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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION AGENDA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	(6:11)	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown		Present	Council Member Vogt	(6:07) Present
Council Member Murdock		Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Council Member Richardson	(6:30)	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-

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Robb, to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, stated it is not true the city's allotment from the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage must be spent on public safety. She wants to ensure some funding is used for mental health.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Mayor Edmonds thanked Ms. Melke for her comments and there was correspondence following the last Council meeting making that same clarification.

Council Member Murdock stated 38% of the millage is allocated for county mental health.

VIII. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS –

General and Non General Fund Expenditures Review/Questions (FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20)

Joe Meyers, Interim Director of Economic Development

- DDA Depot Town Fund (275) – Pages 199-203
- DDA Downtown Fund (413) – Pages 214-216

Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided a presentation regarding the Downtown Development Authority Budget.

Mayor Edmonds clarified Cross Street Village lost its affordable designation and have returned to the tax rolls.

Mayor Edmonds noted at the DDA meeting there was a discussion on how many long vacant buildings now hold businesses. Mr. Meyers added there are still some vacancies, but staff is hoping to have those filled within the next year.

Joe Meyers, Interim Director of Economic Development

- Building Inspection – Pages 128, 148-149
- Building Ordinance Enforcement – Pages 129, 149
- Planning and Development Administration – Pages 130, 153-154
- Sustainability Community – Page 154
- Water Street Activities – Pages 130, 154
- LSRRF Grant – Pages 131, 154
- CTAP Grant – Pages 133, 158
- Motorpool Fund (641)-Building – Pages 256, 260

Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided a presentation regarding the Planning and Building Department Budgets.

Mayor Edmonds asked if staff has quantified what the savings created by carrying costs are. Mr. Meyers responded no, however very few of these properties have had code violations since being sold.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the proposed building inspection fee structure is based on what was last provided to Council. Mr. Meyers responded it will be changed slightly.

Council Member Bashert asked how far behind is the city on rental inspections, and if there is a plan in place to get back on schedule. Mr. Meyers responded the hiring of the second compliance inspector has helped drastically. If the city transitioned to a three year inspection cycle it would assist the city get back on track completely. Ms. Bashert asked when inspections will be on schedule. Council Member Robb replied the backlog is too large and does not see the city getting back on track. Mr. Meyers replied paperwork for inspections is a major contributor to why there is such an extreme backlog. The hiring of a halftime clerical employee would assist in alleviating that burden. Ms. Bashert asked once the city is caught up with inspections can it maintain its schedule. Mr. Meyers responded yes. Ms. Bashert asked if there can be a plan in place for when there is another sick leave, in order to not fall behind.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked if the Building Department would function more efficiently with technological upgrades. Mr. Meyers responded yes, it would help maintain inspection schedules. Mayor Edmonds asked if estimates could be provided by the time Council votes to approve this budget. Council Member Richardson asked what technology upgrades would be needed. Mr. Meyers replied the department has three inspectors. Council Member Robb stated the Building Department had tablets ten years ago and they went unused. He is not against technology upgrades, but if they are not used they are useless. Mr. Robb feels the department used to function for effectively and is declining. He said the city either cares about

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rental inspections, or it doesn't, but if it does the program needs to be properly funded. Mayor Edmonds asked how recently the department has been at this staff level. Mr. Meyers responded the Building Inspector was hired in July followed a two month training process. He began inspecting by himself since early fall. Mr. Robb asked how many inspections he has completed since September in order to understand what exactly is needed for the department to be successful. Mr. Meyers stated it is difficult to quantify the data because the condition of the unit dictates how long an inspection takes. Council Member Richardson stated it is possible the department was more current with inspections in the past, however, now the city has more rental units. Mr. Robb replied not enough to create this kind of backlog. Ms. Richardson doesn't believe it is the only reason, but it is part of it.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the proposed vehicle for purchase will follow the alternative fuel policy. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked if the half employee is a part-time person, or a part-time employee being made full-time. Mr. Meyers replied it is a part-time employee.

Council Member Murdock stated the Capital Improvement Plan lists \$25,000 for FY 2018-19 and \$50,000 for FY 2019-20 for a parking study. He asked if the city is waiting two and half years to perform the study. Mr. Meyers responded no, the plan is to send a request for proposals as soon as possible. Mr. Murdock asked if the funding is all from the General Fund and nothing from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Mr. Meyers responded the city will be requesting \$25,000 from the DDA to fund the study. Mr. Murdock asked what the estimated cost of the study is. Mr. Meyers responded \$75,000, but it could be less. Mr. Murdock asked if the study will actually be used once completed. Mr. Meyers replied in the affirmative, and explained it will be a parking strategy not study. Mr. Murdock stated the issue with the last study was some community members did not want to implement the recommendations.

Council Member Bashert asked if once the parking strategy is completed the city will examine new parking meters. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb asked what information the parking study will provide, other than put parking mobile devices throughout the city. The other discussion is when Depot Town does not want meters will Council cave and not install them. He asked what other information the parking study will provide. Mr. Meyers responded the city has sold eighty-five downtown parking passes, and per the ordinance only thirty-five should be sold. Where employee parking should be placed in the downtown. Mr. Robb responded employee parking should be up against the church in the North Washington Lot. Council Member Murdock asked why are people with downtown employee hangtags not being ticketed when they park at meters in the Washington Street Lot. Mr. Meyers stated parking is managed by the Police Department, Clerk/Treasury Department, and somewhat the DDA. Mr. Robb stated if the policy allows downtown employees to park in that lot Council can change the policy. Mr. Meyers responded currently the only ordinance in place for downtown parking is from 1983 and it does not include employee parking. Mr. Robb stated if he purchases a permit what instructions are they given. Mr. Meyers responded from what he has been told a person with a permit can park in the Washington St. Lot even at a meter and at the two rows of permit parking in the South Huron Lot. He added many of the city's parking signs are inconsistent, the city needs new meters, and a slew of other issues. The city could have Park Mobile install machines, but it would not correct the other issues, and a strategy would fix those problems. Mayor Edmonds added it is time for the city to start thinking where the next generation of parking management is going.

City Manager Darwin McClary asked if a part of the parking strategy is to examine the existing availability for parking in each area, the need for parking, and looking for recommendations for how the city will address those needs.

Council Member Murdock stated the impact of automated vehicles also needs to be addressed as a part of this strategy. He added short term parking should be closer to the businesses and long term parking on the periphery. Mayor Edmonds stated that is a generally known thing. Council Member Robb replied then the city does not need hire a company to provide that info. He added Council needs to develop a policy

regarding where downtown permits allow a person to park. He added a parking strategy will not be able to be implemented until around 2021.

Council Member Murdock stated there are several things that could be done immediately, such as the parking management in Depot Town. He suggested short term parking be on the streets and the near parking lots. The city should reach out to the owner of the train depot and ask to lease the lot, and make that entire lot two hour parking.

Council Member Murdock stated Council has not been given any information on what is going to be happening with the South Huron parking lot once the former Smith Furniture Building opens. Mr. McClary responded there was an initial meeting with business owners and discussed getting a proposal from OHM to identify repairs needed in that lot as well as reconfiguring striping to maximize parking in that lot. Mr. McClary stated the city needs to be consistent with parking.

Council Member Vogt asked if staff if a cost estimate for removing the recycling center. Mr. McClary responded around \$25,000. However, it is possible DPS could remove the building at a lower cost. Mr. Vogt asked if removal of the site would again make the city eligible for Department of Natural Resources Grants. Mr. Meyers responded as far as he knows the city only needed to remove the industrial use. Mr. McClary added the issue is not that the building exists, the reason why the building is to be removed is to expand parking. Council Member Murdock stated the building does not prevent the expansion of parking, it only takes the space of a few potential spots. Mr. McClary responded simply restriping the parking lot would create additional parking, but the understanding allows the city to use the area for additional parking.

Stan Kirton, Department of Public Services Director

- Public Building Maintenance – Pages 140-141
- Energy Efficiency/Conservation – Page 141
- Peninsular Dam – Pages 126, 141
- DPS Administration – Pages 129, 150
- Parking Lots – Pages 151-152
- DPS Utilities Street Lighting – Page 152
- DPS Parks – Pages 130, 152-153
- Major Streets Fund – Pages 160-178
- Local Streets Fund – Pages 179-187
- Garbage and Rubbish Collection Fund – Pages 190-194
- Sidewalk Improvement Fund (495) – Pages 250-252
- Motorpool DPS – Page 257
- Motorpool Environmental Services – Pages 259-260

DPS Director Stan Kirton provided a presentation regarding the Department of Public Services Budget.

Mayor Edmonds asked what has not been converted to LED lighting. Mr. Kirton responded most city lights have been changed, except some parking lots.

Council Member Bashert asked that the pavilion in Riverside Park receive some updates.

Council Member Murdock stated all the parks need work. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if the city hall air conditioning and the Washington St. LED lights came out of the energy efficiency fund. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked how much the city will be receiving for the Stormwater Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Grant. Mr. Kirton responded \$418,000.

Council Member Bashert asked if the estimated time of completion of the dam study. Mr. McClary responded in August.

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Council Member Bashert asked if the repairs to the parking lots is basically filling potholes. Mr. Kirton responded stripping and patching. Ms. Bashert asked if that includes all parking lots. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked how much it would cost to get the parking lots in good shape. Mr. Kirton responded he would need to get estimate but around \$100,000.

Council Member Murdock asked where the recycling trucks are listed. Mr. Kirton responded under environmental services.

Council Member Bashert stated every proposal should include alternative fuel vehicles. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert stated if the city purchases vehicles the current ones will be sold. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked where the prices for the vehicles came from. Mr. Kirton responded he solicited estimates. Mr. McClary added over the last couple of months staff has been examining the possibility of using a lease to purchase fleet management program. Staff have been working with Enterprise Fleet Management to develop potential cost saving strategies. The potential savings could amount to \$300,000 over a ten year period, and it will allow a five year replacement schedule. Mayor Edmonds asked if alternative fuel vehicles would be a part of that strategy. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative. Mr. Kirton added the city would not be able to get its larger vehicles through that program.

Council Member Bashert asked why the city is not using propane in its vehicles. Mr. Kirton responded it is not cost effective to set up a pump until more vehicles are propane compatible in the fleet. Council Member Murdock asked if DTE would allow the city to use its pump. Mr. Kirton responded he would reach out to DTE. Ms. Bashert stated propane is clear burning fuel and it is in line with the city's Climate Action Plan, and asked that it be used for those two vehicles. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb stated if the city is planning on expending additional funds for road patching this Fiscal Year it should consider using a hot mix. Mr. Kirton replied hot mix is not available in the winter and the city has a storage area for the cold mix.

Mayor Edmonds asked what a reasonable maintenance budget would be for larger vehicles considering their use. Mr. Kirton stated the environmental services vehicles make around 5,000 stops per week so there is a lot of wear and tear. He added it would be reasonable to budget \$5,000 to \$7,000 annually. Council Member Murdock stated the replacement cycle at one time was six to seven years. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the proposed purchase for environmental services will have a can tipper. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative, and explained it would be on the rear of the truck. Ms. Edmonds asked if it will have an arm for the ninety-six gallon rollout cans. Mr. Kirton responded no. Ms. Edmonds stated she would like to see the city move to that in the future. Mr. Kirton stated he has never solicited estimates for those trucks. Council Member Murdock asked if the funding for a new truck would come out of the Motor Pool. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked if the city could put off the purchase of a dump truck and purchase a truck for environmental services. Mr. Kirton responded it could be done, but warned the dump truck has been in use since 2007.

Council Member Robb stated the Department of Public Services should be collecting data, however, the department does not have that capability. He stated this is something a first year engineering student could do as an intern, same with parks maintenance. Mr. Kirton agreed, but they will need to be supervised. Mr. Robb stated data needs to be collected in order to know what needs to be replaced.

Council Member Richardson stated there is a large pothole at Huron and Michigan in the crosswalk. City Attorney John Barr stated the sidewalk and crosswalk program has a direct bearing on the city's insurance cost. He would like to see the city budget for improvements to avoid costly lawsuits. Council Member Murdock stated the property owners are responsible for the sidewalk that directly abuts their property. Mr.

Barr replied if a person is hurt it becomes the city's problem. Mr. Murdock understands, but it is not the city's responsibility to fix. Ms. Richardson stated the city needs to be responsible for making sure the sidewalks are repaired. Mayor Edmonds stated that is a code enforcement issue and should be discussed during the Police Department Budget. Mr. Kirton added it is a fulltime job to manage the sidewalks in the city; first the sidewalks need to be assessed, then bid out for a contractor, then send notices to property owners, perform the work and assess the cost to the taxes. Mr. Murdock stated the city could also cite property owners for any faulty sidewalks.

Mayor Edmonds stated since the Parks and Recreation Department was closed DPS has been managing the maintenance of the parks and the Economic and Community Development oversees larger projects. She asked what department should take ownership for the city parks. Mr. McClary responded that is a void the city has had for some time. Ms. Edmonds responded given that void who is responsible for parks. Mr. Kirton responded DPS monitors the playground equipment to ensure it is safe. Mr. McClary stated DPS does monitor park safety and maintenance, but given the workload of that department there is no one specifically in charge of parks. Ms. Edmonds asked what Mr. McClary would like to do now for the parks in this budget cycle. Mr. McClary responded the city does not have the staffing capacity to designate parks to a specific department. Ms. Edmonds stated there have been many capital improvements to parks discussed recently and it needs to be determined what department should oversee those projects. Mr. McClary asked Council for guidance what its priorities are, but he would like to restructure the Economic Development Department into a Community and Neighborhood Services Department. He would include a Parks and Recreation Manager in that department.

Council Member Murdock stated he did not see any temporary employees listed in the DPS budget. Typically, temporary employees in the DPS were for summer park maintenance. He asked if seasonal employees will be hired. Mr. Kirton responded no. Mr. Murdock asked if that makes sense given the needs for park maintenance in the summer. Mr. Kirton stated those employees need to be supervised. Mr. Murdock proposed increasing the capital budget for parks significantly, for a number of capital projects.

Council Member Richardson stated the bathrooms in the parks need to be addressed. If the city is going to rent a park the proper facilities should be in order. Mayor Edmonds agreed.

Council Member Bashert stated play equipment is to be installed at Riverside Park and there will not be a place for children to use the restroom. If it is a cost issue to renovate the bathroom port-a-johns could be put in the park.

Council Member Murdock stated the Parks and Recreation Commission has continued to compile a list of things that need to be completed at each park.

Council Member Bashert stated the possibility of vandalism should not determine whether or not bathrooms are supplied at city parks.

Mr. Kirton added bathrooms would need to be cleaned every morning and that cost should be considered. Council Member Bashert responded that should not be a factor in deciding the parks policy. Mr. Kirton informed Council a significant amount of money will need to be budget in order to maintain the bathrooms. Mayor Edmonds suggested a multi-year program, and would like to know the cost.

Council Member Murdock asked where the equipment for Riverside Park listed in the budget, and where the money is coming from to fund it. Mr. Kirton responded that is included in Economic Development Department's budget. Mr. Meyers added the equipment is included in the Capital Improvement Projects budget, and is being financed through a community development block grant (CDGB). Mr. Murdock asked what the total cost for the equipment is. Mr. Meyers responded \$181,000. Mr. Murdock asked what the grant was for. Mr. Meyers responded it was more of a funding allocation than a grant.

Council Member Vogt reaffirmed a compiling of a list of needed improvements and a need for improvements to Penn Park.

Council Member Robb stated improvements need to flow from Council. It is not the ideal way to fund park improvements, but each Council Member should know what improvements are needed in their Ward's parks. He understands allocating funding to parks, but he believes there should be a list of improvements attached. Mayor Edmonds stated she would like to see costs associated with improvements to parks.

Council Member Richardson suggested developing "friends" groups to adopt a park. That could be a way to engage the community and keep city parks in better shape.

Council Member Bashert asked that Council direct the City Manager, DPS, and Community and Economic Development Department to develop a parks plan for this budget. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Vogt stated having operating restrooms makes a big difference, which he noticed through traveling this past summer.

Tony DeGiusti, Police Chief

- Police Administration – Pages 143-144
- Police Field Services – Pages 127, 144-145
- Bullet Proof Vest Grant – Page 127, 145
- Parking Enforcement – Pages 128, 145-146
- Special Events – Pages 129, 150-151
- Public Safety Fund (205) – Pages 188-189
- Police Special Revenue Fund (265) – Pages 197-198
- Capital Improvement Fund (414)
 - Flooring and Carpet, \$12,250 – Pages 81, 220
 - Police Locker Room Improvement, \$5,111 – Pages 81, 220
 - Report Writing Room, \$7,395 – Pages 81, 220
 - YPD Car Port, \$28,000 – Pages 81, 220
 - Body Cams and Phone Recorder, \$19,608 – Pages 79, 221
- Motorpool Fund (641) – Page 258

Police Chief Tony DeGiusti provided a presentation regarding the Police Department Budget.

Mayor Edmonds asked if what the Police Department was able to do last fiscal year is sustainable. Chief DeGiusti responded no.

Council Member Murdock stated the city has leased police cars before and were not very happy with the results. Chief DeGiusti responded he knows the city leased the parking enforcement vehicles. Mr. Murdock asked what the likelihood is of getting alternative fuel vehicles. Chief DeGiusti responded possibly for parking enforcement, but a car that size would not hold the equipment essential to perform the duties of the department. Mr. Murdock asked about electric vehicles for parking enforcement. Chief DeGiusti responded that is a possibility.

Council Member Bashert stated she is proud of the diversity of the department, but she would like to see more people of color and women hired. She realizes it is difficult, but she would like that to be stressed when making hires. Ms. Bashert asked if the city could examine a two year plan to move out of storing records at Iron Mountain and begin digitizing records. Chief DeGiusti responded he believes the Clerk's Office is examining digitizing records. Ms. Bashert stated she would like to make that a priority. She asked if one part-time code enforcement is enough to satisfy the needs of the city. Chief DeGiusti responded the department code use two to three full-time employees. Ms. Bashert stated those positions could pay for themselves. Chief DeGiusti responded it is difficult to say, but it could be paid for partly. Ms. Bashert stated she is not certain that a part-time person is enough to complete the work. Chief DeGiusti stated if the city had more seasonal employees they could be used to perform abatements rather than contracting that work.

Council Member Robb appreciates the need to increase staff levels for code enforcement, but he isn't sure the problem is manpower. The issue is the following up on violations, and the process to do so. Mayor Edmonds asked who performs the admin part of enforcement. Chief DeGiusti responded the code enforcement performs that work. Ms. Edmonds stated the half person would be fulfilling the clerical duties. Chief DeGiusti responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb responded he is not sure the ordinance officer should be doing the clerical aspects of enforcement, he should be out monitoring the city. If there needs to be administrative help that is another issue.

Council Member Bashert stated it is clear the See. Click. Fix tool is clearly broken, and using that as a metric for enforcement isn't valid. Mr. McClary stated See. Click. Fix has performed upgrades to their software to make it more user friendly. However, part of the dysfunction of this system is the city needs to do a better job responding to issues and tracking progress. Employees need to be trained on how to properly use the system. Mr. McClary added he is in support of an additional fulltime code enforcement officer, and split the city in two sections.

Mayor Edmonds asked Council's opinion on the hiring of new police officers. Council Member Vogt responded he is in favor of it for several different reasons. He appreciates the Police Chief and the City Manager have agreed to the hiring of only two officers, but if needed he would like to expand. Chief DeGiusti replied it depends on what level of service Council would like to see provided. At the current level the department can only provide the basics. If Council would like community policing that is a very labor intensive and more officers are needed. Council Member Richardson agreed with Council Member Vogt that the city needs to add additional officers. Mayor Edmonds agreed, and stated the current model is not sustainable.

Council Member Robb asked how the Police Department's performance rate graded. He asked what will the city gain be adding two additional officers. Mr. McClary responded performance metrics need to be in place for all departments. Chief DeGiusti stated the main reason officers give in an exit interview when they leave the city is their workload is extreme and they do way too much overtime. He added in the five years he has been with Ypsilanti the department has replaced twenty officers. Mr. Robb asked if four more officers are budgeted how that will affect the department. Chief DeGiusti replied it creates a greater police presence in the city, it will decrease overtime and officer burnout, and officers will be able to spend more time on a complaint making it a more positive interaction. Mr. Robb stated the Police Department has budget the same \$265,000 for overtime over the past five years. Mayor Edmonds stated with more officers the overtime budget can be reduced. Chief DeGiusti stated the amount of overtime will not necessarily go up or down if more officers are hired, there is only so much overtime that can be controlled. When officers have late arrests they are paid overtime, or when they are needed in court are not controllable.

Council Member Bashert asked if the increase in staff will allow the department to become part of Lawnet. Chief DeGiusti responded no. Ms. Bashert asked what level the department needs to be in order to be able to rejoin Lawnet. Chief DeGiusti responded the department would need around thirty-two officers. Council Member Richardson asked how many years the city has been out of Lawnet. Chief DeGiusti responded three.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is in favor of increasing staffing be at least one other officer. The city has two new millages, and one is in part public safety.

Council Member Richardson stated she would like to see the department reflect the variety of residents of the city. She understands it can be difficult to recruit African Americans and female officers but it should be the concentration. Chief DeGiusti responded the department is pretty diverse, and seven of the twenty-six officers are female, which is way beyond the national average. The department is drawing the right people.

Council Member Richardson recommended Council go view the film "Walking while Black". Chief DeGiusti stated he is going to see if it can be shown at the Police Department.

Mr. McClary stated the General Fund includes \$266,000 that is not allocated, and a police officer and firefighter cost the city \$95,000. The reason why two additional police officers and firefighters were included in the budget is that was a listed Council goal. Council Member Robb stated with all the staffing increases that Council has discussed would again put the budget in a deficit. Council Member Bashert suggested looking at the budget as a whole and then make changes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she is glad Council is advocating for an increase in staff levels in the department.

Council Member Murdock stated he is not certain the department needs to be increased more than the listed two officers. He believes the funds can be used for a one time project and not create continual costs. He asked if the budget as proposed would fulfill the commitment to the DDA contract. Chief DeGiusti responded there are calculations that need to be made prior to answering that question, but the department intends to fulfill that contract. Council Member Robb asked what would happen if the city stopped sending the school resource officer to the school district. Chief DeGiusti responded it would increase the budget by \$77,000. Mr. Robb replied because that is the contract with the school district, and the city has a contract with the DDA. Mr. McClary replied staff is in discussions with the DDA Executive Board regarding this issue. The DDA pays the city a certain amount of money under the contract and receive several services it is premature to discuss that now. Mr. Robb stated the DDA pays a percentage of the TIF and the city provides certain services. Mr. McClary stated the contract states the city will provide police services that is mutually agreed on, it does not say the city will provide a fulltime patrol officer.

Council Member Murdock stated the patrol budget contains \$13,000 for professional development and \$10,000 for training grant funds. Is that for all the training that has been provided to the department. Chief DeGiusti explained yes, but the department leverages as much free training that it is able. Mr. Murdock asked if this budget contains the \$20,000 for professional development from the newly created public safety fund.

Council Member Murdock asked if the carport will be sufficient to support solar panels. Chief DeGiusti responded he is sure it can be engineered in a way it would be able to.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would like to add at least a part-time communications person probably under the City Manager's Office.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, asked if there will be more holiday lights in the downtown.

Mayor Edmonds responded in the affirmative. Ms. Melke stated staff listed the city has received \$7,500 from Decode Detroit. Ms. Edmonds responded through the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance matching grant. Ms. Melke responded staff should park at Water Street. She said Water works park is filthy and she has never noticed them being cleaned. She asked that all the city's crosswalks be repainted. She suggested the city have a Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Edmonds responded there is a very active parks commission.

X. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS –

XII. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2018-121, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.