



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Edmonds asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

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

Council Member Murdock moved to remove Resolution No. 2017-033 from Section IX, Consent Agenda, to Section X, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, Interim City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, and DDA Board Member Adam Gainsley.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Jim Mogensen, 2422 Packard, Ann Arbor, stated he supports the passage of non-solicitation of immigration status ordinance. He as a white male he would never have to worry about being asked his immigration status if pulled over. In order to be non-discriminatory if an officer were to ask that question it would need to be asked at each traffic stop.
2. Melanie Harner, 218 N. Adams, stated she is here representing both the First Congregational Church of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR). She stated Ypsilanti Community Schools is following the lead of the City and forming a "Safe School" policy for immigrant students. She hopes other communities in Southeast Michigan will follow the lead of Ypsilanti and adopt similar policies. She said she has been asked for her immigration papers, even though she is a citizen.
3. Adam Giansley, 409 N. Adams, thanked Council, staff, and the members of the audience for their efforts and comments about the non-solicitation ordinance. He is currently working with a group of citizens to get the Water Street Debt Millage on the August ballot. An Event will be held on February 25th at the Frieghthouse to provide information.
4. Tim Hunter, 1835 George Ave, stated he has been a resident of Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township for over twelve years. He teaches Spanish at Ypsilanti High School, and there are roughly 75 students are immigrants, or refugees. These students could possibly fall victim to ICE raids, and he wanted to thank Council for trying to make these students safer.
5. Daniel VanStrien, 730 N. Redwood Ave, thanked Council for taking initiatives to protect the immigrant population of the City. He hopes that more will be done to protect immigrant students in the school system.
6. Cherissa Lamarr, 123 Bell St., stated her deep concern for the Bell/Kramer Neighborhood, and restoring its residential zoning designation. She said all the residents are healthy and well in the neighborhood, and do not want anything built around them that would not fit the character of the neighborhood. She added the Planning Commission minutes of the December 21st meeting regarding the Bell/Kramer are inaccurate.
7. Jan Pready, Ann Arbor resident, expressed gratitude for the passage of the Non-Solicitation Ordinance.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Expressed thanks for the individuals that spoke this evening.
- She said she and other Council Members attended the last School Board meeting who discussed a "Safe Schools" draft resolution. Also, at that meeting a resolution was passed opposing the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No.2017 -031

1. Resolution No. 2017 - 032, approving the minutes of December 20, 2016.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of December 20, 2016 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2017-033, approving nominations to Boards and Commissions. **(Moved and Heard during Section X)**
3. Resolution No. 2017-034, approving the removal of First Court from Harriet St. to Armstrong for Act 51 recertification.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti does wish to decertify First Court from the Act 51 local street mileage certification; and

WHEREAS, this decertification of First Court located between Armstrong Drive and Harriet Street for a total decertification length of 607 feet; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, the City Council approves the decertification of First Court between Armstrong Drive and Harriet Street for a total of 607 feet from the Act 51 local street mileage certification.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-031 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

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2017- 035, approving Ordinance 1281, an ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code by adding Article V. Solicitation of Immigration Status to Chapter 58 Human Relations. **(Second Reading)**

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

An ordinance titled an ordinance to add a new Article V. to Chapter 58 of the Ypsilanti City Code, Solicitation of Immigration Status is hereby adopted, on second and final reading.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she is very excited to vote to approve this resolution.

Council Member Murdock stated it has been gratifying to see all the support from the public regarding these issues. He is glad to see other jurisdictions getting behind these same initiatives. He added there is much more work to be done, and will bring forth other issues during Council proposed business.

Council Member Bashert stated she has been struck by the universal support for this ordinance. It is clear the values of the country and the values of this community are under attack, and the City will continue to protect its residents.

Council Member Richardson stated all the years she has been on Council she has witnessed the forward thinking of this community. She stated on many occasions Ypsilanti has led the way throughout the state. She added she hopes the City will consider being a part of the lawsuit against the state regarding revenue sharing. Mayor Edmonds agreed, and suggested discussing it further later in the meeting.

Council Member Vogt stated this ordinance is a statement of moral principal, and he has not seen, heard, or read on word of opposition.

Mayor Edmonds stated through government policy and visibility of those policies the City's values will be made clear to community members. She has directed the Attorney's Office to draft a fact sheet regarding this ordinance, and others recently passed. Ms. Edmonds stated if approved tonight this ordinance the ordinance will take effect in thirty days.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-035 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

2. Resolution No. 2017-036, approving Ordinance 1282, an ordinance to amend Ypsilanti Zoning Code for PMD, Production, Manufacturing, and Distribution. **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the Bell-Kramer neighborhood has a residential character; and

Whereas, the current zoning of PMD does not permit existing residences to be rebuilt in the case of a casualty; and

Whereas, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will help to ensure that current owners of residential properties can retain value in those properties;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 122, Article IV, Section 205 of the City's Code of Ordinances on Second and Final Reading.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-036 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

3. Resolution No. 2017-037, directing staff to send the Bell/Kramer matter back to the Planning Commission in the event new information, such as if no contamination becomes available.

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

Whereas the Bell-Kramer area of the City of Ypsilanti has experienced the impact of outside circumstances, including the former city land fill and gasoline leaks from underground tanks in the Huron Street area, and

Whereas the zoning ordinance was recently changed to allow for certain non-conforming uses in the area, and

Whereas the Planning Commission can consider new information in making recommendations,

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that City staff is directed to bring the matter back to the Planning Commission in the event of discovery of new information, by testing or other means, for further consideration and action.

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

Council Member Bashert asked for the status of the testing. Economic Development Director Beth Ernat responded at this point the City has received only three signed agreements allowing for testing. She explained the City will not begin testing until it receives at least five. Ms. Bashert asked how many agreements needed to be signed to have 100% participation. Ms. Ernat responded nine.

Mayor Edmonds asked if residents of that neighborhood are more interested in external testing. Ms. Ernat responded some have expressed higher interest in external testing, but the City is hesitant because it does not provide the appropriate data.

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene stated this resolution is a result of discussion during first reading, and essentially the operative language is once testing is complete the matter be brought to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

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Council Member Murdock stated it appears by the minutes of the Planning Commission that questions Council had during the last meeting have been answered. He said according to the minutes the Planning Commission directed staff to complete a work plan within 180 days. What the Planning Commission directed staff to do is stronger than the resolution before Council, and is unnecessary. Ms. Ernat responded the direction of the Planning Commission was based off of the idea the City would have received more than three signed agreements for testing. As a result staff will be requesting the Planning Commission for an extension because a work plan does take both time and funding. Council Member Bashert asked if the Planning Commission directive has no funding to back it. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb added the Planning Commission does not have a budget. Mr. Murdock stated this resolution also does not include a budget. Mr. Robb responded in the affirmative. Ms. Ernat added without any empirical data she would not want to move forward with the development with a work plan. Mr. Murdock responded the resolution passed by the Planning Commission did not mention testing. Ms. Ernat replied she understands the Planning Commission directed staff to create a plan, but a plan would not function without data.

Council Member Bashert stated she is hesitant to approve this resolution because it appears the residents are resistant to testing. The testing is crucial, the City needs to know what is happening in that neighborhood, and with only three agreements signed an accurate assessment cannot be made.

Mayor Edmonds stated the Planning Commission resolution states "in discovery of new information...", and without new information there is no direction.

Council Member Richardson agreed with Council Member Murdock that the resolution approved by the Planning Commission is much stronger than the one before Council. She agreed it is important the testing be completed, but once completed staff should follow the direction of the Planning Commission. She encouraged residents in the audience to speak with their neighbors about participating in the test.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to table this Resolution until two-thirds of the agreements are signed.

On a roll call, the vote to table Resolution No. 2017-037 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 2 (Brown, Murdock) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2017-038, approving the inclusion of the Road Funding spreadsheet as Appendix A to the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Charter of the city of Ypsilanti requires that Council adopt a Capital Improvements program on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Enabling Act requires that Council adopt a Capital Improvements program on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Ready Certification from the MEDC requires that Council adopt a Capital Improvements program on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan did not include road funding; and

WHEREAS, the Appendix A includes projections for road projects, parks improvements, and nonmotorized enhancements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council amend the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan with Appendix A Road Funding.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Ms. Ernat stated at this time staff is seeking to make this an official appendix of the Capital Improvements Plan.

Council Member Robb stated Council is the body that should have created this plan rather than creating a road committee with only one Council Member. Mayor Edmonds disagreed, stating she likes the process in place because it allows Council the ability to make amendments.

Council Member Murdock objected to the resolution. He said the City has had a deficit in road funding, and now the state has increased revenue allocated to road projects. He said the City needs to develop a plan on how it will allocate that money for the next five years. He said he will be bringing a resolution to the next meeting to create a plan for the allocation of those funds. He said the plan should include road maintenance projects rather than possible larger infrastructure projects. Ms. Ernat replied she does not disagree, however, this document only identifies project priorities when grant opportunities become available. Mayor Edmonds stated she agrees Council should develop an allocation plan, but this document is a different function. She asked if Council Member Murdock feels the two pieces would conflict. Mr. Murdock responded they conflict somewhat, but the City needs to plan what to do with the additional state revenue.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is going to support this resolution because of the value the CIP has for a redevelopment ready community.

Council Member Vogt agreed with all comments made, and sees this document as a place holder until other plans are developed. The other plans need to be developed quickly, especially once the new City Manager takes his position. He added as the contributing Council Member to the list he already sees items he would change. He added he supports this document as only an interim measure.

Council Member Richardson stated she understands the comments on both sides of this argument. She agrees with Council should move forward with a plan to allocate the state revenue.

Council Member Robb stated if a plan will be brought to the next meeting Council should wait to approve this. Council Member Vogt stated this plan provides a starting point.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-038 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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 (Robb, Murdock) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

5. Resolution No. 2017-039, approving City Goals and Priorities.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City Charter requires that each year in February, City Council provides the City Manager, by resolution the budget priorities for the next fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 5.02 of the City Charter, the following direction is hereby given:

That the City Manager shall present City Council with a balanced Resources Allocation Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 using the City's organizational values and priorities.

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

Mayor Edmonds stated while working on her own prioritization, she developed a two page document that incorporates all goals that were stated during the goal session meeting.

Council Member Robb stated it is imperative to remove staff training from the list of goals because it could be detrimental to a possible debt millage. Council Member Vogt agreed, but would prefer to remove the rail platform from the budget and that project would be funded by a third party. Mayor Edmonds disagreed, and said the City continues to look for external funding mechanism to finance that project. If that process is stopped it could endanger the project, and it is very important it stay on the City's radar. Mr. Vogt replied he could support it if, the goal states it would seek all outside funding sources.

Council Member Bashert stated she would like to add a goal stating Council Members work to pass the millage.

Council Member Murdock stated with the failure of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) millage in November funding for projects such as the rail stop are uncertain. He said he would like to keep the possibility of the rail platform open, but the City does not have the funding to finance the project. He stated if there is not a commuter rail using that stop it is not very beneficial.

Council Member Bashert respectfully disagreed with Council Member Vogt's interpretation of "seek funding", and would like to see the train stop and transit in future plans. She further explained the City does not have the funds to complete this project on its own so it is inevitable outside funding is required.

Council Member Robb stated Council has already committed \$2 million out of the City's General Fund for this project, which amounts to a third of the General Fund. His concern is the perception the City is not being spend thrift with City funds. Council Member Bashert asked if the City moves forward with this project it will need to use that \$2 million. Council Member Murdock responded no, and explained the \$2 million is not there and the commitment was by resolution.

Council Member Vogt stated he would support the goal if it stated "seeking outside funding..."

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is objection to add a goal that Council would work toward the passage of a Water Street Debt Millage. Council Member Robb objected, and explained it is not currently a project of the City. Council Member Bashert asked if he had questions about the millage. Council Member Robb responded Council was only given a brief synopsis of the millage during audience participation. If this was a Council goal it should have been discussed during goal sessions. Ms. Edmonds stated during goal sessions Mr. Kaczor's presentation discussed the general budget position the debt millage was a factor. Council Member Vogt stated it is critically important to create a budget without including a millage proposal and approve it. If a millage is passed, or proposed to Council then the specifics can be outlined. Until that time a budget not assuming the millage needs to be passed, or the public will not believe what cuts need to be made in order to balance the budget. Ms. Edmonds responded that is included in the presented goals. Council Member Murdock stated during goal sessions the preparation of two budgets, one with the millage and one without was discussed.

Council Member Bashert stated a representative of the citizen's group attempting to get a millage on the ballot is present, and he could answer questions of Council. She said the proposed ballot language is the same as that of the proposal from August that failed by 39 votes. Ms. Edmonds responded she would support that and asked if Council has any questions for Mr. Gainsley. Adam Gainsley circulated a petition that includes the ballot language, and said he would be happy to answer any questions. Council Member Robb stated the reason the original millage failed is it did not have a very good message, and no one worked for it. He said his concern is if this is not well organized it could kill any opportunity in the future. He said community sponsored proposals, especially in Michigan, so not have a great success rate.

Mayor Edmonds asked about the approach the community organization is taking in this initiative. Mr. Gainsley responded while he appreciates the hard work Council of Council in the last campaign, it was still a weak campaign. There was little to no funding, very little mailing or door to door effort, all the pieces of a successful campaign were absent until the last weeks before the election. The petition drive will constitute the beginning of the outreach, which will be followed by an informational outreach. During the last meeting twelve, or more individuals attended to assist on the campaign. There is a lot of expertise involved and a lot of smart individuals that understand how to get this millage passed. He added he has great confidence in the success of this campaign. Council Member Murdock stated clearly the campaign is much further ahead of the previous, but he is not sure it is necessary to do this now and confuse it with other Council goals. He said once Council begins to prepare to approve the budget it will accent the need for this millage. Council Member Bashert stated it is in the best interest of the City to support this effort, but she is happy to withdraw the suggestion. Ms. Edmonds added it does not mean Council cannot bring this forward as a part of another resolution.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to remove “the City’s Organizational values and the following goals and priorities, City Council’s Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4” and replace it with using Appendix “A” as goals and priorities.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-038 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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-038 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. 2017 - 033, approving nominations to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Christopher Madigan 223 N River St. Apt 6 Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Planning Commission	Exp: 1/2020
Hank Prebys (Reappointment) 31 N. Grove Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Historic District Commission	Exp: 1/2020

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

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to divide the question.

On a roll call, the vote to divide the question 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

Council Member Murdock stated Mr. Madigan is not a registered voter in Ypsilanti. The requirement to serve on a board or commission is to be a qualified elector in Ypsilanti. If they are a qualified elector in the City they should be a registered voter. Mayor Edmonds stated if the person were a non-citizen they would not be able to register to vote. Ms. Murdock responded a non-citizen would not be eligible to sit on a board or commission.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to table the appointment of Chris Madigan to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Ernat stated the Planning Commission has set a specific goal, and staff has been trying to have a student representative, and college students are often registered elsewhere. Council Member Murdock responded the Planning Commission has statutory guidelines on its membership, and he believes are required to be registered electors. Mayor Edmonds stated she supports Council Member Murdock in general, but there could be reasons a student wishes to not register in Ypsilanti.

Ms. Ernat asked if this would violate the City's Non-Solicitation Ordinance. She explained to be a registered voter citizenship is required. Council Member Murdock responded a non-citizen is not eligible to sit on a board or commission. Ms. Ernat asked if the City should change its policy. Mr. Murdock replied the City Attorney would need to change his opinion requiring a member of a board or commission be a qualified elector, or the state law to change. Mayor Edmonds stated registration status is part of an in house database. Interim Clerk Hellenga responded law requires citizenship to apply for voter registration, and is included in the application. Assistant City Attorney DuChene added because it is required by law it would not violate the ordinance.

On a roll call, the vote to table the appointment of Christopher Madigan to the Planning Commission 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

Mayor Edmonds stated she would speak with Mr. Madigan regarding his registration status. Council Member Richardson asked if Mr. Madigan is a U.S. Citizen. Ms. Edmonds responded she does not know, and the ordinance forbids she ask that question. She stated a person can be asked for the citizenship status to register to vote, and asked if they could be

asked their citizenship status to sit on a board and commission. Ms. DuChene responded no. He explained a person is only required to be a qualified elector to sit on a board or commission, and said the Attorney’s Office will look into this ordinance question.

On a roll call, the vote to reappointment of Henry Prebys to the HDC 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

XI. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Richardson stated she forwarded the SEMCOG report to Council.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Freight House – Ms. Ernat stated staff has decided to apply for a preservation award for the Freight House. Council Member Richardson stated every year the Michigan Municipal League (MML) has an award provided to cities that take part in great projects. She said when the City redeveloped its pool she felt the City should have applied for this award.
- E. Parks and Recreation - None
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated staff know provides the DDA Board with updates on the businesses operating in the district.
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated the next meeting is on Monday, February 13th. Council Member Richardson asked if the Task Force going to begin to come to a close. She sees the formation of the Police Commission is out of the purview of the Task Force. Ms. Brown responded the resolution approved by Council charged the Task Force with developing a Police Commission, and provided the Task Force with a timeframe. Ms. Richardson stated it is not her intention for the Task Force to dissolve immediately, but to begin to wind down. Ms. Brown replied that decision will need to be made after the work is complete. Council Member Robb stated the way the Task Force was established did not provide a sunset date, and suggested Council Member Richardson submit a resolution to disband the Task Force.
- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated the strategic plan presentation for the pool will be held at Corner Brewery on Sunday, February 12th from 2 to 3:30 pm.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Vogt

— Stated he will be forwarding a communication regarding the DTE rates.

Bashert

— Asked for an update on the barn in College Heights.

Ms. Ernat responded the zoning ordinance updates are being brought to Council at the next meeting. The updates have been vetted by a Planning Commission Sub-committee, the Planning Commission itself, and through a technical assistance grant from the MEDC, a Zoning

Program. After these are approved staff will begin on the next year's updates, or the residents can file a zoning text amendment, and pay the application fee. Either way a non-conforming study needs to be completed, which can take time. Council Member Bashert asked if it would be a safe assumption to tell the residents their concerns have been heard. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

- Stated she would like to investigate the downtown garbage situation, and what could be done to end redundancy. She proposed removing City Trash removal from the Downtown DDA District.

Council Member Vogt stated the proposition is to force people to take care of the problem rather than let it sit in alley. Council Member Bashert responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds suggested reviewing DDA minutes to understand the many hours, and stakeholders have spent on this issue. Ms. Bashert asked if the discussions were regarding this particular solution. Ms. Edmonds responded no. Ms. Ernat stated the City Attorney's opinion is the downtown pays into the millage so the City is required to pick-up curbside trash. Ms. Bashert asked how it is done in other Cities that have a millage. Council Member Robb responded they have different attorneys. Ms. Bashert asked if that opinion could be further examined. Ms. Ernat responded if that is the will of Council. Council Member Robb suggested asking for a presentation about this issue, and said there might be several unintended consequences to removing City trash pick-up.

Richardson

- Stated if the City is going to hang a "One Human Family" banner she would like to see a "Black Lives Matter" banner hung as well.

Mayor Edmonds asked for Council opinion of have the banner outside versus inside. Council Member Richardson responded she would be satisfied with either. Council Member Murdock stated this banner is inside because it would take an act of Congress to hang it on the outside. Ms. Richardson asked why. Mr. Murdock responded MDOT would not allow signs to be hung across a state road. Ms. Edmonds responded it would be on the building not across the road.

- Asked for an update on the gas link from the closed station at Hewitt and Spring.

Ms. Bashert respond it is totally rectified, and said the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) closed the file. Ms. Richardson stated there was a gasoline leak migrating toward the river not methane, and asked for an update. Ms. Ernat responded there are no active DEQ cases. Ms. Richardson asked for a report on what happened to the gasoline.

- She said she is still waiting for a Water Street update.
- Stated Parkridge will be holding its annual black history program on Friday, February 24th beginning at 10:00 a.m. She asked Council to support that program and adopt a resolution in support of Black History Month.

Murdock

- Stated Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Community Schools are moving forward with their versions of the Non-Solicitation Ordinance.
- He suggested Council approve a resolution objecting to the anti-sanctuary bill by the state, or any other mandates that require City police act as immigration police.
- Stated the City Attorney should be teaming up with other local communities and immigration groups to defend City Ordinance, and other possible initiatives.

- He said the ordinances past regarding Non-Solicitation and Non-Discrimination will require police policy amendments, as well as other staff.
- Stated Aubrey’s dumpster was blocked in again, and it appears to happening each Monday.
Ms. Ernat responded a Traffic Control Order is being issued for signage allowing for towing.
- Stated he would like to send information to trucking companies regarding the new truck route ordinance.
- He would like to bring a resolution to Council requesting MDOT to allow the City to install pedestrian signs on W. Cross and bollards to increase safety. Also, a possible redesign of the Huron and Cross intersection.

Mayor Edmonds supporting adding that resolution to the next agenda. Ms. Ernat stated Council Member Murdock is welcome to bring a resolution, but the Traffic Review Committee has reviewed the matter, and does not support it. Council Member Murdock stated MDOT informed him they would look into it.
- He suggested speaking to MDOT on what it intends to do with the curb cuts on M-17 and U.S. 12.

Robb

- Asked if the building in N. Washington that had the fire has insurance.

Ms. Ernat responded it does not. Council Member Robb asked if the City should begin its dangerous-vacant building protocol. Ms. Ernat responded staff will have recommendations shortly, and it is more complicated than initially thought.
- He said in 2010 a report regarding the BP Gas Station was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Resources, and asked for it to be forwarded to Council.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Stated Monday, February 13th in African American Parent Involvement Day at the schools.
- Stated the City is among the partners in “Pitch Ypsi” program. She said as of last night there were 28 entries.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated a Brazilian Delegation of exchange students will be visiting City Hall on February 16th at 12:00 p.m.
- Stated there have been several interns hired for the City Manager’s Office.
- Stated the Wayfinding Program installation has begun throughout the County.
- Stated the City will be applying for a CTAP Grant.

— Staff has begun looking into several options to move the recycling center.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS –

None

XVII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Jim Mogensen, 2422 Packard, Ann Arbor, stated transit is a long time passion of his, and said the AAATA is in the process of its governance model. He said there are different groupings; transit dependent and choice riders, and the terms are not unintentional. He said often transit authorities often try to cater to the choice riders because they have other means to travel.

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XIX. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2017 - 040, 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 Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.