



CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

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

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

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 Richardson to approve the agenda.

Council Member Murdock moved to remove Resolution No. 2018-079, SAFER Grant application from the Consent Agenda.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Tom Bourque, 3769 Santa Fe Trail, Pittsfield, introduced himself as a candidate for a judgeship at 14-A district court. He will be on the ballot for 2018 for the position currently held by Judge Simpson. He has been practicing law for thirty-six years and practicing in Washtenaw County for twenty-five years. He specializes in civil law in a firm in Ann Arbor.
2. Sam Jones-Darling, 122 Phelps Hall, stated he is the Human Relations Commission Chair, and on behalf of that commission asked Council to approve Resolution No. 2018-080. The purpose of the resolution is to make sure the citizens of this city are engaged in budget preparation. Providing that opportunity would go a long way in reducing the tension in the community, and a chance to learn more about the process.
3. Gary Simmons, 416 Perrin St., stated he is a Journalism student at Eastern Michigan University and is interested in Water Street. He first heard of Water Street during the International Village discussions of last year. He understands many proposals fallen through over the past decade, and he hopes to have a greater understanding about this potential development. The development of this property could do a lot to revitalize the city and the greater region.
4. Wade DePaw, 263 Valley Drive, stated he is a member of the Little League Board in the city. The board is currently having the electrical restored to a project for one of the little league's facilities, and is having difficulty doing so.
5. Reza Rajabi, 110 N. Summit, stated he received a citation in 2017 for not removing snow from a city sidewalk. He paid the citation and he thought the matter was closed, however when doing his taxes \$200 had been assessed to his property. When he contacted the city he was informed the charges were for snow removal and administration fees. He feels the fees are not fair.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

— Asked City Manager McClary to follow up on the electrical issue of the little league facility.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

None

XI. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING -

None

XII. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING –

1. Resolution No. 2018-071, approving Ordinance No. 1303: Bell-Kramer Rezoning of Residential parcels currently zoned PMD to CN-Mid

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, the City has performed environmental testing in the Bell-Kramer neighborhood to address concerns regarding the former City Landfill site; and

Whereas, the test results indicate that the area can be returned to residential zoning; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission has affirmed that the rezoning is not consistent with the City Framework (Future Land Use Map) of the Master Plan, but new information regarding the area has been developed, thus changing the conditions since Master Plan adoption; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission has found that the residential zoning classification of CN-Mid most appropriately matches the pattern of existing development.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the ordinance entitled Rezoning of Bell Kramer Residential Parcels at Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mayor Edmonds stated she is excited this is being brought to a close. She appreciates the neighborhood engagement during this process, and is happy it has been resolved for the residents.

Council Member Richardson stated she is happy the residents are satisfied with the outcome.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-071 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 2 (Brown, Bashert) VOTE: Carried

Mayor Edmonds asked when the next rounds of seasonal testing will begin for contamination. Ms. Ernat responded end of May to early June, and will be the last test. Ms. Edmonds asked if the tests have been satisfactory. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, there has been no changes in contamination.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2018-072

1. Resolution No. 2018-073, approving minutes of March 20, 2018

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of March 20, 2018 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2018-074, approving Ordinance No. 1304: Bell-Kramer Rezoning of city-owned vacant parcels currently zoned GC and PMD to P (Park)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City has an interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, the City desires these parcels to remain low-intensity due to their environmental history and access-challenged location; and

Whereas, the Parks zoning district precludes many high-intensity uses; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission has affirmed that the rezoning is not consistent with the City Framework (Future Land Use Map) of the Master Plan, but new information regarding the area has been developed, thus changing the conditions since Master Plan adoption; and

Whereas, the zoning classification of Parks most appropriately matches the desired intensity.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the ordinance entitled Rezoning of Bell Kramer Vacant Parcels on Second and Final Reading.

3. Resolution No. 2018-075, approving Ordinance No. 1305: Medical Marijuana Text Amendments in response to MMFLA

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City has opted-in to the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA); and

Whereas, the City has existing zoning ordinances developed under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMA); and

Whereas, the existing zoning regulations must be updated to align with the MMFLA.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 122, Sections 122-203, 122-446, 122-532, and 122-533 to better align the text of the Zoning Ordinance with the MMFLA be approved on Second and Final Reading.

4. Resolution No. 2018-076, approving Ordinance No. 1306: Medical Marijuana Text Amendment to permit Provisioning Centers in the General Corridor

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, there are several Provisioning Centers in the City; and

Whereas, the City wishes success for existing businesses in the recently changed market; and

Whereas, Provisioning Centers are considered nonconforming uses in the General Corridor zoning district.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 122, Article IV, Section 451, to permit Provisioning Centers as a Special Use in the General Corridor zoning district be approved on Second and Final Reading.

5. Resolution No. 2018-077, approving appointments 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>EXPIRATION</u>
Jon Ichesco (Reappointment) 1218 Pearl Ypsilanti, MI 48197	YCUA	2/1/2022
Michael Stone-Richard (Ward 3) 844 Railroad Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Police Advisory Commission	2/1/2021
Andy Fanta (Ward 2) 1221 Westmoorland Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Police Advisory Commission	2/1/2019

6. Resolution No. 2018-078, authorizing the Fire Department to donate the 1996 KME fire truck to the Michigan Fire Museum for exhibition.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Michigan Fire Museum wishes to restore part of the Ypsilanti Fire Department's nonoperational 1996 KME fire truck for exhibition.; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Fire Museum would like to refurbish the cab area of the 1996 KME fire truck for children and adults to play; and

WHEREAS, The Ypsilanti Fire Department would like to donate the YFD's 1996 KME fire truck to enhance the museum's ability to promote fire safety education in our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the fire department to donate the 1996 KME fire truck to the Michigan Fire Museum for exhibition.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Consent Agenda was approved.

~~7. Resolution No. 2018-079, authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant (Moved and heard during Section XIV)~~

XIV. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2018-079, authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the SAFER grant

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Fire Department qualifies to apply for a FEMA grant under the 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' ability to comply with the staffing, response, and operational standards established by the NFPA 1710; and

WHEREAS, this grant will replace positions lost by attrition in 2017 and increase suppression to desirable staffing; and

WHEREAS, total amount for the three year period is \$1,623,474. This amount is based on a firefighter first year salary and benefits which equates to \$90,193. There is a 25% match for the first and second years and a 65% match for the third year. The City participation for the 6 positions will be \$135,289 for the first and second years and \$351,752 for the third year; and

WHEREAS, with this grant we can expect a tremendous reduction of overtime.

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

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Fire Chief Max Anthouard provided an explanation to why this resolution was submitted for approval.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the last application was docked points and denied because the city did not meet the minimum number of staffing. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked how many positions are authorized by the budget. Council Member Robb responded sixteen. Chief Anthouard clarified fifteen fire suppression and one Chief. Mr. Murdock stated assuming the city is awarded the grant it would assist to finance six additional staff. He asked if the positions would be in addition to the staff level authorized, or replacing positions due to retirement. Chief Anthouard responded if the city is awarded the grant the department will need to hire an additional six fire suppression. Mr. Murdock stated the Fire Department will have staff that is retiring. Chief Anthouard responded those positions will need to be filled through the duration of the grant. Mr. Murdock stated when the grant expires the city will be responsible for the cost of staff, but will not need to maintain that level.

Mayor Edmonds asked if a Mutual Aid calls have been analyzed. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative, and explained Ypsilanti Township has greater staff levels, but also have more fires. Superior Township provides services at nine to one to the city. Ms. Edmonds asked if it balances out roughly. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds asked how many calls for services the city receives from Eastern Michigan University. Chief Anthouard responded roughly 20% of all calls, possible slightly less.

Council Member Robb stated if the City receives this grant it will need to match \$112,000. That amount, much like the pool, is being removed from the budget prior to the beginning of the budget process. Mayor Edmonds stated the amount would be \$135,289 for the first and second year. Ms. Edmonds asked if the amount will balance since the need for overtime will decrease. Chief Anthouard responded without overtime, the first year will cost \$14,000 for the six positions.

Council Member Robb stated the budget adopted by Council lists sixteen officers plus the Chief. Chief Anthouard replied a new hire will begin April 9th bringing staff levels to fifteen. Mr. Murdock replied that would leave an additional position to be hired. Mayor Edmonds asked if one of the firefighters is on long term injury. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock stated if the city is not awarded the grant, and still expand staff levels by six it will greatly increase the cost to the city. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated the city will not know the outcome of the grant for six months. Chief Anthouard replied it should be quicker than six months. Mr. Murdock asked if during the budget process Council will be given two budgets; one with the grant awarded and one with the grant denied. City Manager McClary responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-079 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2018-080, requesting City Council conduct a town hall style meeting on the budget and solicit feedback regarding FY 18-19 budget priorities

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, on March 26, 2018 the Human Relations Commission determined that the amount of public input and understanding of the city budget was unacceptably low; and

Whereas, the Human Relations Commission has expressed the need for the city to act more transparently regarding matters of public importance; and

Whereas, the city budget is a matter of extreme public importance and a profound reflection of what the city is now and will be into the future; and

Whereas, citizens have voiced concern over the budget process and city budget priorities in past years.

Be It Resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council will conduct a town hall style meeting to provide the community with knowledge on the budget and solicit feedback regarding FY 18-19 budget priorities before the city council budget work sessions conclude.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Robb

Mayor Edmonds asked for a motion to remove "April" from the resolution, and replace "take place" with "conclude".

Council Member Vogt offered a friendly amendment to remove the word "April" from the last paragraph of the resolution, and replace "take place" with "conclude".

Council Member Robb agreed to the friendly amendment.

Mayor Edmonds stated she spoke with the Chair of the HRC, and will forward this to all board and commission chairs, that in the future Council must first review the minutes prior to an item being placed on an agenda.

Council Member Murdock stated he always view the budget is a constant process. Council will conduct three formal work sessions for the budget, following that there will be at least two more presentations of the budget, one including a public hearing. He is not certain what an additional meeting is going to accomplish. Mayor Edmonds responded there is so much information to absorb, and it would be helpful to distill the information down could be a great use to the public. Mr. Murdock stated Council will hold five meetings for the budget with the possibility of an additional meeting. That is a lot of opportunity for the public to learn the process, and he is not certain what adding another meeting will accomplish.

Council Member Richardson stated the budget sessions occur in open meetings, and often only attended by two to three people. As she was reading the resolution she can understand the need for a town hall meeting to discuss the budget. She said she will vote yes on this resolution.

Council Member Vogt stated during his tenure on Council he has never seen more than three people attend either goal setting, or budget sessions. He takes offense to the premises, that somehow Council is hiding something. However, he is not opposed to publicizing the budget sessions differently, possibly a public forum, but he is not in favor of additional sessions. Mayor Edmonds suggested possibly holding the town hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to one of the budget sessions. Council Member Murdock agreed with Council Member Vogt that five meetings is ample time for the public to become acquainted with the budget.

Council Member Robb stated there need to be clear expectations of staff regarding this meeting. If every department head presents for ten minutes that would equal two hours. Added to an additional two hours of conversation following the presentations will equate to a four hour meeting. That would not allow much time for detail regarding departmental budgets. He doesn't know how this type of meeting can be completed in an hour. He does not want to set up a meeting that will be long and everyone leaves unhappy. Mayor Edmonds stated she is envisioning a meeting as an educational overview, and not a detailed departmental overview.

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2018

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-080 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

3. Water Street Marketing Plan Discussion

Ms. Ernat provided an update regarding the marketing of Water Street for development.

Ms. Ernat stated a marketing plan is premature until certain issues are resolved. She suggested having the property appraised and surveyed in order to market it properly.

Mayor Edmonds stated MSHDA is still not willing to fund affordable housing on Water Street. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Council Member Murdock interjected it is not that MSHDA will not fund a project on Water Street, it just won't fund small projects unless the entire site is cleaned. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked for clarification regarding student housing being permitted on Water Street, but not affordable housing. Ms. Ernat replied MSHDA would not approve an application for the site, which staff adamantly disagrees how the application was evaluated. Mayor Edmonds added Department of Environmental Quality also approved the development.

Mayor Edmonds stated she appreciated the memo provided to Council that an economically viable project needs to be identified in order for the property to be developed.

Council Member Vogt stated there is no middle ground between what is wanted and what works, there is only what works.

Council Member Murdock stated there is are still some things that are fairly constant; such as multi-use between residential and commercial. Once a community benefits ordinance is developed he would like the entire site to be marketed as a whole. He suggested releasing a request for qualifications for the development of the site. Ms. Ernat responded that is what staff is proposing. Mr. Murdock stated once the CBO and price valuation is complete when would a marketing strategy be developed. Ms. Ernat responded within the next six months staff will have recommendations, and a strategy should be developed three to four months after that.

Mayor Edmonds suggested future discussions of the community benefits ordinance should separate Water Street and other properties because of the project scale. If Water Street is developed by a master developer and not the entity that will own and operate what is developed, Council will need to consider how that will affect a community benefits agreement. Council Member Murdock interjected when Council considers the adoption of a community benefits ordinance Water Street should be distinguished between other city properties. Ms. Edmonds agreed.

Council Member Robb stated there are only two ways that Water Street is developed; by a corporate developer, with tremendous amount of funds, or a developer using external funding sources. He is nervous to create a marketing strategy for something that is unmarketable. His concerns are that the city should not give up on what type of development it wants, and the city should not allocate too many funds to market property. It is possible that could

change in the future, but based on the city's tax and water structure it makes a development unlikely. He added since the Water Street millage was approved and the debt is funded he is not in a rush to create a market strategy. Ms. Ernat replied she does not disagree, but does not know if she would recommend a single developer. There is a way to market things that would capture attention. Any development that is less than half the property would be extremely risky. Mayor Edmonds asked what size of development would propose. Ms. Ernat responded she would propose a development that uses half, or all of the site. However, she is not seeking to make that proposal, she is interested in knowing if there is a consensus of Council to seek an appraisal. Council Member Robb stated the site needs a gap analysis. Ms. Ernat agreed, and does not intend to seek out big box stores. Mr. Robb stated the city should not abandon the idea of a big box store.

4. Proposed Apartment Recycling Ordinance Discussion

Council Member Murdock stated he has been working with the City Attorney's Office to create a draft ordinance. The intent is to connect recycling services to the property maintenance code, which would apply to all rentals. It would require rentals provide recycling services to their tenants, and include a list of items that could be recycled. The ordinance would also require owners of rentals certify they provide that service.

Mayor Edmonds stated she agrees rentals should be providing recycling services, but believes this is pre-mature. Council Member Murdock stated this ordinance would not be tied to any information staff has been directed to provide Council. Ms. Edmonds stated there is a logistics issue with adding dumpsters to certain rental properties. Ms. Ernat stated the concern is community recycling containers are not allowed to be stored in rental buildings that would require an enclosure, for rentals over four units. Most four unit and over commercial rentals do not have room for a dumpster enclosure.

Council Member Murdock stated every waste hauler provides recycling services of some sort, the City of Ann Arbor provides recycling through Recycle Ann Arbor. Ms. Ernat responded yes, and single stream is picked up for commercial and residential. Mr. Murdock stated the ninety-six gallon cart should serve eight units. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated most of the properties would have two ninety-six gallon bins, and the larger complexes would require an enclosure. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, she added the larger complexes already provide the enclosures. Ms. Ernat stated her other immediate issue is regarding certification for compliance. Certification is done annually, and inspections bi-annually and the city does not have the staff to accomplish that certification. Mayor Edmonds stated it would make sense to determine if landlords are providing that service during inspections, unless a resident submits a complaint it. Ms. Ernat stated to accept a certification would be very labor intensive, and putting the entire certification process on the inspection department. Council Member Murdock stated this seems like a problem that could be fixed, and possible solutions need to be examined. Ms. Edmonds stated a solution should also make sense administratively. Mr. Murdock stated he is not opposed to what staff is suggesting, which is still tying a solution to the property maintenance code.

Mr. McClary stated staff is working on gathering information requested during the recycling work session. There are many pieces that need to be examined in terms of recycling equipment. Mr. Murdock responded if the City Manager is suggesting expanding the service he would not support it. The city can achieve its goal with the ordinance he is suggesting with some minor amendments. Mr. Murdock asked if any of Council would support the purchase of an additional truck other than the mayor. Mayor Edmonds responded she would support it because there are a number of streets that have a variety of single to multi-unit residential homes. The multi-family homes are already using the recycling service and it would make sense to expend services to those residents. Mr. McClary stated providing the service to residents on streets that are already serviced will not increase the cost too drastically. That is different than expanding service to larger commercial facilities, or simply requiring they provide recycling services. It is his understanding, from the directive given at the work session, staff is to examine both possibilities. Ms. Edmonds stated her questions are related to the scale of solutions for this issue.

Council Member Robb stated he would like to know how many addresses are serviced by the republic contract. The contract is for four units and below. Recently there was an issue with recycling not being picked up because residents

were using the wrong color bins, and now Council finds out recycling is being picked up at homes that are not supposed to be serviced. Council never created policy that the city would begin picking up recycling for commercial properties, and it is being made complicated because Council is getting into things it shouldn't. He agrees with Council Member Murdock this will give Council the opportunity to examine processes. In the early 2000s an ordinance was passed requiring dumpster enclosures in order to beautify the downtown. He said this might be an opportunity to amend the ordinance because it doesn't make sense to require a concrete structure for two ninety-six gallon recycling bins.

Mayor Edmonds asked when Council can expect to receive the information requested during the work session. Ms. McClary replied staff will have an initial report by the April 17th meeting.

Council Member Murdock stated the number of stops Republic makes will not make a difference for the lack of recycling service provided by the city.

Mayor Edmonds stated not every resident uses the recycling service, and asked how far below capacity the city is for pick-up. Council Member Murdock stated it is based on eligible households but he is not certain how exact it is. The Republic contract is based on number of stops a tipping fee is not included. Under the current contract increased recycling service would not decrease the cost of solid waste. Mr. McClary added the contract outlines how much waste each address is allowed. Ms. Edmonds asked if the city is aware of how many stops the recycling trucks are making. Council Member Robb replied that is difficult because there are a number of people that do not recycle. Mr. Murdock replied that data could be gathered. Ms. Edmonds stated she is curious if that data is being collected. Mr. Murdock stated if you were to drive around the neighborhoods early in the day you could get an idea of what neighborhoods are recycling.

Council Member Murdock asked where the drop-off station is going to be moved, and how it will function. Ms. Ernat responded initial drawings have been completed for a grant submitted in 2010 and during the train platform conversations. She added staff is currently engaged with some local partners on where it will be moved and what it will look like. Mr. McClary stated the people the city is engaged with need to get approval from their superiors prior to making it public. The direction staff needs is if another place cannot be located in the city what Council would want done with the recycling center. Mr. Murdock responded closing the center without expanded service is not something he would be willing to support. The problematic material the center collects, which is not collected anywhere else nearby, is Styrofoam. He is not certain how that would be resolved. Mayor Edmonds stated possibly once a month a truck could transport the Styrofoam to a center that would take it. Ms. Ernat replied the city would need a bailer. Mr. Murdock replied if there was a collection site it could be taken to Ann Arbor.

XV. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Richardson stated SEMCOG recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. SEMCOG is also providing a water report and will provide that to Council.

Mayor Edmonds asked if Council Member Richardson had an update from the Michigan Municipal League (MML). Council Member Richardson responded it was a really interesting conference this year. The Michigan Black Caucus of Elected Officials introduced the "Raise the Age" program, which was a very moving workshop. One of the presentations discussed why the Regional Transportation Millage was not passed, and a reason that Amazon went to Cleveland rather than Detroit was because of its public transportation.

- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
C. Urban County - None
D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – None
E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
F. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
G. Housing Equity Leadership Team – Mayor Edmonds stated she has spoken with the County Office of Economic and Community Development regarding regional goals that would move toward greater

housing equity. She asked for a deeper examination of implementing a land bank in Washtenaw County. To date there has been political push back from the County.

XVI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

- He asked if the city is not being cooperative concerning the little league facility electrical issue.

An audience member responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb asked the City Manager to cooperate with the little league and get the issue resolved, and understand why the city is not cooperating. Prior to the old building being demolished the electricity was shut off and then the new building was constructed. Now they are waiting for the electric to be turned back on. They do not believe the delay is caused by DTE.

- He asked for an excel spreadsheet that includes the See.Click.Fix information.

Richardson

- She attended the National League of Congressional Cities Conference and it was a very positive experience. She met with both of Michigan Senators who are working to infrastructure and the protection of the Great Lakes.

- There was a house fire on South Grove and there is no fencing around the structure and it is dangerous. She asked for something to be done.

- The Harriet and Hamilton intersection is in poor condition and is getting worse day by day.

Mayor Edmonds stated it would be a good idea for OHM to come and examine the issue to avoid a potential sinkhole.

- She spoke with State Rep Rhabi and believes it would be wise to approve a resolution to send to the state legislature to continue a conversation on gun reform.

Murdock

- Stated notices were sent concerning the Corner Brewing rezoning request, which has peaked a lot of interest from the public. He asked if staff has additional information to provide Council.

Ms. Ernat responded staff has requested that ownership host an open meeting to inform the public relevant to zoning. Council Member Murdock replied a request has been made to him and Council Member Robb about setting up a meeting, but they do not have information to provide. Council Member Robb asked at what point of the process the applicant will provide a site plan. Ms. Ernat replied the first step is a zoning application and they will not prepare a site plan unless the zoning is approved. Mr. Robb stated once zoning is approved it will only require approval from the Planning Commission and won't come to Council. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, it is difficult to ask someone to pay for a site plan prior to a change in zoning. Mr. Murdock stated it is not necessary to complete a site plan, but at least provide information regarding the proposed project. Ms. Ernat responded part of the problem is the project could change dependent on what the engineer determines. Mr. Robb understood, but minor information is important to disseminate to the public.

Ms. Ernat clarified the Corner Brewery is seeking to acquire property in the residential district because they cannot expand in the current location. The business use would not be extending into the residential, but the expansion requires additional parking and that will stretch into the

residential area. Mr. McClary stated an applicant for a rezone does not have to inform the Planning Department what they plan to do with the property. The application is part of a process of the Planning Commission to make a determination if the rezoning is appropriate.

- There is a public hearing scheduled for a demolition project at Huron and Forest.

Ms. Ernat responded the Keg and the building to the south are to be demolished the owners are interested in redeveloping the property. Council Member Murdock asked if this is a zoning issue. Ms. Ernat responded it is a site plan issue.

Council Member Robb asked if the parking is being blocked in the alley on Huron and Michigan Ave. Ms. Ernat responded the parties are involved in litigation that does not include the city. Mr. Robb stated public parking is being blocked and asked how the city allowed them to install barricades. Ms. Ernat responded it is a gate not barricades and they are on private property. Council Member Murdock stated there are multiple issues among the two parties, and the city is somewhat involved. He said one of the owners are throwing construction debris in the right-of-way and the ordinance officer stated he the individual is removing it slowly because they are unable to get a truck back there to remove it. Mr. McClary replied he would follow up with the ordinance officer.

- Asked for an update on the AFSCME and IAFF union negotiations.

Mr. McClary responded he is hoping Council is able to meet at 6:00 p.m. on April 17th for a Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining. He said five Council Members will need to be present in order to adjourn to Closed Session. Council Member Vogt stated he will be late to that meeting. Mayor Edmonds stated she will check availability of the absent Council Members.

- He was pleased to see the city and the Fire and Police Pension Board are not invested in gun manufacturers or private prisons.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- She attended an award ceremony in Kansas City with Dave Strenski, at which the city received an award for its solar program.
- She attended the Smart City Conference and it was very interesting to see the next level of governmental systems changed by new technologies.
- Requested a changing table be installed in one of the public bathrooms at City Hall.
- Requested a monthly one page bullet point be provided to Council by the city's lobbyist of high level issues.

Council Member Murdock stated at one point Mr. Profit provided that during the budget process.

- On April 16th is the next "A seat at the table" meeting held at schools that elected officials eat school lunches at local schools.
- Pitch Ypsi, and entrepreneurial competition, will begin soon and asked if anyone would like to be a part of it.

- She stated the Chief of Police voted against a bike share program at the Traffic Review Committee meeting and is curious what his concerns are.

Ms. Ernat replied his concerns are related to code enforcement, where the bikes will end up, and how long they will be in one location before they are brought back. Mayor Edmonds asked if the vote was regarding the EMU and WIHI program. Ms. Ernat responded she is uncertain if it is specific to that program. Ms. Edmonds stated that program is not available for other residents.

Council Member Richardson stated the Community Liaison for EMU is in the audience and asked for a synopsis. Assistant Director of Community Relations and Engagement Caroline Sanders stated the grant was written through New Parkridge through Washtenaw County Health Department. The program is a pilot and the funding began December 1st, and there is a delay pending the signatures for the Memorandum of Understanding from the Ypsilanti Housing Commission. The YHC is picking up the total cost of the program for their residents to utilize the bikes. She is scheduled to address Council on April 17th and she could bring the bike with her. She explained it is a dock less system that can be unlocked by an app. The bikes are GPS enabled in order to locate the bikes. Mayor Edmonds asked if non-YHC residents have the ability to borrow the bikes. Ms. Sanders responded no. Ms. Ernat stated recently the city has come to terms with the MOU.

- Stated there were around 1,000 people in attendance for the Easter Egg Hunt in Riverside Park.
- The Trans Flag will be raised this Friday, April 6th.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

Traffic Review Committee Minutes of March 19, 2018
Report on Substance Abuse Protocols

- The Traffic Review Committee Minutes from March 19, 2018 were included in the packet and a report on substance abuse protocols.
- He provided a report regarding the city not having investments in gun manufacturers or private prisons.
- The budget sessions and the community benefits ordinance work session will be rescheduled.
- He provided an update on the train platform project.
- He noted the budget will be presented to Council on May 1st.
- He provided an update of the status of collective bargaining.
- He has been meeting with Ypsilanti Township to discuss the resurfacing of Emerick.
- The Peninsular Dam project had its first work group meeting regarding the data collection already completed.
- The Council Manager Meeting is scheduled April 10th and April 12th, he would love to see each meeting attended by three Council Members at each meeting.

- He will be bringing the Huron-Cross Intersection and Cross Street pedestrian improvements to Council.

Council Member Robb stated the new BS&A software went live on April 1st.

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

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

XIX. COMMUNICATIONS –

XX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, stated she appreciated the efficiency of the meeting and the discussion of the County Land Bank. Gun control issues have a direct effect on communities of people of color. Thanked Council for approving the HRC resolution to hold a town hall meeting regarding the budget. She hopes that a part of the market analysis of Water Street will partly focus on levels of pollution, which might not be as bad as originally assessed. She supports city staff working with community members to draft a community benefits ordinance. She supports a tier system for public land and Water Street. She advocates that even if a non-profit was to develop Water Street it should trigger a community benefits agreement.

XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XXII. CLOSED SESSION –

~~Closed Session to discuss personnel evaluation pursuant to OMA 15.268, Section 8(a)~~

XXIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2018-081, adjourning the City Council meeting

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.