the speed bump if it doesn't it won't get the speed bump. Mayor Edmonds says that what Council Member Vogt was suggesting is if it didn't meet the warrants and the residents wanted to pay they could, she says she doesn't agree with it because of the varying difference to pay as some neighborhoods can get what they desire as speed control because they have more money and that is something she does not agree with.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she remembers years ago when the topic of speed bumps came up and this was in the neighborhood associations, it was decided that if neighborhoods wanted speed bumps, then they were responsible for putting them in with the approval of the City. Mayor Edmonds says that is not currently a policy on the books. Mayor Edmonds asked for further conversation of this amendment to keep alternative one and two.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment to keep alternative 1 and 2 but remove alternative 3 on number 8 of the policy for Traffic Calming as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: 4 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Fails

Mayor Edmonds asked for any further discussion on the Resolution. Council Member Robb asked if blight would have to exceed enough points to get a speed bumps. Ms. Wessler says she would have to run the numbers. Council Member Vogt stated that he has another amendment to be made, under criteria number 1, 85th percentile speed is inadequate it doesn't measure about half the information that needs to be measured, it completely avoids measuring the highest at risk traffic speed, it doesn't give any points for that percentage of the traffic that exceed that. Ms. Wessler said it actually does as the 85th percentile is the marker at it being looked at as over the speed limit so if the 85th percentile is only 1 to 4 miles per hour over the speed limit then 5, 6,7,8,9 if the graded speed is 35 but the posted speed is 25 that's 10 its an automatic speed bump.

Council Member Vogt then replied that if it is at or below a certain speed, it does not measure the impact of the rest of the traffic that might be doing far above that speed. He continued that if you have 85% at or below 10 MPH but 15% is going 20 to 25 over the limit, this does not provide any additional point for the safety risk, it ignores it, we can have two divergent facts on separate streets. He stated this is where the real danger is, not the 85% as it is only a partial capture, we need to have another point system for those vehicles exceeding 10 mph, what he proposed is that for every 1% exceeding the 10 mph, we add another point, we could call it 1b

criteria, range and points. This would more fully capture the danger and risk factor from those vehicles and give a more accurate reading of the speed dangers on those streets.

Ms. Wessler says she doesn't think that statistically make sense because the more people you have going drags that 85 percentile. Council Member Robb says that 85 percentile means that 85% of the people are driving at or below that speed, so you are suggesting we add a point for everything over 10 mph, once you hit 10 points you qualify why would we have anything over 10 points. Council Member Vogt says if the 85th percentile is not at 10 if it is at three. Council Member Robb says that he will give an example of the speed limit on his street is 100 mph if 85% of the people drive 50 mph on his road then 10 miles over that is 60 mph and gets 10 points, it is a measure of how fast people are driving, it has nothing to do with the speed limit on the road and what Ms. Wessler says she is taking 85% of whatever people are driving and add 10 miles to it. The 11 miles and the higher speed does not mean anything.

Council Member Vogt says that the 85th percentile is a ranking not an averaged and asked Marcus and Ms. Wessler to explain it further. Ms. Wessler said the way the metric works is it relates the 85th percentile to the speed limit. If the percentile is 25 mph you wouldn't start counting until you hit 26. Marcus says that it's a distribution curve, you track all the speeds and you get a curve, the curve has an area under that curve 85th percentile is how far to the right you can go before you have 85% of the area created by the traffic and that would be associated with whatever speed that is. Marcus said it is what the state uses to set speed limits on higher speed roads. Ms. Wessler said that if the 85 percentile is too high, then we need to introduce something to bring it back down.

Council Member Vogt says that this is not using percentile in the normal sense, it is used as a standard deviation factor rather than a percentile factor. He then says that he would need time to think on this.

Mayor Edmonds says that because the amendment failed, number 8 still needs to be filled in. Council Member Vogt says he doesn't like having things auto approved because of the City's overall budgetary constraints, he would want every incident approved by Council. Ms. Wessler says that it is item number 7. Council Member Vogt says that 8 states it will be incorporated in the next update. He said he is talking through it with himself as what would make the most since.

Mayor Edmonds asked if anyone would like to offer an amendment to number 8. Council Member Anne Brown says that the suggested language would be the in the event this fund is exhausted, depleted, and is not funded, the approved project would be incorporated in the next CIP, the next would be the traffic calming plan and the next would be incorporated into the design of the next reconstruction project if it is part of the six year CIP. Mayor Edmonds says that basically if it is not part of the CIP, it can go in there, if it is part of the CIP, it would be incorporated into the next reconstruction project, and the last is it can be subject to residents/ property owner special assessment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what is being changed. Mayor Edmonds says Council member Anne Brown proposed and that amendment that failed that said the first two can happen but takes out the third special assessment. Council Member Anne Brown says her question is in terms of the special assessment it would have to be approved. Ms. Wessler says yes we would still have to do the work. Council Member Murdock says that by special assessment we would still have to set the district to go through us anyway. He says he doesn't think we're going to get very much if you look at streets like Douglas and you put two speed bumps in there, it is about \$40,000. Ms. Wessler said \$20,000 since it is around \$10,000 per speed bump. Council Member Murdock went

on to say it'll be \$40,000 by the time we get there, you got 20 houses on that street and they're all going to vote to pay \$2,000 a piece -- he doubts it.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is an amendment. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she doesn't have an amendment but she does have a question, she pointed to number 9 on the policy, and asked if the speed bumps are put in by special assessment then is the city just going to go in and remove them, what is going to be the process of that? It says the City staff will submit a recommendation for removal to the Council for approval. Mayor Edmonds asked if they would get their money back. Ms. Wessler asked the process of removing the street lights right now, do people get a refund? Mayor Edmonds says we didn't give everyone the option not to pay the street light assessment, she says she approves of the amendment but unless the assessment is amended then she would vote against it.

Mayor Edmonds asked for any other amendments. Council Member Vogt says going back to the percentile thing, he understands the point on that, however, he thinks his point is still valid just not as strong as it was. The way of rating of things assumes a perfect bell curve which does not exist in reality when talking traffic. He says that going back to his point you can have the vast majority of people being below or at the speed limit and have 15% tremendously exceeding the speed limit but the 85th Percentile will have not accounted for the high end speeders which is what people in the neighborhood are concerned about. He says he believes this policy is an improvement over what we had, but he still thinks we're underweighting the high end risk, that the residents in the neighborhood worry about.

Council Member Murdock says he recalls seeing a Facebook message of someone complaining that a vehicle was going 75 MPH down their street. He says that he believes that is not how most people drive and you shouldn't design a whole street because of that. He also mentioned that very few streets will actually meet these criteria. Ms. Wessler says that she thinks that cut through traffic and average traffic together might (2 Hour mark not exactly sure what was said here)

Council Member Anne Brown while reading the updates says that the street assessment was not included as an option if the plan is not funded. Mayor Edmonds points out that it says after those options that the street assessment is the third option. Council Member Anne Brown says she sees that now. Mayor Edmonds then asks Clerk Hellenga to call roll for this vote.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-238 as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 0 NO: 7 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Fails

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Mayor Edmonds Opened Audience Participation

Mayor Edmonds Closed Audience Participation

X. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

Mayor Edmonds posed a question to Manager McMullan. She says that she and Manager McMullan have been going back and forth with Ms. Grinzinger from the MML around the finalization for the posting hoping the posting could go up on Thursday. Mayor Edmonds says there was a question about salary range, is that an item that needs to come before Council.

Manager McMullan says that Ms. Grinzinger wanted to know if that amount was okay, it is \$80,000 to \$120,000.

Council Member Anne Brown asked for confirmation if it is \$80,000 to \$120,000. Mayor Edmonds said communities like ours scale around that, asking Manager McMullan if that was Ms. Grinzinger's suggested amount. Manager McMullan responded that came from our scale from when we completed the wage parity - \$80,000 was the low range. Mayor Edmonds said that this is a pretty large range. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that is pretty high for us and if it is out there that is what people are going to be expecting.

Mayor Edmonds said when she looks at a scale for other communities she says that it is an appropriate full range. Manager McMullan says that is what we have and that is our range unless you want to adjust it. Mayor Edmonds said that they also need to schedule their two hour session which can be done at the next meeting if everyone comes with their calendar. Mayor Edmonds said we should do this now because Council Member Nicole Brown will not be at the next meeting.

Mayor Edmonds began by saying first they should set the two hour meeting to review the top applicants, it will be posted but it will be a closed session. Ms. Grinzinger would not be able to do a 7 am meeting because it is not in her travel time. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what exactly are we doing with this meeting and Mayor Edmonds answered that we are reviewing the applicants. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson then asked if Ms. Grinzinger needs to be at this meeting or if Council can move ahead on this meeting without her. Mayor Edmonds responded that the posting should go out this Thursday but if not, it will go out next Tuesday. MML sets the deadline to be a four week period after that and Ms. Grinzinger knows the four week period and how much time it would take them to review. Mayor Edmonds says that any time after November 23rd.

Manager McMullan says that she just looked up the range and it is actually \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Mayor Edmonds says that the closed session's goal is to determine a short list and they need a minimum of two hours, and then it is about six weeks after the ad goes up, so it would be about November 23rd. Mayor Edmonds then said after that we would need a closed session for a full day of interviews. We could do the interviews on a Saturday potentially but the only barrier would be if Saturday is the Sabbath for anyone. Mayor Edmonds corrected herself saying a full day session for interviews, she then summarizes saying the first session is closed for the short list then the interview session are open. Council Member Murdock asked if the first date would be after Thanksgiving.

Mayor Edmonds responded that it would be, since Ms. Grinzinger cannot attend a morning meeting it would have to be at night, she suggests the Monday or Tuesday after Thanksgiving the 29th. Council Member Murdock says he will be in Memphis. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says that this is a fifth Tuesday so they should not have a meeting. She then asked Council member Murdock if he will be back by the 29th and Council Member Murdock replied that he will not be back on the 28th or the 29th but if we can have a meeting the 30th, he could be back for that. Mayor Edmonds then suggested Thursday December 1st.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if that is for the screening process. Council Member Nicole Brown asked if it is a 7 pm meeting or not. Council agreed on 7 pm. Mayor Edmonds said she will contact Ms. Grinzinger to be sure that time is good. Council member Murdock asked if they can just whittle it down to the finalists at that time. Mayor Edmonds says Ms. Grinzinger is whittling it down to five candidates. Council Member Murdock asked if Ms. Grinzinger will offer us a list of applicants. Mayor Edmonds said the applicants will have a confidential option on their letters, but she does not know how that will play through if they do not make the short list, this is something they should ask Ms. Grinzinger about.

Council Member Murdock then asked if they received an entire list of everyone that applied. Manager McMullan said that they had numbers but no names. Mayor Edmonds says they have a regular meeting on the 6th and the 20th, the question she is asking is what everyone's availability is for all day. Council Member Robb says that last time we did this, everyone was allowed to submit their own questions, and doesn't understand how we are going to be interviewing someone for 90 minutes. Mayor Edmonds responded that Council would be interviewing and deliberating and making preliminary decisions on what our offer would be.

Council member Murdock asked if Mayor Edmonds expects Council to be making decisions on the day of the interview. Mayor Edmonds says Ms. Grinzinger does this all over the state and says for now; Council just needs to hold a date for all day. Manager McMullan asked if it was decided if they were going to hold a screening process and Mayor Edmonds responded that it will be December 1st at 7 pm. Mayor Edmonds then says the 17th would be the first available Saturday which would be ten days after the first. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says the 10th would be the first Saturday - that is ten days. Mayor Edmonds replied that she should be available for that day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said previously, they did the interviewing in the evening after they had the five, then they called two or three people back for a second interview. Mayor Edmonds says this is how Ms. Grinzinger outlined the process. Council Member Murdock asked how many people were interviewed the last time, 4 or 5? Council Member Robb says it was around 5 or 6 people. Council Member Murdock said it was about an hour each. Council Member Robb said they only had about 15 questions and it took around 40 minutes per person. Mayor Edmonds moved the conversation along by saying that the meeting has to be on a Saturday, the possible date would be December 17th. Council member Murdock says if we do the date on the 17th, then on the 20th we can make a decision.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked if they are going to choose a person based on one interview. Mayor Edmonds asks Manager McMullan to go over the benchmarks set by Ms. Grinzinger. Manager McMullan responded that Ms. Grinzinger said after deliberations it would be 5 to 10 days after for background, then references, and then contract approval, then start date. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if Ms. Grinzinger has a provision for a second interview. Mayor Edmonds says that Ms. Grinzinger recognizes that they may have to fit a second interview in the schedule. Council Member Murdock pointed out at that the last interview process, they did not have a second interview in the schedule but they were able to add one in. Mayor Edmonds says we can do that, we just need to get these base times on our calendars.

Council Member Vogt stated that the factor that has not been discussed is that once you tentatively pick someone, there has to be a conversation about the terms of the contract and deliberation, therefore, the 20th will be an unlikely date. Council Member Robb says it won't because what they have to do is make a public motion saying we are offering the job, and then in January, we can ratify the contract. Council Member Anne Brown asked about the cost for moving and if the City paid for it. Council Member Robb says we can negotiate that. Council Member Anne Brown then asked about coming in for the interviews. Council Member Robb says

he believes that's part of the budget; we'll fly people in on our cost. Manager McMullan said Ms. Grinzinger said the City will have to pay for that and accommodation if necessary since it's not a part of that \$15,000. Council Member Anne Brown asked Manager McMullan if Ms. Grinzinger asked about that, to which Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb said we didn't pay for the person in Michigan to come down. Mayor Edmonds said we can talk to Ms. Grinzinger about this and she can advise us on standard practices but the City should be able to book flights based on a Government fixed rate with the airlines. Council Member Robb stated that it will also give us reason enough for criteria for wanting to interview someone. Mayor Edmonds says those are our dates, she will inform Ms. Grinzinger and let Council know if anything changes, she says she will ask Ms. Grinzinger what time she feels is appropriate.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there are any items to be placed on the agenda when they meet with the Ypsi School Board in November. Council Member Murdock says the railroad street building and safe routes to schools. Council Member Robb referred to the resolution when we say we are going to take them to court - he stated that the school board is in dereliction of the building code and they need to get that corrected and fixed. The only way to do that is to take them to court. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson says she thought the City was trying to work with them, and the City needs to be in the process of trying to make friends. Some of the communication wasn't in line with how we would want to be treated. Mayor Edmonds says she's been reaching out to the superintendent and trying to get them to fix it as she doesn't want the meeting with them to be all about the building. Mayor Edmonds also says that some of the resolution she wants to look at would be bus idling and other idling at schools. This is a joint school, city public health issue.

XI. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Nicole Brown, seconded by Council Member Anne Brown

Resolution No. 2016-239, adjourning the Council meeting.