



CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR AND ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Edmonds called the meeting to order 7:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

III. INVOCATION – Mayor Edmonds asked everyone to stand and face the flag for a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced City Attorney Dan DuChene, Interim City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Interim City Manager Frances McMullan, Director of Economic and Community Development Beth Ernat, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Police Chief DeGiusti, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, DDA Director Joe Meyers, Teresa Saunders, Human Relations Commission, Director of DPS Stan Kirton, Finance Director Marilou Uy, State Representative Elect Ronnie Peterson, Adam Gainsley, DDA Board, and Council Member Elect Beth Bashert.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

Council Member Murdock requested to add a resolution to the first segment of the meeting, a short resolution directing staff to seek recommendations for proposal to determine the nature and extent of the contamination beyond the old City Dump in the Bell-Kramer area. Mayor Edmonds asked that since there is a resolution already around Bell-Kramer is Council Member Murdock suggesting an additional resolution after that instead of amending the one we have in front of us. Council Member Murdock answered that this is a contamination issue, so he think it should be something different.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if he doesn’t want it added. Council Member Murdock said it would be an addition at the bottom of the page. Mayor Edmonds said it would be 259-B.

Council Member Murdock added on the second part of the meeting he would like to remove Resolution No. 2016-268 on the Liaison. Mayor Edmonds said they should take action on these separately.

On a roll call, the vote to amend the agenda to include 2016-258 B 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

Mayor Edmonds said the second amendment was to remove 2016-268 establishing City Council policy regarding appointment of Council Members as liaisons, representatives, and sub-committees.

Motioned by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Mayor Edmonds stated that she will not support this having asked for it to be added as part of the organizational meeting. Setting something that we did not have a process for was a misunderstanding on her timing and Clerk Hellenga and that is the reason it was late.

Council Member Murdock said that he really does not want to get into the substance of it because the substance isn't really that great either. He said the process is another bureaucratic system that will make government cease to function more than it does now; he said that if it comes to that point though he will bring it up later.

On a roll call, the vote to remove Resolution No. 2016-268 from the agenda was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve the agenda as amended 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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Mr. Kirton- Introduced Ms. Fraizer from Project Mow, she would like to bring in sheep to mow grass and there will be a test run in Riverside Park on the four hills on the north end. He said these four hills are very difficult for the City to maintain; it takes more than half a day to mow so they are willing to try this out.

Ukel Fraizer, 5097 Prospect Road- Stated this is a great opportunity to try the flock of sheep; it is sustainable and the sheep love the grass, and with steep hills it is easier for sheep to eat the grass. She said she did a few projects in the Ann Arbor area and it worked, people loved it.

Ms. Ernat said there is no electrical fencing allowed in the City and asked if there is some other option. Ms. Fraizer said they could double fence it with another layer of snow fencing. Mr. Kirton asked if that was an ordinance. Ms. Ernat replied it was. Mayor Edmonds asked if this ordinance applied to them. Ms. Ernat said it would be best to follow the rules. Ms. Fraizer asked if it's the concern for the general safety or for the electricity itself. Ms. Ernat said the concern is two-fold; they would not allow anyone to put in an electrical fence for any reason within City borders, the second would be it is in a general park with ease of access.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if this fencing is the same as the fencing people put around their yard to keep their dogs in, to which, Mrs. Fraizer said it is not the same it is three feet high. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she knows people that do that. Ms. Ernat said that it is an invisible fence in which the dog wears a special collar. Mayor Edmonds said that when Mr. Kirton informed her of the possibility of this happening, she was excited because they have been doing this in Ottawa County and other places for years. She said that her interpretation of the ordinance is that this is not an installation of a fence but rather a temporary use.

Ms. Fraizer said the fencing is temporary. Mr. Kirton said they can put a snow fence and signs outside of it. Ms. Ernat asked what the voltage is. Mr. Kirton said it could be around 5, or 6 voltage at the most. Ms. Fraizer said she has both options for solar and plugging in, she said in the case of Riverside Park, she does know if there are plugs. Ms. Ernat asked Mr. Kirton if he could step that down. Mr. Kirton said he could step it down concerning the voltage and would look into it. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Mr. DuChene if he could offer anything about the fence. Mr. DuChene replied that he has not looked at the ordinance in question so he would have to get back to them.

Council Member Murdock said that when you talk about the fence and the fence going out, he asked if it comes up or come down. Mr. Kirton said it is a temporary fence. Ms. Fraizer said it takes about 10 minutes to put up. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked how long will the sheep be there. Ms. Fraizer said it depends on the size on the loot and she estimate for Riverside it would be about 5 to 6 days. Council Member Murdock said that the fence is a concern because the sheep will attract children. Council Member Vogt said they are looking for a fence that presents no health risk to human beings. He said he would expect the experts to look into the amount of voltage needed for the fence, if it's too much, do it without the fence. Council Member Robb said that it should be 7000 to 9000 volts per sheep.

Ms. Fraizer said she doesn't think it is that high, she said she has a fence voltage reader. Mayor Edmonds said Ms. Fraizer can follow up with staff about this.

Mayor Edmonds closes audience participation.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

X. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2016-255

1. Resolution No. 2016 – 255A, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess on the December 2016 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$20,550.54.
2. Resolution No. 2016 - 256, approving the minutes from October 18th 2016.
3. Resolution No. 2016 - 257, approving contracts with Premium Lawn Solutions and Salient Landscaping for snow removal.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve the 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

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-258, approving creation of a Sustainability Commission.

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

Council Member Murdock sees an amendment from the last time they discussed this that reduces the committee to nine members plus two youth members and designates a staff person to support and a City Council Member for liaison. His amendment would be substitute the now therefore be it resolved clause. Council Member Murdock said the change he wants is now therefore it be resolved by the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti that we hereby establish a sustainability committee consisting of 9 members serving staggered three year terms in addition there shall be 2 youth committee members that are non-voting members. Not more than 3 committee members can reside outside the City of Ypsilanti; a City staff member will be assigned as a support and a City Council Member shall be assigned as an liaison of the committee.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Council Member Nicole Brown said it also looked like the representatives from the local regional, and state organizations were removed as well as the county. Council Member Murdock said they discussed this last time too and he thought that was because they didn't want to load up the committee with specific designees but it does not exclude any of those people. He said he felt this was cleaner rather than looking for various slots to fill. Mayor Edmonds said that she agrees; she said it is the same number but it is worded differently, a little more clearly. She said she would ask that the 2 youth members only serve 1 year terms. Council Member Vogt supported the friendly amendment.

Council Member Robb asked if they are not voting on the amendment that was all done friendly. Council Member Anne Brown replied yes. Council Member Robb said then he wants to voice the same complaints he did two weeks ago. He added that the intent is nice but it is poorly thought out. He said he thought that in the two weeks they would have had things come back, but the scope is still incredibly large asking part-time residents to draft the sustainability plan twice a month means it will never get done. He said that it was talked about, and the committee would look into policies and dig into those, that would be a much better task of this commission. He said as it stands right now, it is a very broad agenda that will never get accomplished.

Mayor Edmonds said that is exactly what was changed. Council Member Robb said it still says the sustainability plan. Mayor Edmonds replied that is says based on these existing plans, the Commission can prioritize policies. Council Member Robb asked if there is a third version as he is looking online and only sees version two. He asked Clerk Hellenga if

the package was changed for a third time, he said he is looking at version two and it says shared drive sustainability plan. He said that it is still too broad in scope and something needs to change because it will never get done.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if he wants to remove the "whereas." Council member Robb said that this says you are going to have 9 part time committee members meeting once a month to draft this, but we paid \$25,000 to the Michigan Suburbs Alliance and they spent 15 months drafting a climate action plan which is very similar. He said if you look online the average sustainability plan is about 120 pages, he said they are asking their volunteers too much by putting that into the scope of their commission. Mayor Edmonds said they still need to vote on the amendment.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the substitution for now be it resolved on resolution no. 2016-258 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Council Member Robb which whereas was he questioning. Council Member Robb said where it says that they will draft a sustainability plan. Mayor Edmonds said she will note that at the community joint council meeting at EMU they will talk about that because the University is creating a sustainability plan of their own which will make for a good crossover.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she agrees with Council Member Robb, it is quite a deal for volunteers to draft this plan. Council Member Anne Brown said they will be professionals that are drafted. Council Member Murdock said if the words were changed from draft to update would it make a difference. Council Member Anne Brown said they do not have a plan. Council Member Murdock said they have a plan; it's a climate action plan. Mayor Edmonds said she isn't worried about the language because this does not have to be a plan from scratch or 100 page plan or something like that, and we have people that can put something together based on work that has already been done.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-258 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016 - 259, approving an application to rezone Bell-Kramer properties.

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

Ms. Wessler said that everyone is familiar with the Bell-Kramer challenges that are being faced. She said in 2013 there was an environmental study for the land filters and the

solar installation was proposed at the same time. She said those two things were merged and in light of contamination issues, development was put on hold. She said that is not a great long term solution for the neighborhood as it does not allow them to rebuild or help the residents sell their homes. She said that they have been directed by council to explore other options in this area for zoning, and they are currently getting quotes for further testing. She said they still do not know the extent of the contamination but is looking for ways for people to rebuild their homes. She said that they have a zoning classification on the books that meet that need, it is Class NC, she stated that staff is recommending that we pursue an application to the Planning Commission to rezone that area and to see to find out what the challenges are, which doing more testing.

Mayor Edmonds asked more about the NC zone. Ms. Wessler said they do not allow new family construction, she said that with Michigan law, if you are building a new single family home, you do not need to go through all of the environmental assessment groups, if you are doing commercial building you do. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked that NC will not allow people that own property to build single property on that area. Ms. Wessler said that is correct. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson replied that is not acceptable, she said that this is still a negative impact; she asked if this includes the housing on Kramer as there are housing there that sits to the south to the rear of the gas station; she asked if those are part of the rezoning. Ms. Wessler replied that they are part of the rezoning; she said the street forms an H and those three houses are being included in the rezoning.

Mayor Edmonds asked how many total vacant lots there is. Ms. Wessler replied that there are two vacant lots proposed in the area. She said that the City owns one and other is owned by Taylor. Mayor Edmonds said to Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson that there is only one lot that would be relevant to someone building on it. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said that the lot needs to be included so that it can be built on. Ms. Ernat said the concern that they have is that they don't know if the land is environmentally safe. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said that they need to find money to test the land. Mayor Edmonds said that is what the resolution is and what the staff is working to do. Ms. Ernat said that they are working towards that but they won't have an answer for 25 days. Ms. Ernat said they were directed to rezone the properties first before they complete environmental study.

Council Member Anne Brown asked for the rezoning what positive impact this would have on their insurance. Ms. Ernat replied that this affords them the chance to get a rebuild letter; the property could be rebuilt if damaged. She said that this is one of the main hurdles that the residents are facing now but this would allow them to get a rebuild letter immediately. Mayor Edmonds asked Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson if she could possibly be thinking about another property or lot on Kramer because there is only the one lot in the area that is not already built on. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she is not talking about a lot on Kramer; there is a spot on Bell for building.

Council Member Robb pointed out the empty lots showing the one that is currently owned by the City. Council Member Vogt asked if there were vacant lots above the blue line. Ms. Wessler responded that there is a house there; she then said that Mayor Pro-Tem may have been talking about the lot that only has a garage on it. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said no there is a vacant lot there.

Council Member Robb said that he supports correcting this. He said he disagrees that this is Neighborhood Corridor; he said this is not a corridor and it is the wrong zoning. He stated that he preached unintended consequences stating that what is used in corridors are multiple families up to 4 units, municipal county buildings, banks, cafes. He said what they have is the non-conforming A-status application that has five things in it. He said if we correct line four by putting "or" be a single family residential use in the PMD we can

solve that and it would eliminate all those other uses. He said he's not a fan of spot zoning but there are 3 instances of PMD in the City; West Industrial which has no residential, HCH Property, and Motor Wheel which also has no residential, he said this is the only PMD that have residential, so if a district that included single residential and PMD was created it would eliminate all those other things we don't want.

Ms. Wessler said that it's not a bad idea instead of lumping it under non-conforming A we can put it under C as it would do the same thing. Council Member Robb said that it would not allow all those NC Uses we don't want. Ms. Wessler said it also does not prevent all those PMD uses we don't want. Council Member Robb replied that 50 years or 70 years from now that's what we want, we don't want it now but we want to be evolving towards that; he said though that if Non-Conforming C is the way to go he would encourage that because it eliminates all the things that we won't want.

Ms. Wessler said there is a third option in which the NCU permits by right allowing single family residents to be built. We could say in that section of the ordinance NCNPM and non-conforming C would be a status that someone would have to seek out. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what is Non-Conforming C. Ms. Wessler said that it has not happened yet, but it is just a designation that someone would seek out for their property in which they can rebuild in the case of a casualty. Mayor Edmonds said that she doesn't think we should do something where someone has to apply. Council Member Robb said that the residents just want to be able to rebuild.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked the residents in the audience what they thought about all of this. A resident responded that the City created the PMD designation but it has been residential since the 1800s. She said that she understands that there is a vision for the City but no one asked the residents what they wanted; she said it is important for people to be able to buy and sell their homes and get insurance on it. She said that anything that fixes these issues is fantastic.

Council Member Murdock said that he likes Council Member Robb's direction; he said this is not the only place under the ordinance that impacts people. Ms. Wessler said Photo Street has been nonconforming since the 80s. Council Member Murdock said he understands and there are many places that are non-conforming that have the issue of rebuilding, and when this was first brought up, he thought we would try to deal with something to cover those circumstances, he said he is more concerned about street contamination than the zoning. Ms. Ernat said that they have meetings set up to try to deal with and find out the cost for the testing, but anytime you deal with an environmental issue she said she wants to hold out caution and it will take time. She stated that as far as the zoning, she doesn't feel the City is in the position to allow a new build; she feels it is a liability for the City if they have testing come back and it changes, and if they want to address the court issue right now the answer would be the non-conforming C.

Ms. Ernat said the core of the issue is "can I rebuild my property and does it have value?" She said in order to answer this question; we could put an overlay district of non-conforming. Ms. Ernat said the quickest way to be successful would be to have a non-conforming status instead of having an application process we could put it on every existing single family home and still have the conditions that Council Member Robb was saying that the property has to be in good status with the City and be an existing single family residence. Mayor Edmonds asked is it just single family or all residential, to which, Ms. Ernat replied all residential.

Ms. Ernat said the recommendation was to bring forth the application to create a non-conforming status for this area. Council Member Vogt said they need to make it clear that if there is a rebuild you cannot expand it. Ms. Ernat replied that is already in the

ordinance. Ms. Wessler said you can single family to manufacturing but you can't go from single family to two families. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said that is unfair. Ms. Ernat said that would be the undergirding zoning. Mayor Edmonds said they are trying to do the most expedited way for now. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she doesn't trust it, that when something is done for now changes never happen. She said it's what Council Member Robb said that it was an undesirable consequence; she said that she wants it all done now.

Mayor Edmonds stated that Ms. Ernat said this is the most expedited method and results coming back that would determine what makes the most sense for further underlying change. Ms. Ernat replied that if council supports further change, she doesn't think there has been any discussion about making this a multi-family neighborhood. She said that would be a complete change in what was being discussed; she said there is an existing duplex there, but to change the entire area would be a different character which would be a different zoning for rebuild vs. zoning to change the character and future. We would need to look at a master plan at that point.

Council Member Murdock said he was confused about where they were at, he pointed out a different option than the memo made reference to. He asked if the non-conforming is something you can do administratively or do they need a resolution. He said that if that is the direction we want to go, we need to change this resolution. Ms. Ernat said that she doesn't believe we need to change the resolution; she said the staff will propose the changes. Ms. Wessler said there is one word she would change; she would change districts to classifications. She said this should allow us the flexibility to proceed. Mayor Edmonds asked if the non-conforming status be an application that staff would make to planning.

Ms. Ernat answered that non-conforming A was created to protect duplexes in a single family zoning. She said this would be a new non-conforming. Ms. Wessler said it would not be a new class at all; she says in 122-2. Council member Robb said you can add the clause. He said right to A because this is an exception. Ms. Wessler said she believes in the B classification, non-conforming use of land in conjunction, anytime there is a single family home in NC it can be rebuilt, so rather than doing map changes or zoning changes we would simply be changing the Non-Conforming that would allow NC to have automatic single family rebuilt. Ms. Ernat said what staff could do was bring back all the applications for every house at one time. Ms. Wessler replied that it doesn't need multiple applications; she said this would be something else, it would just be automatic. Council member Robb said that this is an ordinance change.

Council Member Vogt asked if this would apply to all effective properties throughout the City. Council Member Robb said those three properties on the 400 blocks of River street are covered under class A non-conforming, he said that they are multi-family in a single family neighborhood. Ms. Wessler said that these properties would not be covered because when the class A was proposed the CNF properties are not eligible for class A. Council Member Anne Brown said she thought those properties could not be rebuilt. Ms. Wessler said they can be rebuilt as single family not multi-family. Ms. Ernat said she needs to address Council Member Murdock issue; the proposed language would be an issue. Council Member Murdock asked what are they approving if this is an ordinance change why not bring it back to Council. Ms. Wessler said because it has to come back to Planning. Council member Robb asked if it would go to them on Wednesday. Ms. Wessler said it would not because there has to be a public administrator. Council Member Anne Brown asked the timeline. Ms. Wessler said the earliest it can go to the planning commission agenda was December but even after running all the numbers it would end up in March no matter what was done.

Council Member Murdock said the reason he wanted to change the resolve resolution was to reflect the staff recommendation more clearly; he said he was wondering if they could get something that says be it resolved to reflect what you were going to do. Ms. Ernat agreed. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said that this is one of the big issues because it depends on the state of the land but it needs to be said that depending on the state of the contamination that the new build would be allowed. Ms. Ernat said that is not what they are proposing. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson replied that it is what she wants.

Mayor Edmonds asked Mayor Pro-Tem if she wants to offer an amendment and if so if she could word it again. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson offered that there be provisions made for residential new build in this area. She then asked Mr. DuChene for help with the wording. Ms. Wessler said thinking back, we would be adding single family homes as a permitted use in the industrial district if we continue down the path that we are on now. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she didn't know then asked Ms. Wessler to repeat herself. Ms. Wessler said that right now the process being looked at is to add a provision to allow single family homes or two family homes to be rebuilt in the industrial district; she said what Mayor Pro-Tem is talking about to allow new build of single family homes would mean we are allowing single family homes to be built in the PMD district so we would just add the use. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said however it is done just make sure it is.

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson to allow for new single residential build, supported by Council Member Nicole Brown

Council Member Anne Brown asked them to go over this one more time. Ms. Ernat said that this would make two options; one would allow single family homes to be built anywhere in PMD. Council Member Vogt said that if they did that and if someone applied the next day before the testing could we stop them. Ms. Ernat said that legally we would not be able to stop them. He said he thinks we need to wait for testing before we allow anyone to build anything on the land. He said allowing someone to build from scratch is a bad idea until we figure out what is going on with the contamination.

Mr. DuChene proposed for language; be it further resolved that City Council directs staff contingent upon an environmental investigations to investigate methods to prevent residential new build in the area in question. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added to the residential area in question. Council Member Anne Brown said the question is the PMD area. Mr. DuChene said there is no residential area as far as he knows. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if they were rezoning that area. Everyone replied no. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if they aren't rezoning Bell to residential. Ms. Ernat replied that they are creating what is essentially an overlay to allow existing homes to rebuild as is. Council Member Anne Brown said that is different from Ward 3 because they cannot rebuild.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if that was different then what was stated in the memo. Ms. Ernat said it is different then what was received in the memo. Mayor Edmonds said it isn't different than the resolution however. Council Member Murdock asked if they are talking about the original resolution. Council Member Nicole Brown said she wants to withdraw her second. Council member Robb said Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson is asking that the zoning be changed in the PMD. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said they have people who have lived in that area and have family members, who have planned all their lives to build there, but now there are changes that were made taking away their ability to rebuild; she said she just wants to give them back what they had.

Mr. DuChene said from what he understands for her proposed amendment was contingent upon the environmental assessment was for Staff to look into a method to rezone to allow for new building. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said its contingent upon the

assessment. Council Member Nicole Brown said she has more questions than that. Mayor Edmonds said she wants to know if there is a second so they could continue with the discussion. Council Member Anne Brown said they had more questions. She asked Mayor Pro-Tem if she is talking about people who want new build in the PMD. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she is talking about Bell Street. Council Member Nicole Brown asked if she is not talking about the empty lots. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she is not talking about the dark blue area on the map; she is talking about Bell Street in the red area.

Council member Nicole Brown said there are only two empty lots there. Ms. Wessler pointed out the lots which Mayor Pro-Tem was speaking about. Mayor Edmonds said that the City owns one of the lots and the second is privately owned. Council Member Murdock asked if there was an amendment on the floor and if not he is going to put one on the floor. Council Member Murdock said: therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council direct staff to proceed with an application to amend the text of the zoning ordinance to allow single family and two family homes to be rebuilt in the PMD. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said that still does not change what she wanted.

Moved by Council Member Murdock to amend the language to state: therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council direct staff to proceed with an application to amend the text of the zoning ordinance to allow single family and two family homes to be rebuilt in the PMD. Seconded by Council Member Robb.

Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Murdock if he could add instead of alternative of zoning districts, make alternative zoning classifications. Council Member Robb said it would be easier to take that out all-together. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if they are changing the district. Council Member Robb said we are getting rid of that entire clause. Mayor Edmonds asked if that was friendly. Council member Robb said he seconds that. Mayor Edmonds said it will now read:

Now therefore be it resolved that City Council directs staff to proceed with an application to amend the text of zoning ordinance for single and two family homes to be rebuilt in a PMD district. Mayor Edmonds asked if Council Member Murdock stopped there or if wanted to include Bell-Kramer. Council Member Murdock said he stopped there.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if they do not want to reflect the current character of the area, the residential portion. Mayor Edmonds replied that the first two talk about the character directly. Council member Vogt said that the amendment as proposed goes back to what was proposed originally in the middle of this conversation about allowing and getting insurance because it allows for rebuilds but not expansion or new construction, he said it does not get into unforeseen consequences and changing classifications. He said the question on his mind concerning the Mayor Pro-Tem is there anything that constrains the party from seeking a spot zone if they wanted to build a residence undeveloped property on the future after the contamination is dealt with would there be anything stopping someone from spot zoning. Council Member Robb replied that spot zoning is not something that they do. Council Member Vogt said that there is an unusual circumstance here, he said he's not proposing just asking.

Ms. Wessler asked for clarification if Council Member Vogt meant that in some initial future when we have cleared the landfill and adjacent properties of contamination if there is anything prohibiting someone from applying to rezone a lot to build a new single family home. Council Member Vogt replied yes. Ms. Wessler said no there is not, at that point it would proceed to be a new land use amendment. Council Member Vogt said we don't want anyone applying to build on an empty lot until we resolve that issue. He said later if it works out we could solve that problem to, but we need to first solve this problem.

On a roll call, the vote to approve proposed amendment on Resolution No. 2016-259 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-259 as amended 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

3. Resolution 2016-259 B Proposal to determine the nature and extent of the contamination

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

Council Member Murdock said he knows that this may take longer than anyone wants, but Council should go on record saying they support what needs to be done. Ms. Ernat said that she hopes to bring at least preliminary type cost by December. Council Member Anne Brown asked if Ms. Ernat will be seeking several bids or just using AKT. Ms. Ernat said that they are meeting with DQ and Washtenaw County in the next two weeks; she said she has already asked AKT to provide a quick number. She said they are drafting that number and hope to bring to Council by December 6th at that point she will ask Council they want staff to do bids.

Council Member Anne Brown said the next question would be on their budget which was lowered; the amount to do consulting so that would be coming back to the council. Ms. Ernat agreed unless it can be found from other funds in the Manager's budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if she is seeking funds from DQ and Washtenaw Public Health, is part of the conversation. Ms. Ernat said that it is, she has already been advised that DQ doesn't have any funds for this, but she is hoping they can find something together; she said she inquired into the Down River Community Consultant. Council Member Anne Brown asked if that is annual. Ms. Ernat said you can have multiple applications a year but it requires an active project, but since there is no active project they are still looking.

Mayor Edmonds asked about the language saying it says "beyond the old City dump" she asked if it should say "in and beyond the old City dump". Council Member Murdock said that his major concern was the contamination coming off impacting residents, he said people keep saying that they should clean up the dumps, but you don't clean a dump you just pick it up and put it another dump. He then stated that doesn't work, you contain it. Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Murdock if he could amend the language. Council Member Robb asked if they are going to test in the dump. Ms. Ernat said we would have to test boundaries. Mayor Edmonds asked if Mayor Pro-Tem

Richardson can take that as a friendly amendment, to make it say in the dump instead of beyond.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked why we would test in the dump because we know it is contaminated. Ms. Ernat said that there are some things we need to know in terms of level; she said there are some things we have to test within the dump. Council Member Anne Brown asked if it was the similar testing as Water Street. Ms. Ernat said it was similar in that they need to test for pockets of methane. Council Member Robb said he has a question for legal. He said that they have done no testing so they are not sure if there is contamination beyond the dump or not. Ms. Ernat responded to this saying the testing is a phase 1 and phase 2 those were done in the boundaries of the original dump so they do not know, but they do know that the water migration pattern it is leading to the residents and they are legally obligated to warn residents when it is 300 feet from their homes. Council Member Robb asked legal if there have not been testing and if they are unsure if there is contamination beyond the dump do we want to say nature and extent of contamination, is that admitting it. Mr. DuChene said that Council Member Robb is bringing up a good point he would say "the nature and extent, if any, of". Council Member Vogt said or "the nature or extent of any contamination".

Mayor Edmonds repeated the sentence with the changes: Resolved by City Council of the City of Ypsilanti that the City Staff is directed to seek recommendations and proposals to determine the nature and extent of any contamination in and beyond the old City Dump in the Bell-Kramer area, and what if any health risk exists for local residents"; she then said that Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson could remove her second. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she didn't second it, she seconded the first one. Mayor Edmonds said this is a rereading of the first one with friendly amendments, she asked if Mayor Pro-Tem still wants to second it. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded she seconded the first one. Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Murdock if he could put a motion on the table for the new language.

Moved by Council Member Murdock to amend language to say "Resolved by City Council of the City of Ypsilanti that the City Staff is directed to seek recommendations and proposals to determine the nature and extent of any contamination in and beyond the old City Dump in the Bell-Kramer area, and what if any health risk exist for local residents". Seconded by Council Member Vogt.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she had already seconded it on the table. Council Member Anne Brown replied that Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson was asked if she wanted to do friendly. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson replied she never said she wouldn't second it. Mayor Edmonds said it was a point of confusion but the amendment is now on the floor.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the substitute amendment for Resolution No. 2016-259B as amended 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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-259B as amended 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. INAUGURATION CEREMONY – Oath of Office

- Ward 1 – Lois Richardson
- Ward 2 – Beth Bashert
- Ward 3 – Peter Murdock

XIII. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

Mayor Edmonds asked staff to come up to introduce themselves to the new Council Member.

XIII. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-260, adopting "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, 10TH EDITION".

Moved By Council Member Vogt, Seconded by Council Member Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-260 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2016-261, setting the day, time and frequency of Council meetings.

Moved by Council Member Vogt, Seconded by Council Member Brown

Mayor Edmonds said she feels like the meetings have been adjourning earlier. Council Member Robb said that they have had to extend 84% of the time; he said they have done 47 meaningless resolutions in that time.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-261 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2016-262, approving the procedure for transaction of Council business.

Moved by Council Member Vogt, seconded by Council Member Murdock

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-262 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2016-263, approving procedure for audience participation during Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Richardson

Council Member Robb said they never stick to the sixty minute limit and maybe they should get rid of it. He said we never followed it so why is it there. Mayor Edmonds said we reached the limit at EMU last year. Council Member Richardson said they set the limit because they were changing from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Mayor Edmonds said it is good to have the time limit and we can always extend if we need to.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-263 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

5. Resolution No. 2016-264, naming an official newspaper of record.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Richardson

Council Member Richardson said she has been asked how often the newspaper is printed and where it can be purchased. Clerk Hellenga said it is published Monday and Thursday. Manager McMullan said all the notices are published on the website. She said you have to subscribe for the newspaper.

Ms. Wessler said she has the list of where you can find them. She stated the Washtenaw County Courthouse/Jail, Lobby of 200 N. Main St Ann Arbor, Main Lobby of 200 East Liberty St. Ann Arbor, Main St. Party Store Ann Arbor, Lobby News Stand Ann Arbor, and

Broken Egg Ann Arbor. Council Member Richardson said you can't get any from Ypsilanti. Clerk Hellenga said he is sure you can get them from the Library. Manager McMullan said we used them because it is a considerable amount of savings. She stated that nothing is really in print anymore.

Mayor Edmonds said we did the switch more than 2 years ago. Ms. Ernat said it was when she was there. Clerk Hellenga said it was after because the resolution was approved ahead of Washtenaw Now.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-264 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

6. Resolution No. 2016-265, adopting the Council Protocol for City staff.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, seconded by Council Member Richardson

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-265 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

7. Resolution No. 2016-266, adopting policy for appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Moved by Council Member Bashert, seconded by Council Member Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-266 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

8. Resolution No. 2016-267, setting meeting dates for 2017.

Moved by Council Member Robb, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Council Member Richardson said the date 2015 should be changed to 2017. Council Member Brown asked if April 8th should say April 18th. Mayor Edmonds asked if there is an election in the spring if the date would be May 2nd. Clerk Hellenga said it would be that date. Manager McMullan said that we have time to amend it if needed. Mayor Edmonds asks about July 6th. Council Member Brown said that is after the holiday.

Council Member Murdock asked when we have our meetings backed up it makes it difficult to get the information; he asked if we want to do that meeting on the July date. Mayor Edmonds asked Mr. DuChene what the LAP language based on our Census state. Mr. DuChene replied that he does not know. Mayor Edmonds asked him to find out for them.

Manager McMullan said we have a list in all of our offices of what the languages are. Mayor Edmonds said we are obligated by law to have a LAP plan. Manager McMullan said that we have that plan and have designated staff members who speak those languages in the buildings.

Council Member Richardson asked Mr. DuChene if the charter allows them to build in a summer break. Mr. DuChene said that they amended it for every 30 days. Council Member Robb stated that it used to be every 30 days, but they worked on the charter to change that. Council member Richardson said that they used to have to meet once every 30 days. Council Member Murdock said they used to meet the first and 3rd Monday and sometimes it used to be the first and fourth Monday. Council Member Richardson said that could be done for July but then they would have back-to-back meetings. Mayor Edmonds said that it sounds like Council Member Richardson is suggesting only one meeting. Council Member Richardson said that may be true, but she remembers them having business one here before and adding a meeting, she asked Council Member Robb for confirmation. Manager McMullan said they ended up adding and said they decided to schedule them and cancel just in case there isn't any business. Mr. DuChene said the Charter says Council must meet one or more times once every 30 days. Council Member Richardson asked if there is a way to work that, could we remove the meeting on July 6th. Mayor Edmonds said that it could be an amendment.

Moved by Council Member Richardson to delete the July 6th meeting from the meeting times, seconded by Council Member Vogt

Council Member Vogt said about a year or two ago they stopped skipping the second meeting in August; he said the reason he recalled was they were having long meetings. Council Member Vogt said he preferably would want to add a meeting than delete one as he feels that scheduling ahead would give everyone enough time to prepare for it. Mr. DuChene said he would like to correct himself, he said the charter amendment says Council shall meet regularly one or more times every calendar month.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2016-267 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 2 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-267 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
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Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XIV. NOMINATIONS AND VOTE FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO-TEM –

Mayor Edmonds said she would like to call for nominations from the floor for the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Council Member Murdock nominated Council Member Richardson, Council Member Vogt Seconded

Council Member Vogt nominated Council Member Nicole Brown. Council Member Nicole Brown accepted the nomination.

Mayor Edmonds said with no more nominees she would like to take to this time to have the two who were nominated speak as to why they want to be Mayor Pro-Tem

Council Member Richardson: Said she would just like to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem and said she has the freedom of the time where she can fill in for the Mayor. She said she has served in the position and would like to continue to serve. She stated she has served the community in the position and it gives her a chance to serve the entire city.

Council Member Nicole Brown: Said she that she brings a fresh perspective to Council and has served the community since she was a teenager. She has been around for quite some time and can see herself doing well as Mayor Pro-Tem. She said she thinks she is an impartial individual and makes decisions based on what best for the community; she stated that even though she does work, she does make the time to be present where necessary. She said she would be excited to do so and respect to Council Member Richardson; she has done a good job but a fresh voice would do some good and is warranted in the community.

Mayor Edmonds asked if they got right into voting. Mr. DuChene said you can do voice vote or ballot voting.

On a roll call, the vote for Mayor Pro-Tem was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Brown	Council Member Robb	Abstaining
Council Member Murdock	Brown	Mayor Edmonds	Brown
Council Member Richardson	Richardson	Council Member Vogt	Brown
Council Member Bashert	Brown		

VOTE:

BROWN: 5 RICHARDSON: 1 ABSTAIN: 1 VOTE: Brown

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Council Member Richardson: Someone from Ward 3 approached her about a large Pot hole in front of McDonalds on Huron St. across from EMU. Council Member Murdock pointed out that is Ward 2. Council Member Richardson said that there is some large holes developing in the middle of Summit. Manager McMullan asked which block. Council Member Richardson said between Washtenaw and Michigan and they are right in the middle of the street. She said there is also someone on 1st avenue on the block closest to Michigan. Manager McMullan asked if

Council Member Richardson noticed that the barrier was back up. Council Member Richardson said she did and gave her thanks.

Council Member Richardson said she think that the task force should start winding down and hopefully the things that we pinpointed have resolved.

Council Member Murdock: Asked what the status on the house of Summit is, with the old roof. Ms. Ernat said the owner is working on the repairs and they are within their compliance time frame. Council Member Murdock asked if people are occupying it. Ms. Ernat said no and it is posted as uninhabitable.

Council Member Murdock said this may instigate a longer discussion than they want to have tonight. He said that there was a recent election and those results indicate that a lot of policies are going to or will be moving along that are quite contrary to our community values, and the City needs to be very vigil on that fact and do whatever is necessary to insulate us from the craziness in the nation of a whole. He said he doesn't know exactly what that would be but a few things he thought of that might help. Years ago when Martha was on the Human Relations Commission there were discussions about being more immigrant friendly. He said there was a resolution to add immigrant status to our non-discrimination ordinance, this was lost though and the shuffle of other things overtook it. He said it would be good to bring this back though, the issue of some semblance of Sanctuary City in that area. He said Ann Arbor adopted a reproductive freedom zone, he said he's not sure how that works but it is something else that could be looked at.

Council Member Bashert: A lot of excitement about the tot lot going into Edith Hefley Park. She is excited as it is on her block. She said there was an Edith Hefley sign on the corner of Grant and Elm there was a Wooden signed named after Edith Hefley. She said there are a lot of questions about a sign for the tot lot.

Council Member Murdock said there was a new sign that was made. Council Member Bashert said it doesn't say Edith Hefley Peace Park. Mayor Edmonds said she has a feeling it says Edith Hefley Tot Lot and not Peace Park. Ms. Ernat said that the sign that they ordered, what happened was that they matched all signs at the tot lots. She said the sign has been ordered and it will say Tot lot and this was done for all the tot lots. Mayor Edmonds said that the last sign that was there said tot lot. Council Member Bashert said that the last sign was hit by a car and people have wanted a new sign. Ms. Ernat replied that the signs were paid for by CBDG through the parks; she said she's not sure the installation date but it is coming.

Council Member Murdock said the CIL said the sign is being made and they are going to install it when they did the ground work.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown: Just a follow up with Manager McMullan about the tree limbs and branches Ainsworth Circle. She said she did not receive correspondence from Stan. Manager McMullan asked if Mayor Pro-Tem Brown got the email explaining that the tree belonged to Stewart Beal. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown said when Stan replied back she thought he was talking about that. Manager McMullan replied that Stan did respond to the first email stating we were going to check it, but it is Stewart's. Stan has reached out to him to see if they can get the tree removed, and if it is a safety, then in the next few weeks we would take care of it and just bill Stewart for it.

Council Member Vogt: Asked about the status on the hidden driveway sign on Hewitt. Chief DeGiusti said that the sign has been ordered; not sure how long it would take. Council Member Vogt asked if they don't know how long. Chief DeGiusti said when it gets here it gets here but it should be soon. Council Member Vogt said that's fine.

Council Member Vogt said he is just looking for a reminder on the truck route. Council Member Murdock replied December 6th.

Council Member Robb: No Business

XVI. LIAISON REPORTS –

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown: Black Lives Matter Task Force will be meeting on the 21st. There was a subcommittee meeting today in which they will be sending their report to present it to us to move forward on the piece we had been working on. She said they will be discussing whether there are more things to do.

Council Member Robb said that the form needs to be fixed, it's messed up and needs to be corrected. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown said that would be done.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

Manager McMullan said the newly formed transportation committee will be meeting tomorrow in the lower meeting room of City Hall. She said that also tomorrow evening we will be meeting at Ypsilanti International Elementary School for the combined Board meeting. She said this Friday will be the ribbon cutting of the Solar Array at Highland Cemetery. She said all council should be present for photo ops. Ms. Ernat said Council could join us on a tour.

Manager McMullan said that the signage that Council Member Murdock sent an email is being looked at by staff. She said that it will be sent to the traffic review committee. Council Member Murdock said that is fine and we'll take it from there.

Council Member Richardson said that the trash from 411 Second Avenue is still there. She said that they got the rest of the trash from the dumpster from Second and Frederick. Manager McMullan said that James Jackson had already posted it and sent an actual notice for it; she said she will tell Mr. Jackson that they need to take care of that.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Mayor Edmonds said that the Center American Mobility the ground breaking celebration is at 2pm on Monday.

Mayor Edmonds said that she and Sharon Irvine have been meeting in terms of planning the agenda. She said there are guests that will be honored in the first part of the agenda. She said they are excited to do a quick honoring. She stated there will be a presentation about idling vehicles, and will be diving into participatory exercises where we will be thinking about joint goals. She said that when they arrive, there will be a meeting in progress and Clerk Hellenga has been working with staff to make sure equipment is ready and will work.

She said that everyone helped word smith a joint statement from local elective officials that every official in the County will have a chance to sign on. She said be on the lookout as you only have 48 hours to sign it. She said that her thought has been in the same area as Council Member Murdock about what needs to be put in order. She said a number of lawyers and state holders are looking into what we can do to prepare for various things and look at LGTBQ rights.

She said last night she met with the Mayor of Ann Arbor and several other elective officials and people are gathering as they can. She said they are looking at how in a shared way they could be more efficient. She said she wants to have the Chief of Polices and safety organization to do a joint statement saying there is no tolerance for inappropriate behavior. Chief DeGiusti said that they have a meeting for the Washtenaw Criminal Justice Association on Thursday; he said Mayor Edmonds could give him something to bring to them. Mayor Edmonds said that if other people

know or think about things that please let her know. She told Council Member Murdock that speaking with Martha about immigrants was a great idea. She stated that she has been looking into having Ypsilanti become a welcoming community.

Council Member Murdock said when Martha was working on it there was a lot of information back then that would be a little tougher to pick back up. He said he wasn't sure if the state outlawed sanctuary communities or not. Mayor Edmonds said it is going to keep evolving day-by-day.

NOMINATION:

Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Tasha R. Palmer
733 Maus

Expiration: 12/31/2019

Board of Review

Roberta Wojcik-Andrews (replacing Erik Dotzauer)
7 N. Normal

Expiration: 12/31/2017

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Mayor Edmonds opened Audience participation

Lisa Bashert 909 Grant Street: She has heard from a variety of people of an interest in a sanctuary city and she believes it is a wonderful thing asking if it could be county-wide.

Mayor Edmonds responded that she knows Counties can do welcoming communities. Council Member Murdock said that is a little different than sanctuary. Mayor Edmonds replied that it is going to be important as they look for what could happen more efficiently at a county level. She said she asked for reports from the school superintendents from around the district which she hopes she will get at the meeting tomorrow. She stated that there are already reports of people feeling intimidated and harassed in the school already.

Mayor Edmonds closed audience participation

XX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

XXI. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2016-269, adjourning the Council meeting.

Moved by Council Member Bashert, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM