



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	(7:15) 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 Vogt moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to approve the agenda.

Council Member Murdock moved to add a discussion on sexual harassment.

City Clerk Frances McMullan informed Council it has been added to the Closed Session.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Manager Darwin McClary, City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, and Economic Development Director Beth Ernat.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Mark Swanson, 119 W. Michigan, stated the South Huron parking lot in the downtown has seen an increase in crime. He hopes the Police Department can do something to correct this problem.

It has been over a year since the Police Department has had a dedicated police officer. The general feeling is crime will only increase as the weather gets warmer. He urged Council to do something to get this problem under control.

2. Robert Barnes, 3637 Briarlee Way, Ann Arbor, stated he is here to regarding the rental inspection increase. He isn't saying there shouldn't be an increase, but he is opposed the way it is structured. He thinks it unfairly penalizes landlords that take care of their rental properties. The new fees would double the cost of rental inspections.
3. Dave Heikkinen, 133 W. Michigan, stated since the ordinance requires property owners to clear sidewalks of snow within twenty-four hours. He expects city parking lots would be cleared for customers in that same amount of time. He hopes the new plan being worked on will be successful. The only building closed after that snow storm was city hall, and it should have been open to support the city during that snow storm. The businesses would like to see a parking plan developed and implemented by the time the Smith Furniture building is open for business. He encouraged Council to take part in the things that are occurring in the community.
4. Beth Currans, 915 Woods Dr., stated she is here to submit recommendations from REDY, Rising for Economic Democracy in Ypsilanti for the development of a Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO).
5. Brian Geiringer, Pearl Street, provided additional information regarding information regarding the development of a CBO.
6. Erica Mooney, River Street, explained how the input for the development of a CBO occurred and provided further recommendation.
7. Alex Nori, honored the seventeen people that lost their lives in Florida. He was assaulted in June of 2015 and he believes the investigation into the assault was handled poorly. He complained to the Police Department, and he felt disrespected. He said he has over 200 pages of evidence against the Police Department and he wants justice.
8. Stewart Beal, 113 Buffalo, spoke against the increase in rental inspection fees. He requested Council delay the approval of the resolution. Stated inspectors could decrease their workload by using better technology. Inspectors currently do not use a checklist for inspections, they only look at things and write down what they see. The new fee schedule, on top the tax increase for the Water Street Debt Millage and increase in water fees, would make keeping rents affordable in the city very difficult.
9. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, asked how through are inspections if they can be completed in two hours.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

— There will be a discussion later on the agenda regarding snow related issues.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

1. Resolution No. 2018-029, approving minutes of February 6, 2018.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of February 6, 2018 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2018-030, approving appointment of Craig Hupy to the Tax Review Board.

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>EXPIRATION</u>
Craig Hupy 1124 N. Congress Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Tax Review Board	2/28/2021

3. Resolution No. 2018-031, supporting House Bill 4362 to require the State to reimburse local taxing units for the state’s portion of taxes created by the disabled veterans property tax exemption.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, House Bill 4362 was introduced on February 12, 2018 by Rep. Jeff Yaroch of the State Tax Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4362 would amend the General Property Tax Act (MCL 211.7b) to transfer the tax loss from local taxing units to the state in regard to a property tax exemption for disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, under current law, when a property tax exemption for a disabled veteran is granted, each local taxing unit bears the loss of its portion of the taxes upon which an exemption has been granted; and

WHEREAS, a disabled veteran is defined as a person totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans’ benefits at the 100% rate; and

WHEREAS, a disabled veteran exemption continues when the disabled veteran dies, as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried; and

WHEREAS, currently the City of Ypsilanti has eight (8) parcels that were exempt for 2017, with a total taxable value of \$419,843; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 4362, for taxes levied after December 31, 2017, the state would have to reimburse each local taxing unit for its portion of the taxes upon which an exemption had been granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council endorses and supports House Bill 4362 and urges the Michigan Legislature to pass this important legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Legislature, Washtenaw County Legislators, and House Tax Policy Committee (see attachment).

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2018-032, directing the City Manager and/or his designee to release a Request for Proposals for traffic engineering services for Road Diet Capacity Analysis along Huron Street, Hamilton Street, Washtenaw Avenue and Michigan Avenue.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation is programming road repairs to Huron and Hamilton for 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has interest in the future design and possible changes to the design of the roadways of Huron Street, Hamilton Street, Washtenaw Avenue, and Michigan Avenue; and

WHEREAS, In order to make recommendations for future changes to the rights of way, the City is responsible for the submission of traffic engineering analysis;

WHEREAS, In order to understand the costs associated with a traffic engineering study it is imperative to release a Request for Proposals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the City Manager and/or his designee to release a Request for Proposals for Traffic Engineering Services for Road Diet Capacity Analysis along Huron Street, Hamilton Street, Washtenaw Avenue, and Michigan Avenue.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council is not bound to accept all or any of the proposals without further consideration of costs and scope of work.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat stated this item has been repeatedly discussed by Council. The Master Plan outlines this road diet at length in order to slow traffic. MDOT recommends if the city wants this considered it would be responsible for all pre-engineering costs. In order to determine what the costs would be the city needs to solicit bids for a traffic engineer.

Mayor Edmonds asked where the updated procurement ordinance is referenced in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Ms. Ernat responded when reviewing bids staff would follow the procurement policy. Ms. Edmonds asked the RFP includes the questions that would be needed to evaluate the bid to the policy. Ms. Ernat replied the language in the RFP is standard, but she could amend the RFP to reference the policy and include it. Ms. Edmonds asked if RFP can include a standard reference to the policy. City Attorney John Barr responded that document can be created.

City Manager Darwin McClary asked if engineering services are considered professional services, and if so are the subject to the procurement policy. Mr. Barr responded yes, engineering services are professional services and are subject to the policy.

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Council Member Murdock stated the RFL lists MDOT's schedule to repave the listed roads in 2020. He asked if that was rescheduled form 2022. Ms. Ernat responded the engineering for the MDOT construction begins in 2020, but the construction will occur in 2022. Mr. Murdock asked if much of this work was completed by the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Ms. Ernat replied considerable amount of work has been completed, however, but the engineering needs to be completed using current road standards. Those documents would also be available to any company that would bid to complete this work.

Council Member Murdock asked why OHM wouldn't complete the engineering. Ms. Ernat responded OHM serves as the city's consultant, and this work is above the scope of their contract. The scope of their contact is \$25,000 but if the wish they can certainly bid on the project.

Council Member Murdock asked why this RFP is coming from the Economic Development Department and not the Department of Public Services. Ms. Ernat responded because it has been repeatedly asked for by Council and her department took it on because the City Planner also regularly attends the WATS meetings.

Council Member Murdock asked why the diet would not be extended to the I-94 freeway. Ms. Ernat responded because WATS is performing a pedestrian crossing study for that stretch of road. Mr. Murdock stated the changes the city does to the road would need to connect with that section of road. Ms. Ernat responded it would connect to what has already been designed.

Council Member Murdock stated an evaluation of the many intersections effected by this is not included in the RFP. Ms. Ernat replied the main impact being asked is for Huron and Hamilton, which will require consideration for any crossing intersection. Mr. Murdock stated if consideration is not required why other intersections were listed. Ms. Ernat responded because they are key pedestrian crossing intersections. Mr. Murdock asked if Pearl and Ferris are not key pedestrian crossings. Ms. Ernat responded they are not currently treated as such, but there will be an analysis of all circulation. Mr. Murdock stated other traffic calming methods will not work with a road diet. Ms. Ernat responded any secondary roadways are the responsibility of the city and not MDOT. However, if Council wishes to add those intersections there will be a significant increase to the cost for engineering. Mr. Murdock asked how a roadway can be designed without understanding what the impact. Mayor Edmonds interjected the way she read the RFP is that it includes the whole corridor, which would include the unlisted intersections. Mr. Murdock responded if specific intersections are being listed it should include the others. Ms. Ernat responded the listed intersections can be removed, or all intersections can be added if Council wishes. She added MDOT has supervised the creation of the RFP and is designed to meet their standards. Mr. Murdock stated the reason for this analysis is to determine how this would impact the traffic flow of those intersections. Ms. Ernat responded that data will be collected, but there is a difference between design and data. Council Member Bashert asked why certain intersections were included in the RFP. Ms. Ernat responded as examples, or they already had treatments. Ms. Bashert suggested removing the listed intersections from the RFP.

Council Member Bashert moved to remove the listed intersections from the RFP.

No second the motion fails.

Council Member Murdock stated he does not want to remove intersections but he might want to add Huron and Pearl, Hamilton and Pearl, and Huron and Cross.

Council Member Murdock moved, Council Member Robb seconded to add intersections Huron and Pearl, Hamilton and Pearl, and Huron and Cross.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-032 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. 2018-032 as amended 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

- Resolution No. 2018-033, awarding Parking Ticket Services contract to Complus Data Innovations, (CDI) Inc.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council approved the publication of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit bids for a third-party parking ticket processing service; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk issued an RFP on December 5, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. with a closing date of January 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was advertised on MITN and the city’s website; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk’s office received three bids of which one was disqualified due to late submission; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Committee reviewed the two eligible bids and recommends the contract be awarded to Complus Data Innovations (CDI), Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council awards the Parking Ticket Processing Service contract to Complus Data Innovations, (CDI), Inc. and directs staff, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney, to negotiate an agreement to present to City Council for final approval.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene explained the resolution will authorize the Attorney’s Office to negotiate a contract with Complus Data Innovations (CDI).

Mayor Edmonds asked if the RFP abided by the requirements of the Procurement Policy. Mr. DuChene responded the RFP was issued long before the approval of that policy. He added the recommended company is the closer of the two that submitted bids.

Council Member Robb asked what increase in collection the city can expect to receive by selecting this company. Mr. DuChene responded he is not certain of how much it will increase collections. Mr. Robb asked how much this contract will cost the city annually. Mr. DuChene responded Council gave the staff the directive to offset costs by increasing ticket fines. Mr. Robb asked why this bid was selected over the other bid. Mr. DuChene responded the hardware and software components, Complus has a large presence in Michigan, and Complus is working to develop a similar process with the district court in Ann Arbor that would need to be developed in Ypsilanti. City Clerk Frances McMullan added Complus included much of what the city needs in the cost, while if the city selected the other company the additional service would increase the cost. Complus also has a good collection rate as compared with the other company.

Council Member Robb stated the selection of this company would not address outstanding fees. Mr. DuChene responded this RFP was the first of two, the second RFP will be to collect outstanding fines. Mr. Robb asked why they could not be completed simultaneously. Mr. DuChene replied if both RFPs were issued at the same time the city would have no idea of the internal procedures would be no get judgments in order to collect outstanding fines. Mr. Robb asked if either of these companies gave information on what they can do for revenue collection. Ms. McMullan replied she spoke with representatives from both companies and explained the city does have outstanding citations that would need to be collected. Mr. Robb stated nothing in the documents provided to Council give estimates on how much it will increase revenue in the city. Approval of this resolution would cost the city \$35,000 a year, regardless if it is passed on to the consumer or not, and there are not projections into how it will increase revenue. Mr. DuChene responded the purpose of parking enforcement is top change behavior not to create revenue.

Council Member Bashert asked if the city will learn more of the details once it enters into negotiations with the selected company. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative, he added benchmarks can be discussed as a part of negotiations, but he isn't certain if it would be included in the contract. Ms. Bashert stated she believes parking enforcement will be more effective if parking meters are in workable condition, or converted to smart meters. She asked if that can be addressed in the next Fiscal Year. City Manager Darwin McClary responded that can definitely be examined. Ms. Bashert added there are two unique questions; what the city will do in the future to enforce parking and what will it do to collect outstanding revenue. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative, and explained the second RFP issued will address outstanding fines.

Mayor Edmonds stated the Economic Development Department has explained a need for an updated parking study, and she encourages Council to move that forward with that study. Council Member Robb stated the Downtown Development Authority should pay for that study.

Council Member Murdock asked if the city has done business with Complus in the past. Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative, they provide the online and phone payments for parking citations for the city. Mr. Murdock stated on the tally sheet it appears Complus submitted the higher bid. Ms. McMullan responded the other company does not include many of the services the city would need in that bid amount, those would be an additional cost to the city. Mr. Murdock stated Complus passes a lot of its costs onto the violator.

Council Member Robb stated the city should not select a company without understanding what would be the cost to the city. Mr. DuChene replied until there are signatures on the contract there is no agreement. Mr. Robb asked if the Attorney's will renegotiate the quoted costs. Mr. DuChene responded the Attorney's Office has not negotiated to renegotiate. Mayor Edmonds interjected the approval of this resolution only authorizes the Attorney's Office to negotiate a contract with Complus. Mr. DuChene stated if Council has specific area it would like the Attorney's Office to address it will do so. Council Member Murdock stated the \$3.50 for online and phone payment would not be a cost to the city, it would be a cost to the user. Council Member Bashert stated she received a ticket in Detroit and these type of fees were included, this is what most jurisdictions are charging for these services.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-033 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

3. Resolution No. 2018-034, approving extension of the Ozone House purchase agreement.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, A request has been received for a second extension of the Purchase Agreement for the property located at the northwest corner of Huron River Drive and Superior Road for an additional 90 days; and

WHEREAS, The Purchaser of the property, Ozone House, has offered an additional \$10,000 for the extension of the Purchase Agreement and has acted in good faith and needs additional time to complete due diligence for the purchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, The subject property is City-owned, vacant, and does not have a back-up offer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a 90-day extension of the Purchase Agreement with Ozone House for the property located at the northwest corner of Huron River Drive and Superior Road.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Ms. Ernat introduced Krista Girty, the New Director of Ozone House. She explained why the purchase agreement requires an extension.

Mayor Edmonds asked if a ninety day extension of the purchase agreement will be enough time to complete necessary tasks. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds stated she has read much of the delays were a result of the Washtenaw County Road Commission. She asked if it would be appropriate for the City Manager to contact the road commission to address these issues, or if Council should pass a resolution. Ms. Ernat replied it would be helpful to have the City Manager address this issue with the road commission. A representative of Ozone House stated the Road Commission was approved the location of the curb cuts, the issue is in the development of the pedestrian crosswalk.

Council Member Bashert asked for an explanation regarding the issue Ozone House is having with sand in the strata. She asked if it would impede in the construction of the facility. Ms. Ernat responded it will affect the construction, but it would necessarily terminate the project. She explained the cost impact depends on how deep the sand goes, it could be a \$10,000 fix, or up to \$500,000. If it is a \$500,000 fix it could be fatal to the project. Ms. Bashert asked if Ozone House has serious concerns on how the sand will impact the project. An Ozone House representative stated soiling borings have been completed, but there needs to be come follow up to the test.

Mayor Edmonds appreciated that sometimes projects take longer due to unforeseen circumstances, and that Ozone House has offered an additional \$10,000 in earnest money.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-034 as 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

4. Resolution No. 2018-035, approving extension of 220 N. Park purchase agreement.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City and Norfolk Development Corporation entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement with a 90-day term to negotiate a Development Agreement for the property located at 220 N. Park; and

WHEREAS, due to holidays and unforeseen delays in drafting a development agreement the parties were unable to negotiate said agreement within the 90 days; and

WHEREAS, an extension of 60 days to negotiate the development agreement would be mutually beneficial.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an extension of the Purchase and Sales Agreement with Norfolk Development Corporation until April 23, 2018.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Ms. Ernat provided a synopsis of why the extension is being requested.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-035 as 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

5. Resolution No. 2018-036, approving Rental Inspection Fee Schedule.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti operates a rental inspection program; and

WHEREAS, City Council seeks to increase the fees associated with the rental inspection program in order to have a more complete cost recovery system for operations of the rental inspection department; and

WHEREAS, City staff has researched the cost of operations, the staff time associated with operations, and the comparable costs in similar communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the proposed Fee Schedule Update for the Rental Inspection Program to go into effect on April 1, 2018

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

Ms. Ernat provided a synopsis of why the resolution being offered for approval.

Council Member Robb stated the reason why a requested fees be adjusted is to cover the cost of operating. However, the proposed increases would charge a landlord ninety dollars for an inspection, which would include a possible inspection. That would only amount to a ten dollar increase, while a landlord whose property does not require a re-inspection an additional forty-eight dollars. The question he has is what does it cost to inspect a unit, and whatever that cost is should be the fee. Ms. Ernat responded eight out of ten communities are following the same practice, she said the analysis was not just about evaluating fees, but evaluation the entire process. Mayor Edmonds suggested a refund, or credit if a re-inspection is not required. Ms. Ernat replied the directive was to increase fees. Mr. Robb responded the directive was to capture the costs of operation. Ms. Ernat responded the adjusted fees cover the costs of operations, however she is willing to decrease some of the proposed fees.

Mayor Edmonds suggested postponing this item and allow time to meet with landlords to discuss the fee increases.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to postpone until the second meeting in April Resolution No. 2018-036.

On a roll call, the vote to postpone Resolution No. 2018-036 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 1 NO: 6 (Edmonds, Murdock, Robb, Vogt, Brown, Bashert) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Bashert stated she is frustrated with Council because it gave staff direction to examine the fee structure for inspections and submit changes for approval. Staff preformed the study and it is being discarded by Council because it believes the analysis was not as extensive as it wanted. Staff then preformed a very extensive analysis and now that is being discounted. She asked a little respect be given to staff for performing exactly what Council directed them to do. She asked what in the proposal the new standard is, especially for university towns. Ms. Ernat replied it seems that jurisdictions are almost all moving to include the re-inspection costs into the inspection fees. The fact was surprising to her, but it makes sense because it streamlines the process. Also surprising was the amount of jurisdictions that require registration. The annual registration fee was not appealing to staff because the city does not have the staff to perform annual inspections. She added in order for the proposed process to be successful and additional part-time staff person will be necessary, and it will be included in her department's proposed budget.

Mayor Edmonds stated when discussing inspections in university towns Ms. Ernat mentioned universal pre-inspection and requiring annual registration. She asked if there were other items that should be included on that list. Ms. Ernat responded she sees several jurisdictions moving toward a longer timeframe for compliant buildings. She suggested employing a year test for single family structures to see if that would be successful in Ypsilanti. If it is successful multifamily structures would be included in that process.

Council Member Murdock stated inspections take a different amount of time depending on the unit. He asked if overhead costs are included in the proposed fees. Ms. Ernat responded her proposal includes staff salary, just for the rental program not the building program, office supplies, equipment, and training. The fees do not include overhead outside of the department. Ms. Murdock asked if Ms. Ernat's salary was included in the costs. Ms. Ernat responded no. Mr. Murdock asked if the attorney's or the city manager's salary were included. Ms. Ernat responded no. She added costs of vehicles and gas were not included in the fees either.

Mayor Edmonds stated she feels the analysis was performed well, but feels before approving the fees there should be a discussion with other stakeholders. Ms. Ernat replied she is more than happy to work with this community's property owners. She asked if Council wants the fees to match what is being spent for inspections, or make a compromise with city landlords. Ms. Edmonds stated she does not feel the meeting will be a negotiation, instead hold a discussion and hear different considerations. Then submit a report to Council regarding that discussion and include any possible changes to the recommendation.

Council Member Robb asked what the proposed rental inspection fees would do to the city's revenue. Ms. Ernat responded it would increase revenue by roughly \$57,000. Mr. Robb asked how that estimate was determined. Ms. Ernat replied passed on past re-inspections, the city would average approximately 574 inspections per year. Mr. Robb asked if re-inspections would decrease from approximately 800 to 574. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb asked if the 574 is only re-inspections. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb asked for an analysis of how many inspections require a re-inspection. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, and explained the billing process is categorized as an inspection it does not provide if it is a re-inspection. In order to provide that data each file would need to be examined. Mr. Robb responded this information is important because he wants to ensure the city will not begin to lose revenue. Ms. Ernat agreed, and explained that is why the base fee was increased.

Council Member Bashert stated she is not sure why Council would delay the vote to approve the fees. The reasons to postpone this vote is the analysis was incorrect, involve stakeholders to provide feedback, or Council no longer cares about covering costs. If Council is going to postpone this resolution she would like to understand why and inform staff of that reason. Mayor Edmonds responded she would like input from community stakeholders to ensure the proposed changes are equitable. Council Member Murdock stated he would like to hear input from stakeholders and publicize this potential change. He stated he wants to recoup costs of operations, but there might be another way to adjust the fees to do so.

Council Member Robb stated the throughput must improve with the onetime fee. Ms. Ernat replied the new fee schedule the treasury code could be changed in order to track increase in revenue for re-inspections. Mr. Robb asked that Ypsilanti Township and Ann Arbor be asked how it calculated its fees. Ms. Ernat replied she does not feel they are comparable. Mr. Robb stated Ypsilanti is a college town, and the Township is an extension of that area. Ms. Ernat responded the Township uses Washtenaw County to perform its inspections. Mr. Robb asked that Washtenaw County be asked how it calculates its fees. He wants to be able to explain why the fees were increased to the proposed levels. The reason he wants to increase fees is not to increase revenue, but to effectively capture costs of operation. He wants to have appropriate documentation that shows fees were increased to do that. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to reconsider postponing Resolution No. 2018-036 until the second meeting in April.

On a roll call, the vote to reconsider postponing Resolution No. 2018-036 until the second meeting in April 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 postpone Resolution No. 2018-036 until the second meeting in April 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. 2018-037, approving change to Rental Pre-Payment Policy.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti requires inspections of rental property every two years; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2011-170 required the prepayment of rental inspection fees for any property owner/landlord that had rental inspection fees placed on the tax rolls for nonpayment; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a late fee and Administrative Hearings Bureau enforcement would address the issue of payment of rental inspection fees and keep enforcement local; and

WHEREAS, the Rental division is experiencing lost revenue in conjunction with the prepayment policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council that effective April 1, 2018, Resolution 2011-170 is rescinded and this resolution enacted that requires any property owner/landlord that fails to pay rental inspection fees within 30 days of inspection will not receive a certificate of compliance, will be assessed a late fee of 50 percent the original fees, and will be issued a citation for allowing occupancy without a certificate of compliance. Additionally, if fees are not paid following a second notice and a lien is required to be placed on the tax rolls, a \$100 lien collection fee be added.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Ms. Ernat provided a synopsis of why this resolution is being requested of approval.

Council Member Murdock stated he thought a resolution was approved that would not allow a certificate of occupancy (C of O) to awarded if there were unpaid fees. Ms. Ernat replied that is the policy she is seeking to change. She explained

the change being requested is an Administrative Hearings Bureau ticket would be issued and charging half the original cost. Mr. Murdock asked if the property does not have a C of O what will happen to the tenants. Ms. Ernat responded a citation would be issued to the property owner, the tenants would not be impacted for as early as ninety days and as late as a hundred-eighty days. If the issue is unresolved, and fees and fines not paid, the city will seek an order for eviction. Mr. Murdock stated he was under the impression the inspection was already completed and the fees were not paid. He does not want tenants to be evicted because fees were unpaid. Ms. Ernat stated there are two ways to approach this; through civil court or put the outstanding fees on the tax roll. Mr. Murdock replied if the city issues an AHB citation every day there is a violation they might evict the tenants. Ms. Ernat responded if there are no safety issues the city will not seek to have the tenant evicted. Mr. Murdock stated the tenant shouldn't suffer because the landlord does not have a certificate of occupancy. If the tenant is evicted the landlord should pay relocation fees. Ms. Ernat responded that is not in the city's power, and could not be enforced. Mr. Murdock replied there are a dozen cities that require relocation fees to be paid by the landlord.

Mayor Edmonds stated the purpose of this resolution is to recoup fees owed to the city. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb asked if fees are required to be paid prior to inspection. Ms. Ernat responded when an inspection is scheduled they are informed fees must be paid by a certain date. Mr. Robb replied the process should be once fees are paid the inspection would be scheduled. Ms. Ernat responded that would delay the program significantly. Mr. Robb replied a payment is required prior to scheduling the inspection it should not delay the process. Ms. Ernat responded there is not currently a way to get on the prepayment list. Mr. Robb asked how many property owners are on the prepayment list. Ms. Ernat responded the list is extensive, the ordinance requires the city communicate by letter that fees are outstanding. Mr. Robb stated there could be a change that if a property owners is on time with their fees for five years they can be removed from the list. Ms. Ernat suggested doubling the fees, she explained the Administrative Hearings Bureau is a good program that allows issues such as these to be controlled locally. Mr. Robb stated his concerns is that the AHB has a lot of outstanding fees. Ms. Ernat stated outstanding fees have changed since the program's inception.

Council Member Richardson asked if staff is requesting removing the prepayment requirement. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson asked if the property would still receive a C of O. Ms. Ernat responded no. Ms. Richardson asked what would happen to the tenant. Ms. Ernat responded the process would be the same as it currently is.

Council Member Robb stated this will not increase throughput it will increase fees. Ms. Ernat stated if the inspection is a no show a late fee will be issued. Mr. Robb responded the scheduled spot would still be lost. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, but a fee would be collected for the no show. Mr. Robb asked how many times a property owner has not paid and a C of O not issued and the case went to AHB. Ms. Ernat responded she does not have that data available at this time. Mr. Robb asked if any of the cases were civil cases that asked for eviction. Ms. Ernat responded she believes there are two to three open cases, and it is a difficult decision to prosecute.

Council Member Murdock stated the landlord can be issued AHB citations for every day they have tenants without a C of O. Ms. Ernat replied that is the practice, and the Building Department is not going after any tenant unless they are in an unsafe conditions. Mr. Murdock stated if the tenant is in an unsafe situation they landlord should pay relocation fees and Council should approve an ordinance that requires that.

Council Member Vogt stated the intent of this resolution is to hit landlords with fines in order to change behavior. He supported Council Member Murdock's proposal to pass an ordinance requiring landlords to pay relocation costs. He supported the approval of the resolution.

Council Member Robb asked how many inspection no shows does the city have. Ms. Ernat responded there were three last month. Mr. Robb asked if this would undue seven years of policy for forty no shows. Ms. Ernat responded potentially.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-037 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

7. Resolution No. 2018-038, approving appointments to the Streets Capital Improvements Program Committee.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City Manager has established an ad hoc administrative Streets Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee to review the capital improvement needs for streets within the city and to help formulate recommendations to the city council and planning commission on the multi-year Streets Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the term of the committee will expire on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has requested that the city council appoint two of its members to serve on this committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby appoint Council Member Murdock and Council Member Robb from the city council to serve on the City Manager's ad hoc administrative Streets Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee to review the capital improvement needs for streets within the city and to help formulate recommendations to the city council and planning commission on the multi-year Streets Capital Improvement Plan for a term to expire on May 31, 2018.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Mayor Edmonds asked which members of Council would like to participate on the committee. Council Member Bashert responded she would like to serve on the committee. Ms. Edmonds stated three Council Members would like to serve and there are only two available spots. She asked who served on the committee last. Council Member Robb stated he believes Council Members Vogt and Murdock served last. Ms. Edmonds recommended Council Members Robb and Bashert serve on the committee.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to remove Council Member Murdock and replace him with Council Member Bashert.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-038 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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-038 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	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: 6 NO: 1 (Murdock) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

8. Resolution No. 2018-039, recommending activation of the Snow Emergency Ordinance. **(Discussion Only)**

Mayor Edmonds stated there is an existing snow emergency ordinance, which has not been used in many years.

Council Member Robb stated the last time this ordinance was to be updated the map provided included every street in the city. The ordinance was voted down because a snow emergency ordinance cannot include every street.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the city can close a parking lot without an ordinance. City Attorney Barr stated the snow emergency ordinance has been activated once, and if Council wishes to close a parking lot it may do so by resolution. The current ordinance provides the City Manager the authority to call a snow emergency.

Council Member Bashert asked if there was a snow this winter that would have warranted a snow emergency. City Manager responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked if the snow emergency was issued it would have solved some of the complaints and issues that were caused by this last snow storm. Mr. McClary responded he is not aware of any complaints that resulted from the streets, but the public parking lots were a problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated the issue is not necessarily about parking but all snow removal. Mayor Edmonds responded the ordinance is about routes. Mr. McClary replied the ordinance focuses on street parking. If the desire of Council is that the city does not act on these provisions the ordinance needs to be amended. Otherwise the City Manager has the ability to declare a snow emergency. Ms. Brown stated the modes of notifying the community need to be updated.

Mayor Edmonds suggested adding parking lots to the list on the ordinance. Mr. McClary replied currently he has a process of issuing an administrative directive. Absent any formal direction he will direct staff to complete the work. He suggested providing twenty-four hour notice of when vehicles need to be removed in order to plow. The city needs to make sure that the parking lots are safe to use, and need to be cleared. Ms. Edmonds responded there were many mornings before cars arrived the lots could have been plowed. She asked that ADA spots be prioritized, both for street parking and in the lots. Mr. McClary stated the Department of Public Services has the directive to move snow from one spot to another as long as it is preapproved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked what the current route map is for the snow emergency. Mr. McClary stated the policy is major streets are given first priority and local streets are given second priority.

Council Member Robb asked where the snow emergency signs are posted in the city. Mr. McClary replied that is something that needs to be addressed. Council Member Bashert stated the signs are posted. Mr. Robb stated he believes the signs are there he just does not know the routes. Mr. McClary responded as a part of his administrative directive maps will be made available, and posted on the city website and other venues.

Council Member Richardson stated she has received complaints about clearing snow from the curbs. Mr. McClary responded the administrative directive that is being developed. Ms. Richardson stated there was an issue at the Parkridge, and she was informed the Housing Commission is responsible for Armstrong and they need to be made aware. Mr. McClary responded he is currently working to address that situation.

9. Resolution No. 2018-026, adopting 2018-19 Council Goals and Budget 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 2018-2019 using the City's organizational values and the following goals and priorities.

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

Mr. McClary stated the Charter requirement is for Council to determine what its budget priorities are for direction to the City Manager to prepare the budget. Mayor Edmonds stated from the direction of the City Manager she was under the impression the City Manager would be compiling the goals from what Council submitted. Mr. McClary stated he wants to change the process of the City Manager dictating what the goals are to Council deciding the goals. Ms. Edmonds stated Dr. Bernstein facility to goal sessions in which Council goals were developed. Council Member Richardson stated that is the system Council has generally followed, but for some reason some things were changing.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated from the discussion during the last meeting she was under the impression that the priorities Council selected would be compiled by the City Manager. Council Member Bashert stated she was under the same impression, and from what was submitted there seems to be some consensus from Council about certain goals.

Council Member Murdock stated he was under the impression that the goals created during the goal setting session were what was going to be used by the City Manager to create the budget. Mayor Edmonds asked if there were too many items developed during goal session why a priorities were listed. Mr. McClary responded there is no way to accomplish all of the listed goals which is why he asked for the list to be priorities. Ms. Edmonds stated there were a number of goals that appeared in multiple categories, which made the list appear longer. She recommended taking that feedback and compile the goals.

Council Member Bashert suggested staff consolidate the goals, and those with lower priority ask if it is something Council still wishes to do this Fiscal Year.

Council Member Murdock stated he would like the City Manager to use the revenue captured through the county safety millage to a capital project fund for FY 2019 - FY 2026. That would capture \$3 million for capital projects, and we use other revenue to fund the other projects. Mayor Edmonds stated that is a well thought out idea, and she might support that if General Fund money were used. She feels the public safety millage be used specifically for public safety and mental health.

Mayor Edmonds stated since the goals were not approved during the first meeting in February the city is in violation of the City Charter. She would feel more comfortable if this would be approved. Mr. McClary stated the goals will need to be approved no later than the March 6th meeting to prepare the budget. He asked if there is consensus to place the funds captured through the safety millage in the Capital Improvement fund.

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to postpone Resolution No. 2018-026 until the March 6th meeting.

On a roll call, the vote to Postpone Resolution No. 2018-026 until March 6th 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

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Murdock informed Council the meeting will be held tomorrow, February 21st. He forwarded Council information regarding Washtenaw County exploring a Wayne and Washtenaw County transit initiative.
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA has received another round of grant applications. There are more businesses opening in the business districts and great investment into the community. There is great interest in parking issues and moving the recycling center from its current location. There is strong frustration by Depot Town stakeholders regarding Freighthouse related parking. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) coming from the DDA regarding the Freighthouse in the near future.

Council Member Robb requested the DDA provide a recommendation to Council regarding the development of the Thompson Block and the parking it will require.

- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – None
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool– Council Member Bashert stated the Friends of Rutherford Pool are in the process of drafting the grant application to fund the construction of the proposed bathhouse. She had a discussion with John Weiss about the city contribution for that construction, which will be a part of budget discussions.
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team – Mayor Edmonds stated there has been discussion regarding the housing voucher system.
- H. Economic Development Coordinating Committee – None

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

- He asked why the city is not enforcing the property maintenance code for the former Pub 13 building.

Ms. Ernat explained because the city has approved an OPRA for that development construction cannot begin in earnest because it would trigger the assessment of the building. Council Member Robb replied the building is in violation of the property maintenance code. This sets a precedent that if a property is awarded a tax abatement they do not have to abide by the code. Ms. Ernat responded staff has been working with the property owner to assist going through Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) process. Mr. Robb replied they are in violation of the code and citations are not being written. Ms. Ernat responded there has been forward progress on the MEDC loans and it is anticipated building permits will be issued within the next month. Mr. Robb stated the property has been approved for a Community Revitalization Program (CRP) Loan and the city should be issuing citations. Ms. Ernat replied the property cannot move forward until the MEDC approves other loans. Mr. Robb stated there must be another way to address this issue and each property owner should be treated the same. Council Member Bashert asked a Council Member Robb is accusing staff of bias. Mr. Robb responded no, and explained if this was another property owner citations would have been issued. Mr. Barr interjected at least in the Attorney’s Office every single person is treated the exact same. Mr. Robb stated Council is being told citations cannot be written because if an OPRA Council approved. However, anyone else that is in violation of the code is written a citation. Ms. Ernat replied that is incorrect. She explained staff has property plans with multiple property owners as in when and how work is being completed on their property. If the city is going to be a business friendly community the city must work within certain confines. If work begins on this property now it will not receive state incentives and that property would not be redeveloped. Mr. Robb stated that property was in violation of the code prior to being approved for an OPRA and a citation was not issued. Ms. Ernat replied the property owner brought the building to safety standards, and that was all they could do at that time. Mr. Robb stated work on the façade began prior to the approval of the OPRA. Ms. Ernat responded the awning needed to be removed because it was falling, and was done at the request of staff.

Bashert

- Asked Council to replace her with Council Member Murdock on the Streets Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to replace her with Council Member Murdock on the Streets Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee.

On a roll call, the vote to replace Council Member Bashert with Council Member Murdock on the Streets Capital Improvement Plan Review Committee 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

- She asked for the regular parking on the front lawn of 966 W. Cross be addressed.
- E. Cross was terribly damaged by the last freeze and thaw and needs attention.

Murdock

- Asked when E. Cross was last repaved.

Council Member Robb responded 2010. Council Member Murdock stated N. Adams between Pearl and Michigan Ave. is beginning to see issues and that construction was completed only a couple of years ago. Needless to say there are potholes everywhere throughout the city that need to be addressed.

- Asked if the city received the results from the environmental and market tests performed by the International Village Development.

Ms. Ernat responded no. Council Member Murdock asked if the developer was supposed to submit those results to the city. Ms. Ernat replied she and the Attorney's Office will follow-up with the developer.

- The tax bill recently passed included a segment that allowed for Opportunity Zones. There is a deadline for declaring all census tracts, and all of the city's census tracts are eligible. He asked if there is something the city needs to do to make that declaration.

Mr. McClary responded there is nothing the city needs to do and believes the counties are completing that work. Council Member Murdock asked if that would be beneficial to the city to ask the county to do that work. Mr. McClary responded there are forty-seven census tracts in Washtenaw and Livingston Counties that would comply with that criteria. Four of the tracts are in Livingston the remainder are in Washtenaw and most are on the eastside of the county. The criteria of what will be used is still being refined to make the recommendation back to the state because they can only recommend 25%. He explained the information he received today was the County is mostly looking at greenfield areas that are developable. Mr. McClary disagrees and feels census tracts in downtown areas should be the recommendation. He isn't certain what the economic capabilities are for greenfields. Mr. Murdock responded it has to do with the bonding capabilities. Mr. McClary added the County and SPARK are making the determination of what the recommendations are. Mayor Edmonds stated this is why Ypsilanti needs representation on the SPARK Board.

- Asked for an update on warning, citations, and abatements issued after the last snow storm.

Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

- There has been discussion on social media and mention during audience participation regarding crime in Ypsilanti. There was a CoPAC meeting the Chief described the downtown as a center for crime, however, that has not been included in reports received by Council.

Chief DeGiusti responded one person at the meeting took something out of context. He explained crime mapping the city uses illustrates "hotspots" for activity and includes minor infractions. The map shows the downtown as the area of the city that has the most crime. The person assumed a crime wave was occurring in the downtown, but the majority are minor offenses. Council Member Murdock stated there were seven or eight police cars in the downtown when he came in tonight. Chief DeGiusti responded they were responding to a fight between thirty juveniles. He explained lately the transit center become a hub of activity, and the

department is looking for ways to address that. Council Member Bashert asked if the fight was gang related. Chief DeGiusti responded it is groups of kids, and he would not call it gang related.

Richardson

- Acknowledged and offered condolences to the families affected by the shooting in Florida. Certainly something needs to be done in this country about gun control.
- Friday, February 23rd is the Brotherhood Banquet sponsored by Brown Chapel and tickets are still available. The reception is at McKinney Union and begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Black History Month event will start at 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 23rd at the Parkridge Center.
- On Thursday, February 22nd the Parkridge Community Center will be showing the movie "Walking While Black". The movie will begin at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served.
- She received a complaint the recycling was not picked up on Huron St.
- She received many calls regarding City Hall announcing it would be closed prior to this last snow storm. Her concern is that it was called ahead of time rather than waiting until the snow actually fell.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nominations:

Ethics Commission

Steven Landstrom – term expiration: 2/1/2023
716 Stanley St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Elizabeth Currans – term expiration: 2/1/2023
915 Woods Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Police Advisory Commission

Daquann Harrison (Ward 2)
1118 N. Huron River Dr. #3
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Gail Wolkoff (Ward 2)
1728 Whittier Rd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Heather Freeling (Ward 1)
422 S. Huron St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Bill Riccobono (Ward 3)
503 Roosevelt Blvd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Kathleen McCormick (Ward 1)
407 Ainsworth Cir.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Andy Fanta (Ward 2) (Added)
1221 Westmoorland St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Sustainability Commission

Bryan Foley
425 Ainsworth Circle
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- Stated she would be scheduling the budget sessions soon and will forward potential dates to Council.

Council Member Murdock stated he would like to see the terms staggered for the Police Advisory Commission. Mayor Edmonds responded she will provide terms on the resolution for approval. Council Member Murdock stated there are no nominations from Ward 3. Ms. Edmonds responded Mr. Riccobono is from Ward 3. Mr. Murdock replied he lives in Ward 2.

Council Member Bashert stated she has an issue with those that speak during public comment and refuse to give their address. There is a person being nominated for the Ethics Board that did not provide her address during audience participation. If that individual is going to hold other people in the city accountable for their behavior then that needs to be addressed. Mayor Edmonds stated that has been occurring for some months, and Council could discuss how to address that. The reason she has not been enforcing that is because one person felt giving their address provided a safety concern. Ms. Bashert stated a concern regarding public safety might not have come from a mentally healthy place. She feels anonymity encourages toxic behavior that has occurred. Council Member Richardson stated she understands the safety concerns from those who refuse to give their address. Mr. Barr stated under the Open Meetings Act a person taking part in public comment must give their name. By law Council cannot demand a person's address be given, although it can be requested. Ms. Bashert responded she was not talking about the policy in particular, rather she was referencing a person who wishes to sit on the Ethics Board.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Provided his report to Council.
- There has been issues getting information from the County Road Commission regarding the removal of the hidden driveway signs on Hewitt. He has called the managing director and hopes to receive information shortly.

Council Member Vogt asked if the Road Commission removed the signs. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative. Mr. Vogt asked the reason for the sign removal. Mr. McClary responded their policy is the Commission will remove any signs they determine are illegal, he is uncertain why the signs were illegal. Mr. Vogt stated the signs were on city property.

- Provided information on the requirement for red recycling bins.

Council Member Murdock stated he does not know why that become a policy for recycling. And when the policy was changed the Department of Public Services did not inform the community of the change.

— Informed Council he provided them a list of upcoming agenda items.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –

- Police Staffing Recommendations
- Fire Staffing Recommendations

XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. William Teepen, 718 Laurel, stated he attended a meeting at the Riverside Arts Center regarding the development of a Community Benefits Ordinance. He stated he supports its creation.

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

Recycling Work Session scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Spark East, 215 W. Michigan Ave.

XX. CLOSED SESSION –

Resolution No. 2018-040 - Closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) and an attorney’s opinion pursuant to MCL 15.268(e).

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreements for the city’s AFSCME, COAM, and IAFF bargaining units expired on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council and city administration to meet and confer periodically in closed session on collective bargaining strategy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the City Council does hereby approve convening into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, being MCL 15.268(c), for the purpose of strategy sessions connected with the negotiation of the AFSCME, COAM, and IAFF contracts.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

XXI. BUSINESS FROM CLOSED SESSION –

1. ~~Approval of 2017-2020 AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement~~ **(Removed)**
2. Approval of 2017-2020 COAM Collective Bargaining Agreement

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution the 2017-2020 COAM Contract 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

XXII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2018-041, adjourning the City Council meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.