



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	(7:50) Present	Council Member Vogt	(8:31) Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	(7:46) Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to excuse the absences of Mayor Edmonds, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, and Council Member Vogt.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the absences were excused.

III. INVOCATION –

Council Member Richardson asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Murdock to approve the agenda.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Council Member Richardson introduced the following individuals; Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, City Manager Darwin McClary, City Attorney John Barr, City Clerk Frances McMullan, Friends of Rutherford Pool John Weiss, and Human Relations Commission Kyle Hunter.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

- Friends of Rutherford Pool – John Weiss

Friends of Rutherford Pool President John Weiss and Friends of Rutherford Pool Board Member Jeff Guyton provided a presentation regarding a proposed bathhouse remodel for the Rutherford Pool.

Council Member Bashert asked if the solar panels would be for general electric, or hot water heating. Mr. Weiss responded the solar panels will be for general power.

Council Member Bashert asked what the estimated construction start date is. Mr. Weiss responded possibly the spring or fall of 2019.

Council Member Murdock asked how the failure to relocate the recycling center would affect the grant application for this project. Economic Development Director Beth Ernat responded the Department of Natural Resources grant they would be seeking is not a trust fund grant, and should not be effected. Mr. Weiss added a DNR representative informed Friends of Rutherford Pool the Land Water Grant would be a better fit for this project.

Council Member Richardson thanked Mr. Weiss and Mr. Guyton for their continued work on pool operations.

Council Member Bashert stated the pool is a valuable asset to the community, and during budget sessions a donation should be allocated to the pool.

- 2017-18 Snow Removal Program – Public Services Director Stan Kirton

Department of Public Services Director Stan Kirton and Superintendent Brad Holman provided a presentation regarding snow removal.

Council Member Bashert asked if DPS removes snow in the DDA districts. Mr. Kirton responded no, DPS only removes snow from public sidewalks.

Council Member Murdock asked if the City still purchases road salt jointly with Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked what the difference is between the sidewalks in Zone 4 versus Zone 6. Mr. Kirton responded the sidewalks in Zone 4 are in front of public buildings. Mr. Murdock asked what sidewalks are in Zone 6. Mr. Kirton responded sidewalks such as those in front of Water Street.

Council Member Bashert asked how the bumpouts on Congress and speed bumps are handled by the plows. Mr. Kirton responded it is a challenge, especially speed bumps. He asked for clarification of the speed bumps Council has directed be installed, and added the adopted resolution has vague.

Council Member Richardson asked if DPS removes the snow from the sidewalks at the Senior Center. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Patricia DeBoer, 309 Park St., read a letter from Hugh Kennedy, 316 N. Grove, regarding the development of the Boys and Girls Club. The letter expressed concern about the development, and the stress the project would place on the infrastructure on that area, especially water and sewer.

2. Kyle Hunter, 430 S. Adams St., thanked Council Member Richardson for her Town Hall on Monday, January 8th. He feels the input will assist in leading to a strong Community Benefits Ordinance. He stated the increase in the absences of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem have become bothersome.
3. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, asked why the Rutherford Pool parking lot is plowed.

Mr. Kirton responded the parking lot must be cleared for emergency services.

Ms. Melke asked if the city is now performing snow abatements. Mr. Kirton responded the city abates city owned property, private property is contracted. Ms. Melke asked how many tickets were issued, and how many warnings were given from the last snow fall. She wants city employees to take more ownership of reporting infractions of the snow ordinance.

4. Greg Tyler, 6637 Hitchingham, stated on August 10, 2017 he was involved in a motorcycle accident. On another occasion, in October and November, he was pulling into his drive and was hit again by two motorcycles. He would like the speed limit to be reduced on that road.

Council Member Richardson responded Hitchingham is not located in the City, it is located in Ypsilanti Township. Ms. Ernat stated Mr. Tyler should voice his complaints to the Washtenaw Road Commission. Council Member Murdock stated the County Sherriff is responsible for speed control.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

— Council Member Richardson stated Ms. Melke’s comments will be addressed.

Council Member Bashert stated in response to Mr. Hunter the Closed Session this evening is for union issues and has nothing to do with a development. She added the plows were active today, which is why some of the curb cuts were recovered with snow, but she understands the frustration.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2018-001

1. Resolution No. 2018-002, approving minutes of December 14, and December 19, 2017.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of December 14th and December 19th, 2017 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2018-003, approving Ordinance 1299 to amend Chapter 2, “Administration”, Article VI, Contracts and Purchasing, of the Ypsilanti City Code. ***(Second Reading)***

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

The certain ordinance entitled "An ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 "Administration" Article VI. CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING of the Ypsilanti City Code be adopted on Second and Final Reading.

- Resolution No. 2018-004, approving Ordinance 1300 to amend Chapter 30, Article VI, "Tax Exempt Housing" of the Ypsilanti City Code to repeal Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12 renumber the remaining Divisions and Sections of the Article; and other changes. **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Article VI "Tax Exempt Housing" of the Ypsilanti City Code to repeal Divisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, and 12; renumber the remaining Divisions and Sections of the Article; and other changes" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

- Resolution No. 2018-004A, authorizing The City of Ypsilanti Fire Department is eligible to apply for a FEMA grant under the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti Fire Department is eligible to apply for a FEMA grant under the 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The primary goal of this grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs to ensure safety of the public and department firefighters; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department is requesting authorization to apply for this grant to replace the following equipment: 1. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs), 2. Extrication Stabilization Equipment, 3. Turn Out Gear, 4. Fire Hose and 5. Nozzles and Appliances; and

WHEREAS, The Fire Department is looking at replacing 15 SCBA's for an estimated purchase price of \$108, 750, Extrication Stabilization Equipment for an estimated cost of \$7,375, Turn Out Gear for an estimated cost of \$8,130, a Fire Hose for an estimated cost of \$4,398.00 and Nozzles and Appliances for an estimated cost of \$7, 796.00 with a minimal match requirement of ten percent (10%).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the Fire Department to apply for the grant.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-001 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

- Resolution No. 2018-005, approving purchase of body cameras from Axon Enterprise.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department is committed to the Body Worn Camera Program and desires to upgrade the camera system based on technological advancements, quality production of video, ability to insure all personnel have functioning body cams and reliability of the equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department has been allocated funds in the FY2017-18 Budget, secured a 2016 Byrne Memorial Grant for this purpose of making this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department has negotiated pricing with Axon Enterprises, Inc. of \$24,955.08 for the initial costs and first year of operation; and

WHEREAS, the total package also includes an additional four years of contracted services at a rate of \$15,108.00 per year which includes all maintenance, storage and future no cost replacements.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police be authorized to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the purchase and contract.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Chief DeGiusti stated as Council is aware Ypsilanti Police was on the forefront on the use of body cameras. He said at the time he, and other organizations, thought the L3 would provide the best product. However, it is time to make a change because of the problems with the L3 cameras. Axon has achieved the same claims L3 promised with its product.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the issues with the L3 cameras were a result of it being an early iteration of the technology. Chief DeGiusti stated the department uses the L3 camera for it's in car cameras, and they are the best at that technology, but that did not translate into body cameras. He said the Axon Cameras are more rugged and have the best failure rate in the business.

Mayor Edmonds asked what technology Eastern Michigan University is using. Chief DeGiusti responded he does not think they are ready to move away from the L3 cameras. Ms. Edmonds asked what technology Ann Arbor and U of M are using. Chief DeGiusti responded they are considering the change, but it is more difficult to change considering the amount of cameras they have.

Council member Bashert asked if the department will have enough cameras for two shifts. Chief DeGiusti responded with this program each officer will have their own camera. Ms. Bashert asked if the recording taken by the camera is being stored by the camera, or in another place. Chief DeGiusti responded it is stored in the camera until the camera is docked. At that point the recording is stored on the cloud.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-005 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2018-006, approving Supplemental Appropriation to FY 2017-18 Budget - Information Technology (IT) Audit and Migration Plan Services.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County current provides information technology services, including telephony, for the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, the county has informed the city of its desire to discontinue the provision of IT services to the city effective July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the county has increased its charges for IT services to the city from \$94,000 to \$136,000 for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the city deems it necessary and beneficial to prepare a comprehensive IT audit and plan for the migration of the city's IT infrastructure and services from a county-based system to an independent system by June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the city council must approve a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2017-18 Budget to provide the resources necessary to complete the IT audit and plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve a supplemental appropriation to the FY 2017-18 Budget account # _____ in the amount of \$6,000.00 using General Fund reserves to engage the services of a qualified vendor to complete a comprehensive IT audit of the city's computer hardware, software, network systems, and peripherals and to prepare a detailed report with recommendations on necessary steps and cost estimates to migrate from the county system to an independent system.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

City Manager Darwin McClary stated the county has indicated Ypsilanti is the last municipality it provides services for, and because of escalating costs and limited staff the can no longer provide services past June 30th.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is not excited approving \$40,000 for an overage of the IT contract. She agrees with the city no longer contracting with the county for IT, but she is concerned the city will pay more for this contract. Mr. McClary replied staff has asked for every consideration from the county, who responded they need to begin charging Ypsilanti what they charge their internal departments. Ms. Edmonds stated the county is back charging the city. Mr. McClary replied yes, but the full responsibility cannot be placed fully on the county.

Mayor Edmonds asked why the city would create an independent system rather than use a third party contractor. Mr. McClary responded he does anticipate that will be a part of the review and plan, but the city must be prepared for these capital costs.

Council Member Robb stated this change would create a \$30,000 budgetary deficit. Mr. McClary replied with both costs it would create a \$36,000 deficit.

Mayor Edmonds stated she will support the approval of this audit.

Council Member Murdock asked once this is complete will he have a functioning email. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative, and staff is responsive to the need for greater storage capacity.

Mayor Edmonds asked if other management systems are going to be examined as a part of this audit. Mr. McClary responded that will be separate.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-006 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2018-007, approving Washtenaw County IT Services Contract 2017-18.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti relies on Washtenaw county to provide information technology services to the city, including computer hardware, software, network systems and security, E-mail, telephone, and other services; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw county has informed the city of its intent to discontinue IT services to the city effective July 1, 2018, due to lack of county staffing and escalating costs of providing the services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the city to execute a contract with the county to continue to provide IT services to the city for FY 2017-18 while the city completes its IT services migration plan and implementation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve a supplemental appropriation to the appropriate accounts of the FY 2017-18 Budget as determined by the Finance Director in the total amount of \$42,000 utilizing General Fund reserves for the 2017-18 IT services contract with Washtenaw county; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city council does hereby approve the 2017-18 IT technical support, consulting, and networking services contract with Washtenaw County at an approximate cost of \$136,025 and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Council Member Murdock asked what would happen if Council does not approve this resolution. Mr. McClary responded he does not have an answer to that question at this time. At this point the city is at the county's mercy for IT services.

Council Member Bashert asked other than email what services are covered by this agreement. Mr. McClary responded the county provides networking services, all computer hardware, some software, and the GIS system. Ms. Bashert stated the staff uses this system every day, and if it were to dissolve the city would need to purchase new computers and licensing for software. Mr. McClary responded the city purchased the computers from the county, but the county could shut off the network rendering the computers useless. Ms. Bashert stated the increase would amount to \$3,500 a month for the remainder of the Fiscal Year. However, this agreement is more than email, and asked if the city terminates the agreement can it survive three months. Council Member Robb replied no. Mr. McClary echoed Council Member Robb's

statement and said the only possible way it could do that is if another system is in place. Mr. Robb added once the study is complete he thinks a \$136,000 contract will be considered a great deal.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is concerned that the county has ceased providing FOIA services for email. Mr. McClary responded the FOIA services were never part of the contract.

City Clerk Frances McMullan stated the email system became more complicated because the network was breeched.

Mayor Edmonds stated she believes the county should eat the additional cost, since the city now needs to incur more costs to locate another company to provide these services.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-007 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	No
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Edmonds) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2018-008, approving an application for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) new certificate at 888 Madison Street.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRIZE ZONE NEW CERTIFICATE FOR HAMIDAH KAUFMAN LOCATED AT 888 MADISON ST, YPSILANTI MI

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti established a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone on April 16, 2016 as required under PA 147 of 1992 after a public hearing held on April 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner Hamidah Kaufman is not delinquent on any taxes related to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti and hereby is granted a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone New Facility Exemption for property located at 888 Madison Street, Ypsilanti MI 48197 for a period of 15 years, beginning December 31, 2018, and ending December 30, 2032, pursuant to the provisions of PA 147 of 1992, as amended.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Community Development/DDA Director Joe Meyers provided a synopsis of what is being requested for approval.

Mayor Edmonds asked the square feet of the new construction. Mr. Meyers responded roughly 600 sq. ft. and will include solar panels and a garage. Mr. Meyers added more approvals will be requested in the spring.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-008 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

5. Resolution No. 2018-009, approving an OPRA extension for 13 N. Washington.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City approved an OPRA for 13 N. Washington for the development of Back Office Studios on October 6, 2015 with the condition of completion of work and a certificate of occupancy be issued before March 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The owners have been delayed by factors of development and a state incentive request and have kept City staff aware of their timing and delays; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to extend their approval period 12 additional months to allow additional time to complete renovation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council extends the completion and certificate of occupancy deadline until March 2019 for the complete renovation of 13 North Washington for the development of Back Office Studios.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Mr. Meyers stated when the OPRA was originally approved time limits were set, and the property owners are requesting more time.

Council Member Robb asked if the Planning and Development Department is making property owners aware they have limited time. He wants those awarded OPRAs be aware they are wasting their tax benefit because construction is not being completed quickly. Mayor Edmonds replied these businesses would like nothing more than to have completed construction. However, roadblocks have arisen and property owners are trying to resolve issues, but need more time. Mr. Meyers added property owners are aware of the time limits.

Council Member Murdock stated when Council awards an extension it is for project completion date, not an extension of the tax incentive. Mr. Meyers responded they are aware of the limit.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-009 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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. 2018-010, approving an OPRA extension for 6 and 12 S. Washington.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City approved an OPRA for 6 & 12 S. Washington for the development of Birdcolors on October 6, 2014 with the condition of completion of work and a certificate of occupancy be issued before December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The owners have been delayed by factors of development and have City staff aware of their timing and delays; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to extend their approval period 12 additional months to allow additional time to complete renovation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council extends the completion and certificate of occupancy deadline until December 31, 2018 for the complete renovation of 6 & 12 S. Washington for the development of two apartments.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Mayor Edmonds asked if the restaurant portion of this building has a certificate of occupancy. The owner of the building responded in the affirmative, and said they are only a few weeks from opening. Ms. Edmonds asked what will be the name of the restaurant. The owner replied Dolores. Mr. Meyers asked what will be the date of opening. The owner replied a tentative soft opening on January 26th, and completely open the next week. Ms. Edmonds asked if the restaurant was had health department approval. The owner responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb stated the resolution is incorrect. Mr. Meyers stated the initial approval should be 2014, however, the clock started January of the following year, however it does not change the intent of this resolution.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-010 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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. 2018-011, approving an OPRA extension for 52, 54, and 56 E. Cross.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City approved an OPRA for 52, 54, & 56 E. Cross for the development of the second and third floor of Sidetrack Bar and Grill on January 22, 2013 with the condition of completion of work and a certificate of occupancy be issued before December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the owners have been delayed by factors of development and have City staff aware of their timing and delays; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to extend their approval period 24 additional months to allow additional time to complete renovation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council extends the completion and certificate of occupancy deadline until December 31, 2019 for the complete renovation of 52, 54, & 56 E. Cross for the development of the second and third floor of Sidetrack Bar and Grill

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Council Member Murdock stated the original resolution approving this OPRA included a clause that stated "Whereas the application is not recommended for an extension...", and asked what that means in context of this approval. Mr. Meyers responded if a ten year OPRA had been approved it could have been extended to a twelve years. However, the ORPA approved was for twelve years and not subject to an extension. Council Member Robb stated staff at the time was aware the size of the project, and allowed for construction to take four years. This OPRA was the first, and only, given four years and previous staff said the four years should not be extended.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-011 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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. 2018-012, approving Services Agreement with Washtenaw County for the Peninsular Dam Removal Study Project.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Huron River Watershed Council to complete a study of the impacts and costs associated with the removal of the Peninsular Dam and has approved the scope of work related to the project; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has offered to reimburse the city for one-half of the city's costs of the study, up to \$10,000, in consideration for the city providing a copy of the dam removal study final report through a services contract with the city; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to enter into the contract with Washtenaw County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve the services contract with Washtenaw County providing for reimbursement of one-half of the city's cost of the Peninsular Dam Removal Study Project, up to a maximum of \$10,000, in consideration of the city providing a copy of the study final report to the county, and authorize the City Manager to execute the services contract with Washtenaw County after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert
SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Mayor Edmonds asked what county department will be providing the reimbursement. Economic Development Director Beth Ernat replied the Office of Community and Economic Development.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-012 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – None
- C. Urban County – None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated there are several businesses opening in the DDA districts and recommend visiting the electric bicycle business. It is one of the only places that sells and repairs electric bicycles.
- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – None
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she would no longer be able to serve as liaison for this board. Council Member Bashert offered to fill the role.
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team – None
- H. Economic Development Coordinating Committee – Mayor Edmonds stated she is not certain if the County has discontinued this committee, or if it is only on a hiatus.

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Richardson

- She attended John Barfield’s funeral and did award a proclamation from the city.

Murdock

- The last several meetings Council has been given a list of items under communications. However, there has not been a chance to discuss anything listed.
- The last several years the city has been addressing budget issues, and in 2016 reductions were made to public safety. Council enacted a hiring freeze and eliminated other positions. The funds from successful millage campaign in August of 2017 are available to restore services that have been cut. He asked to schedule a work session to discuss staffing levels, especially for public safety, to provide direction in the budgetary process.

Mr. McClary responded he would schedule a work session. Mayor Edmonds suggested that discussion be a part of goal setting. Council Member Murdock stated he is not certain how goal setting is going to be designed, and he is more interested in providing direction.

- The city is going to contract for a study regarding the Huron/Hamilton Road Diet in order to make a decision. He asked for a timeframe of when that will occur.

Mr. McClary responded he does not have an exact time of when the study will occur, but the Request for Proposals will be advertised shortly. Council Member Murdock stated if the driving lanes on Huron are narrowed it will impact the Huron and Cross intersection. He hopes it will be a part of this analysis. He would like to make West Cross more pedestrian friendly, and employ some traffic calming methods.

- He asked for a report on use of parking fund revenue.
 - He asked for status on the Heritage Bridge link for the Border to Border Trail. He asked if the Department of Environmental Quality is still holding up approval.
- Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative, the city is still waiting for DEQ approval.
- Suggested taking the request to repair the Depot Town clock to the DDA.

Bashert

- She attended the New Year’s Day library fundraiser, which was a wonderful event, and commended the City Attorney for holding the event.

Vogt

- Echoed the comments of Council Member Murdock.
- He would like goal setting to be completed in one to two settings. He would like goal setting to involve broader goals, and not get into the weeds about the minutia. He encouraged everyone to prepare their own goals and have them resolution ready.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Asked Council to submit employee evaluations so the committee could meet.
- She met with the City Manager to discuss goal setting. It is their hope goals will be pre-submitted to be compiled and hold strategic level conversations.

Nomination:

Policy Advisory Commission

Susan Melke
330 Chidester, #409
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Road Diet Project Status Report
- Report on Status of Frog Island Community Garden
- Report on Impact of 5% Local Bid Preference
- Report on Status of Replacement or Repair of Town Clock
- Report on Heritage Bridge Status
- Report on Status of Marketing Plan for Water Street

Council Member Bashert asked if the DDA, or the city pays for repairs to the Depot Town Clock. Mr. McClary responded he is not certain which body originally paid for the clock. Council Member Murdock stated it was a partnership between several entities, including the Depot Town Association and the DDA. It was his understanding the clock had already been fixed. Mr. McClary stated there were repairs completed, and it is keeping time, but this issue was brought up during Council proposed business.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –

XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XXII. CLOSED SESSION –

Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to adjourn to Closed Session.

On a roll call, the vote to adjourn to Closed Session was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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

XXIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended until 10:30 p.m.

1. Resolution No. 2018-013, approving POAM 2017-19 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to approve the POAM 2017-19 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-013 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Richardson) VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2018-014, approving AFSCME 2017-20 Medical Coverage Memorandum of Understanding.

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to approve the AFSCME Medical Coverage Memorandum of Understanding.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-013 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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

XXIV. ADJOURNMENT_–

Resolution No. 2018-015, adjourning the City Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.