



**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.  
YPSILANTI, MI 48197  
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 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	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

**III. INVOCATION –**

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

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

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

**V. AGENDA APPROVAL –**

**Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to approve the agenda.**

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, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Accounting Supervisor Rheagan Basabica, Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, Department of Public Services Director Stan Kirton, and OHM Engineer Kent Early.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS –**

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

1. Adrienne Hirschfelder, 915 Sheridan St., stated she would like to see more options for community youth. The Eastern Michigan University Recreation IM currently offers community membership, however, it is not realistically available to the community. Many community members would like to see the Rec IM fees lowered and those under the age of eighteen allowed in without a guardian.

2. Jesse Ramse, 8367 Glendale Dr., supported Council Member Murdock's proposal for allocating greater funds for city parks. He would like to see the restrooms opened to the public.
3. Erica Bloom, 907 Pleasant, stated she is a Friends of the Rutherford Pool Board member. The pool board is about to embark on a capital project to improve its bathhouse. They have applied for a DNR Grant and will be penalized unless the city removes the recycling center. She encouraged Council to vote to remove the center.
4. Jessica Faul, 101 N. Wallace Blvd., encouraged Council to remove the Frog Island recycle center. If the center is not removed the Rutherford Pool will lose fifty out of a possible one-hundred and fifty points on its grant application.
5. Cindy Bodeves, 14108 E. Austin Rd., stated she is a member of WROC, the Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition, which brings together faith, labor, and individuals to create a collective voice with the hope to impact in the county. She asked Council to postpone any proposals that make use of the funds allocated by the county Mental Health and Public Safety Millage until her organization has had the opportunity to meet with Council. The organization urges all municipalities to view funding the directly addresses the crisis of mental health in the city as not just another budgetary line item.
6. John Hollingsworth, 4463 Hunt Club #2B, encouraged greater funding for mental health issues. The local police departments need this funding to better respond to mental health crises. His organization will be meeting with community leaders to ensure they keep their commitment to county voters to address mental health issues.
7. James Anderson, 1655 Victor, stated WROC has been working on mental health issues equality for a year. This issue is larger than one millage or one budget, mental health issues are deeply intertwined with many issues facing communities. There need to be other avenues for people to take for mental health crises other than police departments.
8. Carissa Watson, 2049 Bomber Ave., stated the mental millage needs to be used for its intended purpose in supporting public safety departments to respond to mental health crises. Hopefully, her organization will be able to work with the city to address these issues.
9. Laura Austin, 410 S. Huron, stated her main concern is the city's roads they are in disrepair. She is aware some are state trunk lines, and has called to have holes repaired along those roads. She has contacted the City Manager and Council Member Richardson who have told her roads are being patched daily, which is untrue. She has left numerous messages for both the City Manager and the DPS Director and has not had a return call in some time. Residents should be getting the services their tax dollars fund.
10. Amber Fellows, Ypsi Resident, stated the HRC Chair Sam Jones-Darling will discuss the resolution concerning the Rainbow Pride Flag. She encouraged Council to engage with the WROC group regarding the mental health. She agrees there is a gap in mental health services in Ypsilanti, which is filled in by the Police Department. She suggested an alternative to the police needs to be fund to address mental health issues. She asked Council to not hire anymore police officers.
11. Kyle Hunter, 430 S. Adams, stated the Mayor is corrupt and needs to be removed from office. She has lied on oath, and does not care about the city, and he does not care about what she has to say.
12. Dave Heikkinen, 133 W. Michigan Ave, Business Owner, stated there is a parking issue in the city, which will be further complicated as more buildings become occupied. There is money in this budget

to complete a parking strategy, and it is fair to say the business owners do not want to waste any money on studies, or strategies. The city never follows any of the findings of those studies, and business owners can inform staff what the issues are. He asked if any funds are to be allocated for parking have them be used to make changes not for studies. There needs to be signage, restriping, and filling potholes the Washington Street parking lot isn't very full, the Riverside Park lot is basically empty, and Water Street could be used to some degree. The most important people that come to the downtown are the customers, and that drives the success of Ypsilanti.

13. Sam Jones-Darling, 102A Village, stated when Resolution No. 2018-133 should include the Trans Pride Flag as well as the Rainbow Flag. The HRC believes Ypsilanti is an inclusive city and when things are visible change happens. He added the \$20,000 for professional development for public safety is positive, staff need more training. He thinks it is a good idea to allocate funds to construct a train platform, to increase public transit. Increasing public transit allows for greater opportunity to address public health issues.
14. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, asked to see a list for exactly how the public safety millage was being allocated. She agrees the police department needs greater training for mental health crises. She lives in a building that 80% of the tenants have mental health issues, and she is the person that calls the police when there is a problem. It should not be her responsibility, there should be another avenue. Community Mental Health services are incredibly inadequate, which is why these funds need to be dedicated to those services. She does not think rental inspections should follow a three year cycle, an additional inspector needs to be hired to get back on track. She doesn't agree there are not enough places to park, parking needs to be better strategized. She asked when meetings for parking take place they include more than just business owners. She asked when the recycling center is removed are there concerns of contamination, and if so what would remediation cost. She supported Council Member Murdock's proposal to allocate \$100,000 for park improvements.

**IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –**

- Mayor Edmonds thanked Ms. Hirshfelder for her comments regarding the campaign for EMU to allow greater community use of its recreation facilities. Ms. Edmonds recommended requesting the Parks and Recreation Commission make a formal request to the university, which could then be submitted to Council.
- Most other comments will be addressed as a part of budget discussions.

Council Member Richardson stated has traveled the route Ms. Austin is speaking about across Harriet on Hamilton there is a ridge in the road. If she had been going the speed limit damage would have been done to her car. She asked that there be a resolution to this problem. Staff needs to be careful in how they respond to the public.

**X. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING –**

***Ordinance No. 1310***

1. An ordinance entitled, "2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance".
  - A. Resolution No. 2018-123, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the proposed ordinance entitled "2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on First Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

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SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

City Manager Darwin McClary stated the tax rate will be increasing by about 1.0939 mills over the current year. There are two new millages that will be on the summer tax bill, the Mental Health and Public Safety Millage and the Water Street Debt Millage.

B. Public Hearing

1. Dave Heikkinen, 133 W. Michigan Ave, Business Owner, stated he is shocked by the tax rates in the city. The rates are higher than in Rochester Hills, Ypsilanti needs to do whatever it can to decrease the tax rates. Council needs to think about making it more difficult for development because this city needs development to decrease the tax rates.
2. Laura Austin, 410 S. Huron, stated the city’s taxes are extremely high, and as taxes increase services decrease. She knows there are plenty of places that pay less in taxes and have better services.
3. Kyle Hunter, 430 S. Adams, stated there Native American remains on Water Street, which has been confirmed by a historian.
4. Adrienne Hirschfelder, 915 Sheridan St., reiterated Ypsilanti has one of the highest millage rates in the state. It is going to be difficult for home owners to stay in the city. If the values of homes continue to increase many home owners will be forced out of the city.

C. Resolution No. 2018-124, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled “2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance”, be officially closed.**

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Edmonds thanked all for their comments and encouraged citizens to get involved with state legislative campaigns to increase state revenue sharing.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-123 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

- 2. An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and major Organizational Unit for FY 2017-2018"..

D. Resolution No. 2018-125, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, be approved on First Reading.**

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

City Manager McClary stated FY 2017-2018 amended budget calls for a General Fund expenditure of \$14.3 million. The aggregate expenditure budget for all funds is \$29.5 million.

E. Public Hearing

None

F. Resolution No. 2018-126, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**The Public Hearing for "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018, be officially closed.**

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Murdock stated after the noted changes are made the budget is short \$6,300. Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy responded the city received a payment as a result of the sale of city property to the Ozone House. That coupled with the EHIM Wrap adjustments resulted in the shortfall of \$6,300. Mr. McClary added the shortfall will require a transfer from the General Fund.

Council Member Murdock asked if the amount listed from the Ozone House property sale was net or gross. Ms. Uy responded it is the net amount.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-126 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

3. An ordinance to adopt budget appropriations by department and major organizational unit for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years.
  - A. Resolution No. 2018-127, determination

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020", be approved on First Reading.**

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

Mr. McClary stated as it currently stands revenues are at \$13,914,932 and expenditures are \$13,700,487. The General Fund Budget would be \$14,039,400 and expenditures would be \$13,554,388. The aggregate of all funds is \$30,225,932 and expenditures are \$29,611,590 and the following year the revenues are \$30,751,710 and expenditures are \$29,580,853. At this point the city's financial situation is looking more positive. If the trends continue the city will be in better financial shape than it has in years.

B. Public Hearing

1. Mark Hergott, 111 Miles, stated roughly \$200,000 for 2019 and about \$500,000 for 2020. It doesn't cost that much to keep restrooms open in the parks. That is the one thing that Council and the City Manager could do to indicate the days of austerity are over.
2. Sam Jones-Darling stated the city has an issue with its rental units, and the rental monopolies are taking advantage of this city's citizens and unfairly increasing rents. The city has a shortfall of rental inspectors and \$30,000 could change that and occupancy certificates could be revoked if mold is detected. He is going to push the Human Relations Commission to stop income discrimination, including Section 8.
3. Laura Austin, 410 S. Huron, agreed the city needs to hire more inspectors to regulate rental properties.
4. Dave Heikkinen, 133 W. Michigan Ave, Business Owner, stated there is a study budgeted for \$80,000 and asked what that is.

Council Member Richardson responded the study is for the Penn Dam. Mr. Heikkinen replied he hopes a parking study has not been budgeted. Council Member Murdock responded the parking study is in the budget. Mr. Heikkinen replied he hopes Council will consider removing that study.

5. Adrienne Hirschfelder, 915 Sheridan St., asked for the bathrooms to be fixed in the city's parks.
6. Noah Rucker, 1839 Austin Dr., agreed more funding needs to be funneled into rental inspections. There is an issue with white supremacy in how employees are treated. This is a big issue and needs to be addressed.

7. Kyle Hunter, 430 S. Adams, stated he stands in solidarity with opening the bathrooms in the city parks. He agrees white supremacy needs to be taken account in housing, especially on the Southside. Several people he has spoken with are experiencing housing insecurity because of the urban renewal program.
8. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, stated Council has been chastised for not being transparent. A town hall was held for the budget which was not a true town hall, there was no back and forth. Now the packet for this meeting is too large for the public to search through, how Council can expect the community to become involved.
9. Amber Fellows, Ward 3, agreed the budget town hall was not useful, and encouraged to hold an improved one next year. She said she will be in support of any affordable housing initiative. Affordable housing improves public safety, mental health, community relations, and it would be a sign of cooperation from Council.

C. Resolution No. 2018-128, close public hearing

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That the Public Hearing to consider an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years "2018 – 2019 and 2019 - 2020", be officially closed.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the cost would be to open the restrooms in city parks. Mr. McClary replied he does not believe staff has been provided those estimates to date. DPS Director Kirton added each facility will need to be evaluated in order to provide accurate estimates. Ms. Edmonds asked for those estimates.

Council Member Murdock asked if two police officers are hired will the city be able to meet its obligation to provide a DDA district officer. Mr. McClary replied one of the positions will be assigned primarily to the downtown district to comply the contract. That does not mean the officer cannot be utilized for other emergency situations.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is strongly in favor of increasing training for the Police Department for mental health crises.

Council Member Vogt stated at one point he supported funding three new police officers, and the budget can be amended throughout the year. If Council sees a need to add another officer, beyond the two in this budget, the budget can be amended. He added if there are other things, beyond the Police Department, Council would wish to add to the budget, it can be done at a later date. Mayor Edmond added part of the difficulty of recruiting and training officers is because the low staff levels lead to officer burnout. Chief DeGiusti agreed.

Council Member Richardson agreed Council needs to at least budget two officers. Sometime in the future this country needs to deal with the systemic racism in police departments. Until that issue is resolved all police departments will have difficulty recruiting qualified officers.

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to add a fulltime code enforcement officer to the budget.**

Mayor Edmonds asked what the cost would be for an additional code enforcement officer. Mr. McClary responded \$38,940. Council Member Richardson asked if the employee would be hired at tier two. Council Member Bashert asked if the estimated amount includes additional revenue the position could generate. Mr. McClary responded no.

Council Member Robb stated the issue with code enforcement is not a lack of inspectors it is a lack of support staff. This is the wrong way to approach the problem. Mayor Edmonds responded the current code enforcement officer provides all his own paperwork, and it will be up to the chief how he wishes to allocate the work load. Chief DeGiusti proposed there are many complaints that are received by code enforcement, a second officer would allow the complaints to be responded to more quickly.

Council Member Richardson asked what it would take to make the code enforcement officer more productive. Chief DeGiusti replied he believes the code enforcement officer is very productive, but what would help him is to shorten the time frames required by ordinance for warnings. Council Member Murdock asked if a proposal could be brought to Council to make those adjustments. Council Member Robb replied the city must follow due process. The only issues that receive warnings are grass and snow which are published. There needs to be consistency in how the city operates, what code enforcement needs is administrative help much like in the building department. Mayor Edmonds stated her goal is to increase code enforcement's capacity.

Council Member Bashert asked what would be more helpful, more administrative help or another officer. Chief DeGiusti replied even if the officer had zero clerical work he still would not be able to have enough time to cover the entire city.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 by adding a fulltime code enforcement officer was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

Council Member Bashert stated the city has a backlog of rental inspections. Staff has expressed that it is as much a clerical issue as an inspection issue. She asked if staff is confident it can get inspections back on track. Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers responded in the affirmative, and Building Department staff has informed him additional clerical help will assist in achieving that goal. Ms. Bashert expressed it is an urgent matter for the city to get its rental inspection program up to date. She would like staff to get caught up within four months. Mr. Meyers stated additional clerical help will allow the department to be more proactive. Ms. Bashert responded she does not want the program to catch up in a year.

**Council Member Bashert moved to hire temporary clerical and inspection staff until inspections are caught up within four months.**

Council Member Robb asked for clarification of the motion.

Council Member Bashert asked what staff it would take to get back on track. Mr. Meyers responded part of the issue would be training new staff. It takes around two months for an employee to be trained, and would be difficult for temporary employees. Staff can put together a proposal on how to get inspection back on schedule, but setting a timeline is difficult. Ms. Bashert stated she would like to see that proposal if there is Council support and a person in the pipeline who is partially trained on the city ordinances. Mayor Edmonds agreed with Council Member Bashert, but realistically it would be difficult to get on schedule in four months. Mr. McClary asked if Council is comfortable with the city hiring contracted services. Ms. Bashert replied that should be considered in the proposal. Council Member Richardson added it would make sense to contract to complete that work.

**Council Member Bashert withdrew her motion.**

Council Member Murdock stated this is the first budget in ten years the city has flexibility to accomplish some goals, rather than respond to debt. The approval of the Water Street Debt and the County Mental Health and Public Safety Millage provide the city with additional revenue. Staff submitted a budget that restores several positions that were eliminated as a part of the economic downturn to increase service. Staff recommended creating a public safety account to allocate the funds created by the county millage. He stated there are many issues in the city that need to be addressed that have been postponed because of the economy. He suggested allocating funds to the capital park fund, moving the recycling center, providing a match to the Rutherford Pool for the DNR Grant, providing funds to respond to issues with the Penn Dam, and creating a housing trust fund. He stated the city recently lost one-hundred affordable housing units when Cross Street Village changed its business structure. However, it will increase the city's revenue by \$90,000, which can be used to fix the situation Cross Street Village caused. He does not believe the city should allocate the county funds for public safety. The funds should be allocated to the General Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund instead of forming a public safety fund.

Council Member Richardson appreciated all the work of Council Member Murdock, and agrees with his proposals but does not think it should come out of the county millage. When people voted to approve this millage they did so thinking it would be used for mental health. If it is used for something different she feels people will view it as a 'bait and switch'. She views the only proposition that would use the funds for what they were intended is developing a housing trust fund. Mayor Edmonds agreed, and suggested using the county millage to fund police training, the new code enforcement officer, the hiring of two police officers, and potentially the housing trust fund. Ms. Richardson stated she would like funds to establish a warming and cooling center.

**Council Member Richardson moved to allocate \$100,000 of the County Mental Health and Public Safety Millage for the development of a warming and cooling center.**

**Council Member Richardson withdrew the motion.**

Council Member Murdock stated funding the two ongoing positions with the millage funds could be a disaster, and has been the case in the past. Ongoing costs should be in the General Fund not a millage that will expire in a few years. He is not against funding a warming center and assumed there was going to be a proposal for this budget based on conversations over the past six months. However, he views a warming center as an ongoing expense and should be done in conjunction with the county, who has a higher funding capacity. Mayor Edmonds responded she understands the philosophical differences, but the millage has a life span of eight years.

Council Member Vogt stated he is sympathetic to Council Member Richardson's suggestion to develop a warming center. However, Ypsilanti can barely do the fundamental tasks of a city and should be extremely careful and reluctant about taking on a new project. He suggested the city explore the possibility of a warming center with county agencies, state agencies, charities, and churches to see if a better job can be done without expending city funds. He believes the tax payers read the millage language and realize the funds allocated to the city had nothing to do with mental health. When he voted for it he understood the city could use that money for capital improvements. The city is not the past party to address mental health issues, those are better helped at the county level, and the city should not fund duplicate services. Council Member Richardson responded most of the people she spoke with did not view the millage in that matter.

Council Member Bashert agreed it is a mistake to fund staff through a millage that could sunset in eight years. She agrees the mental health portion of the millage was to be administered by the county. Municipalities are not set up to provide mental health services. She worked for a number of years in homeless advocacy as a fund development director and she is familiar with the needs of the homeless community. She would like to contact an agencies to provide data to understand the homeless issue in the eastern part of the county prior to considering providing services.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated many of the residents she spoke with expect to see funds spent on mental health and public safety. She asked the Chief to provide a concise version of what the department is working on in terms of mental health. Chief DeGiusti stated the work is still in its initial stages. The Washtenaw County Mental Health Diversion Council,

which includes several county police forces, members of Community Mental Health, Children Services, Mental Health Court, the Public Defender's Office, and other agencies. The purpose of this Council is to understand the particulars of the problem and the best course of action to use the funding to find a resolution. The work on this has just begun, and the third meeting is Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Nothing is concrete at this point, but all stakeholders are at the table with the ability to provide input.

Council Member Richardson asked for an overview of the training initiated by the Sherriff's Department. Chief DeGiusti replied the training involves more than just mental health issues, it incorporates several other trainings such as implicit bias training and several others. Mayor Edmonds stated she understands on each shift at least one officer will have training in mental health crises, and asked for an explanation of that training. Chief DeGiusti responded Critical Incident Training is a forty hour course, which includes an eight hour segment regarding managing mental health crises. The training will provide an officer the training to work with someone from Community Mental Health during a mental health crisis. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked if officers have begun that training. Chief DeGiusti responded no, he explained it is a large undertaking but if successful it will be well worth it.

Council Member Vogt stated the Penn Dam is either going to need to be repaired, at great expense, or removed at greater expense. If the dam is removed it will most likely require tremendous remediation, and development of the river bottom. The city needs to begin planning and allocate funding for that project. He agreed with Council Member Murdock this is a public safety issue, if the dam fails it could result in deaths. He supports setting money aside for that purpose. Mr. McClary stated the 2013 study revealed a cost of just under \$700,000 for only repairs, and a rough estimate for removal is \$1 million or more. Mr. Vogt stated allocating \$100,000 a year for eight years will make that project more secure. He would also like to allocate \$50,000 to \$100,000 for possible unknowns. Generally speaking he is in favor of Council Member Murdock's suggestions.

Council Member Murdock stated he revised his proposed allocations to include a train fund of \$100,000, and reduce his other proposed allocations.

**Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to eliminate the Public Safety Fund and use the \$375,000 to cover specific projects for FY 2018-19; including \$125,000 to the Park Capital Fund, \$50,000 to the Penn Dam Fund, \$75,000 to a Housing Trust Fund, \$25,000 to the removal of the recycling center, and \$100,000 for the train stop. In FY 2019-2020 all allocations to be the same, except the removal of the recycling center will be change to a match for the Rutherford Pool Grant.**

**Council Member Vogt moved to amend the amendment by removing \$25,000 out of the Parks Capital Fund for each year, and set it aside as a non-designated amount for future consideration.**

**Without support the motion fails.**

Council Member Murdock stated he is not opposed to reducing his allocation to the Parks Capital Fund, but the allocation of \$125,000 would amount to \$10,000 per park. Each of the bathroom renovations would cost more than \$10,000. Council Member Bashert stated there are not bathrooms in each park.

Council Member Richardson asked why these funds cannot come from the funds freed up by the Water Street Millage. Council Member Robb stated it could but there is only \$175,000 remaining to be allocated.

Council Member Bashert stated in general she agrees with the proposed allocation. However, the allocation for the Penn Dam appears to be too small, considering the large expense. She would like that allocation to be increased to \$75,000 for each year. She suggested reducing the proposed Parks Capital Fund by \$15,000 and the Housing Trust Fund by \$10,000.

**Council Member Bashert moved, Council Member Vogt to amend the amendment to reduce the proposed Parks Capital Fund by \$15,000 and the Housing Trust Fund by \$10,000 and allocate the \$25,000 to the Penn Dam.**

Mayor Edmonds stated she will not be supporting that motion. Council Member Richardson agreed.

Council Member Murdock suggested using the General Fund to finance the removal of the recycling center. Mr. McClary replied the \$25,000 for the removal of the recycling center can come from the General Fund.

Mayor Edmond prefers keeping the public safety fund intact, but it appears the majority of Council wishes to use those funds elsewhere. She explained if the Public Safety Fund is eliminated it appears everything would be coming from the General Fund. Council Member Murdock replied the funds would flow into the Capital Improvement Fund. Council Member Bashert stated the Penn Dam is either going to be a problem or a project at some point, and must be addressed. \$50,000 a year will not begin to solve that problem.

Council Member Bashert is open to using the \$25,000 proposed for the removal of the recycling center, and use the General Fund to finance that project.

**Council Member Murdock moved a friendly amendment to use the General Fund to finance the removal of the recycling center and the Rutherford Pool grant match, and allocate the \$25,000 original proposed for the removal of the recycling center to the Penn Dam project for two years.**

**Council Member Bashert accepted the friendly amendment.**

**Council Member Vogt accepted the friendly amendment.**

On a roll call, the vote to amend the amendment to Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 2 (Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Robb stated setting aside \$75,000 for the Housing Trust Fund in FY ending 2019 doesn't make sense because the city does not know what that trust will do. It is an interesting idea, but until the time the fund is better defined he doesn't want to allocate funding to it. He suggested leaving the allocation of \$75,000 in for FY 2019-2020, but removing the \$75,000 in FY 2018-2019 and move it into the Park Capital Fund.

**Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to remove the \$75,000 from the Housing Trust Fund in FY 2018-2019 and move it into the Park Capital Fund.**

Mayor Edmonds stated there is much excitement in the Housing Equity Committee and suggested leaving in those funds in order to address needs as the report is finalized.

Council Member Murdock stated the idea of a Housing Trust Fund is to accumulate resources to use in the future. Removing the funding from the first year would delay that process. He will not be supporting Council Member Robb's amendment. Mayor Edmond stated funding a warming center would be an appropriate use of that fund.

Council Member Bashert stated the Housing Trust Fund is an open line item, and there are amazing things, especially as funds accumulate. She asked if Council will be the deciding body on what to do with those funds. Council Member Murdock responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is in favor of providing greater funding for parks, but she would like to begin to enhancing public safety and mental health initiatives.

Council Member Richardson stated she agrees city parks need to increase maintenance and re-open the bathrooms, but she would prefer it not come out of the Housing Trust Fund. She understands the restrooms were closed resulting from damage. Council Member Robb stated that was the reason, the restrooms would be damaged, than repaired only to again be damaged.

On a roll call, the vote to amend the amendment for Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 2 NO: 5 (Vogt, Richardson, Murdock, Bashert, Edmonds) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until midnight.**

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

Council Member Richardson asked to possible table this to later in the meeting, in order the hear resolutions audience members might be interested.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment to Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 2 (Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to table Resolution No. 2018-128 until later in the meeting.**

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and Resolution No. 2018-128 was table.  
Council Member Robb dissented on the vote.

Council Member Richardson was absent.

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA –**

Resolution No. 2018-129

1. Resolution No. 2018-130, approving minutes of May 15, May 17, May 22, 2018.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**THAT the minutes of May 15, May 17, and May 22, 2018 be approved.**

2. Resolution No. 2018-131, 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:**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b>Keith Michalowski 410 Maple Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (Reappointment)</b>	<b>Sustainability Commission</b>	<b>5/1/2021</b>
<b>Heather Khan-Welsh 711 Cambridge St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)</b>	<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	<b>5/1/2021</b>
<b>Cheryl Zuellig 702 Collegewood Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)</b>	<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>5/1/2021</b>

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

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

Council Members Vogt and Richardson were absent.

**XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –**

1. Resolution No. 2018-114, approving Ordinance 1309 to Rezone 720 Norris, and the west 65' of 715 N River, 717 N River, 719 N River, 721 N River, 723 N River and 725 N River to GC-General Corridor.  
**(Tabled May 15, 2018)**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**Whereas, an application has been made to rezone 720 Norris and a portion of certain North River St parcels from NC and CN-Mid to GC; and**

**Whereas, a guiding value of the adopted Master Plan is “Ypsilanti is a good place to do business, especially the green and creative kind;” and**

**Whereas, the Planning Commission has reviewed the application for rezoning and recommended approval;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the ordinance entitled “Norris and North River rezoning” on first reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Council Member Murdock suggested waving Council rules and allow individuals living near the site of the proposed ordinance change to comment.

A member of the audience stated the property owners near the site encourage the change in the zoning code.

Council Member Robb stated his issue with the proposed change is the change it will cause in parking at the site. He stated if the applicant proposes constructing a parking lot next to single family homes what will be staff’s recommendation be to the Planning Commission. Ms. Wessler responded extensive screening, limited access and not to access onto River St, and access onto Norris. She added she cannot not speak to parking quantity without knowing more about the design of the building. Mr. Robb asked where else in the city is a parking lot next to CN-Mid, is the city creating an issue that does not exist anywhere else in the city. Ms. Wessler replied no, every church and every school has parking next to some sort of residential area. Mr. Robb clarified the parking as commercial. Ms. Wessler replied technically schools and churches are commercial uses. She asked what the concern is, as the ordinance has anticipated parking being next to different land uses. Mr. Robb responded this is a higher intensity use and the business will stay open until midnight. His concern is creating an issue that does not exist anywhere else in the city. Ms. Wessler responded no, but the issues is more common closer to downtown.

Council Member Bashert stated during the last meeting the discussion was about eight story buildings and now there is an issue with parking. This has the recommendation of staff and the Planning Commission, and further this is an established business looking to expand and has completed its due diligence. Mayor Edmonds added the property owners boarding this business have only stated they are pleased with the expansion.

Council Member Richardson asked what the Ward 3 Council Members have heard from their constituents regarding this proposed change in zoning. Council Member Murdock responded the Corner Brewery is a popular business causing support for its expansion. However, several neighbors have raised some concern with the proposed change in zoning. He assume the site plan approval of this project will include noticed public hearings at a Planning Commission meeting, but will not be heard again by Council. There will be opportunities to voice opinions once for information is available. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb responded he has expressed his concerns regarding parking. Currently, the parking lot is screened to the houses on River Street. Mayor Edmonds asked what Council Member Robb had heard from his constituents. Mr. Robb responded people are concerned about it, there are six houses around the site and one is on board with the request. Ms. Wessler stated several of the neighbors attended the Planning Commission meeting and parking was not discussed to her recollection. It is not unusual to have parking next to a residential area anywhere in the city.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-114 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2018-132, South Huron Parking Lot Improvements.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti owns, operates, and maintains seven (7) municipal parking lots within the downtown district of the city; and**

**WHEREAS, the former Smith Furniture building at the northeast corner of South Washington and Ferris is being renovated for legal assistance services and will generate considerable additional parking demand in the South Huron municipal parking lot; and**

**WHEREAS, downtown merchants have expressed serious concerns about the impact of the additional utilization of the parking lot and demand for parking for business customers and employees; and**

**WHEREAS, the merchants are requesting that the city act to repair and restripe the South Huron parking lot forthwith to maximize the number of available parking spaces to address the parking needs of the business community; and**

**WHEREAS, the city has obtained a restriping design from its engineers to maximize the number of parking spaces in the South Huron lot, together with a probable estimate of construction cost in the amount of \$50,000, including construction, contingency, and design and construction engineering;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby waive competitive bidding requirements and authorize administration to proceed to solicit competitive price quotations for the repair and restriping of the South Huron parking lot and to proceed with the work as soon as possible at an estimated total cost of \$50,000.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided an update to why this resolution was submitted for approval.

Council Member Bashert stated the lot was never painted to maximize the space. Mr. Meyers responded no. Ms. Bashert asked why it was painted in that configuration. Council Member Robb responded it was painted that way to accommodate for fire suppression vehicles. Ms. Bashert replied the proposed design would accommodate a fire

suppression vehicle. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked why it was not striped this way initially. Mr. Meyers responded from the research he has completed it was designed that way to maintain a delivery lane.

Council Member Richardson stated the South Huron Lot was redone several years ago through the DDA with Council's approval. It was completed at the time the dumpster enclosures were constructed. The construction changed the flow of traffic onto Huron Street. A number of parking spaces were eliminated at the time, and several Council Members were opposed to the changes in parking. Ms. Bashert stated she is frustrated because the DDA striped the lot to accommodate business needs, and now the city is being asked to pay for this reconfiguration for something the business community requested. She is frustrated MAP is being vilified for causing parking issues in the downtown, when it was the business community that requested the current configuration. Council Member Robb responded it is unfair to lump all businesses into a single community because the business community of fifteen years ago has changed. However, this is a solution to a problem the city does not have. The issue is not with the restriping, the issue is the city allows people with downtown parking permits to park wherever they want. The city can solve this issue if it focuses on the problem, which is allowing employees and residents to use those parking spots. He asked if there is a limit on the number of parking permits to be sold. Mr. McClary responded the ordinance allows for thirty-five residential parking permits, and thirty-one have been issued. Mr. Robb stated the city needs to set rules on employee and residential parking.

OHM Engineer Kent Early stated the scenario provided Council maximizes parking, however, several other scenarios were completed at varying costs.

Mayor Edmonds stated this parking lot has had issues with barrier free signage, especially in the winter months. She asked if that has been addressed as a part of this process. Mr. Early responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds asked if there is a reason why the barrier free spots are not the ones closest to the street. Mr. Early responded they could be moved, if Council decides to do so.

Council Member Vogt asked if there any spots that are listed as motorcycle only, in order to save spots. Mr. Early replied there is potential for that possibility. Mr. Vogt suggested compact only spaces. Mr. Early responded there are concerns about access. Mr. Vogt asked about the possibility of bicycle parking. Mr. Early responded that would not be a problem.

Council Member Murdock stated obviously the parking lot needs to be patched and restriped no matter what the configuration. He said the downtown employee and residential parking issues need to be fixed. He said he has not received a response to why employee permit holders are allowed to park at meters. Mr. McClary responded there are a lot of parking issues that need to be addressed. He added many business have suggested shifting permit parking to the Washington Street Lot. No matter what the city does not everyone is going to be pleased with the outcome. Chief DeGiusti stated he would follow-up with parking enforcement.

Council Member Bashert stated several times during goal setting comments were made to examine parking citywide. She stated the timing of this resolution being submitted to Council seems awkward. Mr. McClary responded the city is addressing this issue now because of the increased demand for parking. Ms. Bashert understands it is to meet an immediate need, but will this create another problem that another \$50,000 will need to be spent to fix. Mr. McClary responded not this project. Ms. Bashert asked why the DDA is not funding the reconfiguration, since they did last time. Mr. McClary responded he believes the DDA would respond because the city collects the revenue for that lot. Council Member Murdock stated he believes the DDA should fund the reconfiguration.

Council Member Richardson stated she is reminded of an MML conference that a Mayor from Bogota, Columbia discussed parking issues. The gentleman claimed parking should not be the responsibility of the city and the city has moving toward non-motorized transportation.

Council Member Robb asked if we were to purchase a parking permit now would it be prorated. City Clerk McMullan responded the permit is prorated. Mr. Robb asked when the parking permits expire. Ms. McMullan responded August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Robb stated the city has until August 31<sup>st</sup> to change the parking rules. Mayor Edmonds replied this reason is why the city needs to perform a parking strategy. Mr. Robb responded a study will tell us the employees should park as far away as possible.

Council Member Bashert stated she will support this because the City Manager said it will be consist with whatever parking solution is found citywide. This community has behaved extremely badly around this topic.

Council Member Murdock stated the restriping and resurfacing needs to be completed, and he does not see buy in from the DDA. He added if the DDA does not contribute to this project, the removal of the recycling center, or the rail project the city owes them nothing in terms of the DDA dedicated police officer. Mr. McClary responded he does not speak for the DDA, but they are interested in partnering with the city on certain projects. He believes they are waiting on further direction from Council.

DPS Director Stan Kirton does have signed proposals to reseal the Washington Street lot and Adams Street Lot.

Council Member Murdock asked if Act 51 Funds can be used for parking lots.

Council Member Robb stated Council should not be voting on this it should be an amendment to the budget. Mayor Edmonds asked when the project will be completed. Mr. Kirton responded it hasn't a request for proposals has not even been completed. Mr. Early added this project will not be completed until the next fiscal year. Mr. Robb stated Council should reject this proposal and discuss it during the budget. Mr. McClary stated when staff returns with a contract to perform the construction a budget amendment will be necessary.

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to call the question.**

On a roll call, the Call to Question was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-132 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

- 3. Resolution No. 2018-133, approving the recommendation from the Human Relations Commission to display the LGBT Rainbow Flag in Council Chambers.

**Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti is a diverse and wide-ranging community,**

**Whereas, Citizens of the City of Ypsilanti acknowledge our joint responsibility to improve upon the experiences of our past and promote diversity specifically among our LGBTQIA+ Community,**

**Whereas, Citizens of Ypsilanti whose identities fall under the LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of economic, social, and political harm,**

**Whereas, City Council has set a precedent of supporting unequivocally the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community in our society,**

**Now be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti authorizes the display of LGBT Rainbow Pride Flag and Trans Flag in the Ypsilanti City Hall Council Chambers.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Council Member Bashert stated she has worked much of her life for LGBT rights, and she is confused why this flag requires a resolution, and the others displayed do not. She is conscious to why the other flags did not need to follow the same process. Council Member Richardson agreed. Ms. Bashert stated she can draft resolutions for the other flags displayed in Council Chambers, or to set this one aside and display the flag without Council approval. Mayor Edmonds agreed, but this resolution was brought before Council by the Human Relations Commission in the process set by Council. Mr. McClary stated by passing a resolution for the other flags it adds the legitimacy they deserve. Ms. Bashert stated she will be happy to draft a resolution for the flag she donated to the city. Council Member Vogt stated he would support that resolution.

Council Member Robb asked that the flags be framed rather than just hanging them on the wall. Mayor Edmonds agreed.

**Council Member Vogt moved a friendly amendment to add Trans Flag to the resolution.**

**Council Member Bashert accepted the friendly amendment.**

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-133 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

4. Resolution No. 2018-134, approving the removal of the Depot Town Recycling Center.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti fully supports recycling and is seeking to have a full and comprehensive recycling program throughout the city; and**

**WHEREAS, there is a need to remove the Recycling Center in Depot Town; and**

**WHEREAS, failure to relocate the recycling center will jeopardize several state grants including the Rutherford Pool Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant; and**

**WHEREAS, the city has received a quote to demolish the recycling center and test for any potential contamination from the oil barn at a cost of \$25,000 for the removal of the center and \$17,500 for the testing of the site; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Ypsilanti City Council does hereby direct that the recycling drop-off center operations cease and the buildings and foundations be removed no later than September 1, 2018; and**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorize Administration to attempt to secure alternative recycling drop-off services if feasible and cost effective.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an alternative plan for the collection and recycling of Styrofoam be developed, and be it**

**FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the .4FTE staffing of the DOS be re-programed from environmental services to parks.**

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

Mr. Meyers provided an update to the resolution.

Mr. McClary stated staff has a meeting scheduled with Ypsilanti Township regarding the use of their recycling site. Council Member Richardson asked if this is a temporary solution. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock stated he has an alternate resolution that was provided with the Council Packet. He would like to add a couple segments of that resolution to this resolution for approval.

**Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to add the following to the end of the proposed resolution; "FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an alternative plan for the collection and recycling of Styrofoam be developed, and be it", and "FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the .4FTE staffing of the DOS be re-programed from environmental services to parks."**

Mayor Edmonds stated she would support the amendment, but asked the DPS Director his opinion about the amendments. Mr. Kirton responded he would not suggest making that change to staffing. Council Member Murdock stated the parks are a mess and need more attention. Mr. Kirton responded to make any difference he will need more than a .4 fulltime employee (FTE).

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-134 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-134 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

5. Resolution No. 2018-135, approving marihuana facilities, permitted by the City of Ypsilanti, to continue to operate after June 15, 2018, pending application for state licensure, so long as the marihuana facility is otherwise in compliance with Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS, The City had been previously licensing medical marijuana facilities under Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances; and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with the adoption of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act ("MMFLA"), City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1298 to amend this chapter of the Code of Ordinances; and**

**WHEREAS, under the amended language of this Chapter, all medical marijuana facilities are required to be in compliance with, in pertinent part, the MMFLA, Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, as well as any and all administrative rules or regulations contained or adopted under the authority therein; and**

**WHEREAS, based on the emergency rules promulgated by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs ("LARA") under the MMFLA, the amended language of the Code provides that marijuana facilities operating in the City are required to be licensed by the State of Michigan on or before June 15, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, on May 30, 2018, Governor Rick Snyder signed new emergency rules submitted by LARA that allows currently operating marijuana facilities that have timely submitted an application for licensure by the State to continue to operate with local approval until September 15, 2018, pending consideration of the application.**

**WHEREAS, it is possible under Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinance that marijuana facilities currently operating under permit from the City may have to cease operation if they do not possess a State license by June 15, 2018, even though this deadline was extended by LARA; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT marijuana facilities permitted by the City of Ypsilanti may continue to operate after June 15, 2018, pending application for state licensure, so long as the marijuana facility is otherwise in compliance with Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Ypsilanti and the pertinent administrative rules promulgated by the State of Michigan or other relevant body or agency.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is directed to draft and present, as soon as possible, a proposed amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances consistent with this resolution.**

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene provided an update to why this was submitted for approval.

Council Member Murdock stated since the facilities will be going through this process continually. He asked is it possible to anticipate that change through an ordinance amendment. Mr. DuChene responded he doesn't think it would be wise to adopt all the rules. There will be changes coming quickly; one being amending the ordinance to get over the transition hump. He added the state legislature did not pass recreational marihuana so it will be going before the voters on the November ballot.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-135 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Council Member moved Council Member Vogt, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to remove Resolution No. 2018-128 from the table.**

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and Resolution No. 2018-128 was removed from the table.

**Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown, to remove the Assistant City Manager telephone reduce budget by \$645, increase the budget for City Manager membership and dues by \$139, increase the Clerk Budget by \$15,000 to publish the City Charter, increase the fund to file liens by \$11,000, and allocate \$27,000 to Parkridge Center for FY 2018-2019.**

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem to increase the Police Department Budget by \$20,000 for training.**

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to increase the budget by \$50,000 for improvements to the South Huron Parking Lot.**

Council Member Murdock stated his concern the DDA should be contributing to this project.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to remove the Assistant City Manager telephone reduce budget by \$645, increase the budget for City Manager membership and dues by \$139, increase the Clerk Budget by \$15,000 to publish the City Charter, increase the fund to file liens by \$11,000, and allocate \$27,000 to Parkridge Center for FY 2019-2020.**

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Murdock asked why the parking study is being budgeted for two years instead of one if it is so important. Mr. Meyers responded if approved a request for proposals would be released immediately. He cannot explain why the cost was spread out between two years, that was budgeted prior to him become Interim Economic Development Director. He assumes the \$50,000 was budgeted for implementation of the strategies. Mr. Murdock asked when staff estimates when a report would be completed from the study. Mr. Meyers responded he hopes six months. Mr. Murdock stated if the funding is moved from the second year to the first implementation could be completed faster.

**Council Member Murdock moved, Council Member Vogt to transfer the funds budgeted for parking strategy implementation from FY 2019-2020 to FY 2018-2019.**

Council Member Richardson asked what the city will be getting for the \$25,000 for this year. Mr. Meyers responded the \$25,000 is an estimate for the cost to complete the parking strategy, which will provide a guidebook on how to fix the city's issues. Fiscal Service Director Marilou Uy clarified the budget amount is \$30,000 for FY 2018-2019 and \$25,000 for FY 2019-2020.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-128 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 Resolution No. 2018-128 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 2 (Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

**XIII. LIAISON REPORTS –**

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA is talking about some capital improvements in the West Cross District.
- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Council Member Bashert stated the city is assisting the pool in moving forward with their grant proposal.
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team – Mayor Edmonds stated the county has put together a list of affordable housing projects that are at risk, per the loophole the Cross Street Village used. There are not any on the list in the city, but throughout the rest of the county. The county is also working to put a list together of all the affordable housing projects in the county and what their expiration dates are. The Platt Rd project is still in negotiation stages, the developer is now planning on putting the subsidized units on one side of the development, which has been seen with some contention. The county has not hired a position to accomplish workforce development.

**XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –**

Richardson

— The speed bumps have finally been installed on Ferris.

Murdock

— Cross and Hamilton has a similar situation as Harriet and Hamilton.

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –**

**XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –**

— Stated DPS is following up with the issue of the flag at Parkridge Park.

**XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –**

**NOMINATIONS**

**Sustainability Commission**

Julia Bayha  
401 W. Michigan Ave #614  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(Reappointment) – Exp. 5/1/2021

**Downtown Development Authority**

Jessica French  
2339 South Circle Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
(Reappointment) – Exp. 7/7/2021

Mark Teachout  
974 Prospect Rd.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(Reappointment) – Exp. 7/7/2021

**Human Relations Commission**

Avonte Browning – Youth Member  
940 W. Michigan #5  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(New Appointment) – Exp. 7/1/2019

Josie Hicks  
605 Hoyt Hall  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
(New appointment) – Exp. 7/1/2021

**XX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –**

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, stated she is disappointed the city has done nothing for mental health.

**XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –**

**XVIII. CLOSED SESSION -**

Closed session to discuss City Clerk evaluation pursuant to OMA 15.268, Section (8)(a)

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

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

**The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 11:36 p.m.**

**The meeting reconvened at 11:52 p.m.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to accept the evaluation of the Clerk.**

On a roll call, the vote to accept the evaluation of the City Clerk 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. 2018-136, 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 Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.