



CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 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	Absent
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the absence was excused.

III. INVOCATION –

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. AGENDA APPROVAL –

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

Council Member Bashert removed Resolution No. 2018-149, approving appointments to boards and commissions, from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Murdock moved to remove the appointments to the DDA, non-residents, from Resolution No. 2018-149 and hear them as Resolution No. 2018-149A.

Council Member Robb moved to remove Resolution No. 2018-160, 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, from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Richardson moved to add Resolution No. 2018-161, condemning the separation of immigrant families, under Presentations.

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

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Manager Darwin McClary, Deputy Clerk Darwin McClary, City Attorney John Barr, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, Interim Economic Development/DDA Director Joe Meyers, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, and Accounting Supervisor Rheagan Basabica.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2018-137, supporting the 2018 AAATA millage

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) received voter support in 2014 for a 5-year, 0.7 mill property tax for the purpose of expanding public transit services, and

WHEREAS, the AAATA has implemented all aspects of service identified as part of the 2014 plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the AAATA has approved ballot language and is seeking renewal of the 0.7 mill millage at the August 2018 election in order to maintain the new services,

WHEREAS expanded transit service helps to advance the mission of the City of Ypsilanti by increasing access for all residents, reducing pollution and increasing sustainability

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council formally endorses the 2018 AAATA millage.

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

Ypsilanti Representative to the AAATA Gillian Ream Gainsley provided a presentation regarding the AAATA Millage.

Council Member Richardson asked if the AAATA has been involved in discussions regarding the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Ms. Gainsley responded in the affirmative, the politics of the RTA are at a regional level it is being blocked by Oakland and Macomb counties. The AAATA will enthusiastically support any RTA proposals that are able to make it to the ballot.

Mayor Edmonds stated Ms. Gainsley's term is up in a couple of months, and she is actively recruiting for her replacement on the AAATA Board.

Council Member Bashert stated she was proud to serve as one of the co-chairs the last time this millage was on the ballot. Public transportation is very important to this community, the residents of this city who work outside of the city, and the economic development of this city. She is excited how AAATA has increased its services for this community, and to see the millage pass. Mayor Edmonds agreed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-137 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) ABSTAIN: 1 (Robb) VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2018-138, supporting The National Liberty Memorial

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, African Americans served honorably in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, After the War of 1812, the South passed laws and rules that restricted service until the Civil War, and many people are aware of their service in the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, It is important that the world is made aware that African Americans were critical to the success of the Revolutionary War at the Founding of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The National Liberty Memorial will commemorate the 5,000 African Americans that served in the Revolutionary War that most people are unaware of; and

WHEREAS, there were Revolutionary War battles fought in Michigan, and there are graves of soldiers in this state; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the City of Ypsilanti will be the second Michigan city to approve such a resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council strongly supports the creation of The National Liberty Memorial site and urge the U.S. Congress to support and approve this endeavor.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor and The National Liberty Memorial committee.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Sons of the American Revolution Representative Elijah Shalis provided an overview to why the resolution is being asked for approval.

Council Member Richardson stated the city missed being the first city to approve a resolution of support. Mr. Shalis replied he was shocked Detroit moved so quickly, but in a positive note today is Juneteenth a day that celebrates the end of slavery. Ms. Richardson agreed, and said the city should pause and recognizes this holiday, and this is being approved on this day for a reason.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-138 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

3. Resolution No. 2018-161, condemning the separation of immigrant families. **(added)**

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 58, Article V, Section 58-200 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Ypsilanti provides, in part, that it is the policy of the City of Ypsilanti to respect the rights of all persons, regardless immigration status, promote community safety, and to promote acceptance; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2018, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a "zero-tolerance policy" and commitment to criminal immigration enforcement pursuant to 8 USC § 1325(a); and

WHEREAS, since this policy announcement, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has treated the minors of adults prosecuted under 8 USC § 1325(a) as "unaccompanied alien children" under federal law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department Homeland Security estimates that 1,995 minors traveling with 1,940 adults, were so processed during six weeks between April and May and by all accounts continues today; and

WHEREAS, this treatment of children and families, which has drawn strong criticism from national legislators, political figures, former first ladies, and religious leaders from both major political parties and across the political spectrum, is not only against the values of the City of Ypsilanti, as provided in its previously stated policy, but is inhumane and runs counter to the values of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump and members of his administration have called for this policy and practice to be ended by an act of the U.S. Congress rather than reverting to previous procedures; and

WHEREAS, reforms to U.S. immigration laws have been debated for decades and the cries of traumatized children separated from their families should not be used as a tool to address this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council for the City of Ypsilanti adds its voice to others to condemn and decry the policy of separating immigrant children from their families and to call upon the White House, U.S. Congress, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Homeland Security to end this cruel and barbaric practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to President Donald Trump, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, and Representative Debbie Dingell.

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

Mayor Edmonds thanked Council Member Richardson for quickly putting together this resolution.

Council Member Bashert stated this practice is appalling and she is horrified, and it is appropriate Council passes this resolution. She added this practice makes her appalled to be an American.

Mayor Edmonds added an hour ago the United States withdrew from the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Council Member Richardson stated she heard the tape of children crying, and can't this is happening in the United States. However, when a person thinks about other things that have occurred under the guise of justice it isn't hard to believe. Unless changes are made in Washington the people of this country can expect more of these policies.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-161 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Gail Wolkoff, 1728 Whittier, stated mental health does not mean absence of disorder. She is the director of Educate Youth and works with many area teens that have been through a lot in their lives. She asked Council to allocate funds to provide services for the community.
2. Mark Hergott, 111 Miles, stated thousands of Michiganders have fought and died for this country and should be recognized.
3. Brett Snyder, 1216 S. Congress, invited everyone to attend the kids triathlon at Rutherford Pool on August 11th starting at 7:00 a.m.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

X. PUBLIC HEARING –

XI. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING –

1. An ordinance to prohibit the removal of artifacts, digging-up of public lands (treasure hunting) or possession or use of metal detectors in public parks or public lands without permission.

A. Resolution No. 2018-139, determination

Ordinance No. 1313

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the removal of artifacts, digging-up of public lands (treasure hunting) or possession or use of metal detectors in public parks or public lands without permission be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

City Attorney John Barr provided an overview to why this ordinance is being submitted for approval.

Mayor Edmonds asked how other communities have approached this issue. Mr. Barr responded some communities have an ordinance, but many do not. Ms. Edmonds stated the City Manager has had conversations with the Potawatomi Tribe regarding finding artifacts, especially on Water Street. Mr. McClary replied during a Town Hall regarding Water Street representatives from the Potawatomi tribe were present. The tribe commented their concerns that the city needs to be sensitive to any development on the Water Street property. They asked for assurances the city would do what it could reasonably do to protect the sacred nature of that property. The city has also had discussions with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Water Street property. The city is aware there were burials on that property and during the early 1900s some of those burials were unearthed, and the artifacts were taken. The city owns several properties in the community and does not know the entire history of those properties, the city is aware Prospect Park was a cemetery and there is questions if the graves were properly exhumed and transferred to Highland Cemetery. He recommends this ordinance to prevent any disruption of potential artifacts, or historical sites. At the point the city has a functional Parks and Recreation Department in order to monitor any treasure hunting activities this is the best policy.

B. Public Hearing

1. Mark Hergott, 111 Miles, stated treasure hunting is basically a cleaning of aluminum cans in the park. An ordinance would essentially keep a person from examining their own personal history. A too restrictive ordinance, or permitting scheme would reduce the joy of people coming to the parks and playing with a piece of equipment passed down through generations.

C. Resolution No. 2018-140, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the removal of artifacts, digging-up of public lands (treasure hunting) or possession or use of metal detectors in public parks or public lands without permission be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

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

Mayor Edmonds asked if the Potawatomi tribe could issue a formal statement regarding this issue, and how to appropriately handle this it. She added when she spoke with the tribe regarding Water Street they chose not to make a statement. She said the city might want to specifically prohibit the Water Street site in this ordinance, given the safety concern caused by the contamination.

Council Member Bashert stated there are two issues being discussed; one is about metal detecting and the other is about digging. She agrees the metal will not be an issue regarding Native American artifacts, but it does not remove the need to be sensitive. She is curious how much digging happens in the parks yearly. DPS Director Stan Kirton responded allowing

people to dig in the park will result in bare spots in city parks. Ms. Bashert asked how many times this is an issue during the summer months. Mr. Kirton replied he does not have that information due to lack of staff allocated to parks.

Council Member Murdock stated he is disappointed because it seems this ordinance came about with little warning. It seems there are a lot of park systems that control this activity and might even prohibit it in certain areas. He agrees an ordinance could be created that prohibits this activity in certain parks, such as Water Street. The city has the staff for Geo Caching, why would it not have the staff to provide a permitting process for this activity. Mr. McClary replied the city does have a policy for geo caching, but that does not require any digging and the search is for a pre-established item. The problem with treasure hunting is a person is looking for the unknown.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is in favor of tabling this item until staff can provide additional information.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to table Resolution No. 2018-139.

On a roll call, the vote to table Resolution No. 2018-139 until the August 14th meeting was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: 3 (Robb, Murdock, Bashert) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

Council Member Bashert stated her motion will allow staff time to amend the proposed ordinance to include a permitting process and what parks will be off limits to this activity. Since Council was not given the extent this activity damages city parks she must assume it is minimal.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Murdock to postpone Resolution No. 2018-139 until the August 14th meeting, at which Council can be provided an amended ordinance.

On a roll call, the vote to Postpone Resolution No. 2018-139 until the August 14th meeting 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

Ordinance No. 1314

2. An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Ypsilanti City Code to adopt the 2018 Edition of the NFPA (Sections 50-32); to update the conflict provisions (Section 50-33) ; and to make additions, insertions and changes (NFPA 1: 2018 Edition, Section 50-34) to provide for penalties.

A. Resolution No. 2018-141, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Ypsilanti City Code to adopt the 2018 Edition of the NFPA (Sections 50-32); to update the conflict provisions (Section 50-33) ; and to make additions, insertions and changes (NFPA 1: 2018 Edition, Section 50-34) to provide for penalties" be approved on First Reading.

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

Fire Chief Max Anthouard provided an overview to why this resolution is being submitted for Council approval.

Council Member Bashert stated many residents have raised and enclosed fire pits on their property. She asked if they will be allowed under this ordinance change. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked when Council adopts the code can it do so that when new provisions are released they automatically incorporate into the city's code of ordinances. Mr. Barr responded no.

B. Public Hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2018-142, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Ypsilanti City Code to adopt the 2018 Edition of the NFPA (Sections 50-32); to update the conflict provisions (Section 50-33) ; and to make additions, insertions and changes (NFPA 1: 2018 Edition, Section 50-34) to provide for penalties" be officially closed.

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

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-141 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

3. An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add "apartments located below the ground floor of permitted non-residential uses" as a permitted use to Neighborhood Corridor (NC), General Corridor (GC) and Historic Corridor (HC).
 - A. Resolution No. 2018-143, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, an application has been made to amend Section 122-451 of the Zoning Ordinance to add "apartments located below the ground floor of permitted nonresidential uses" as a permitted use to Neighborhood Corridor ; and

Whereas, Planning Commission has unanimously recommended that this use also be added as a permitted use in General Corridor and Historic Corridor; and

Whereas, the proposed amendment is consistent with the guiding values of the Master Plan;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the ordinance entitled "CORRIDOR LOWER LEVEL APARTMENTS" on First Reading.

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

City Planner Bonnie Wessler provided a synopsis to why this has been submitted for approval.

- B. Public Hearing
None
- C. Resolution No. 2018-144, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add "apartments located below the ground floor of permitted non-residential uses" as a permitted use to Neighborhood Corridor (NC), General Corridor (GC) and Historic Corridor (HC) be officially closed.

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

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

Mayor Edmonds stated this ordinance amendment is in line with the city's need to increase density.

Council Member Murdock asked if radon testing can be required for residential units in basements, but he is not certain the requirement would be best suited in the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Wessler responded that would be best suited in Chapter 18 of the City Code.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-143 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

Ordinance No. 1316

4. An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add "Automobile repair, less than 5,000 square feet" as a permitted use to Neighborhood Corridor (NC), General Corridor (GC), and Historic Corridor (HC) with the specific regulations that all repair and storage be within a fully enclosed building and that business hours be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

A. Resolution No. 2018-145, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Planning Commission has unanimously recommended that "Automobile repair, less than 5,000 square feet" be added as a permitted use in Neighborhood Corridor, General Corridor, and Historic Corridor, with conditions restricting storage and hours of operation; and

Whereas, the proposed amendment is consistent with the guiding values of the Master Plan;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the ordinance entitled "CORRIDOR SMALL AND SPECIALTY AUTO REPAIR" on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

City Planner Bonnie Wessler provided a synopsis to why this has been submitted for approval.

Council Member Bashert asked if this amendment will change anything for existing businesses. Ms. Wessler responded this change would be a positive for existing businesses. Ms. Bashert asked if all vehicles will be required to be covered. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative, they would need to be enclosed. Ms. Bashert asked if a currently operating business needs to enclose vehicles at the location. Ms. Wessler responded they would be allow to continue operating, however, if they wished to expand they would need to comply with the ordinance.

B. Public Hearing

1. Michael Furbacher, 730 Norris, stated the passage of this ordinance would allow his business to expend.
2. Michael Michalik, 45667 Ann Arbor Rd., stated his support for the passage of this ordinance.

3. Melissa Hinderlighter, Café Racer, stated her business has been located in Depot Town for nine years. The business has grown to the point it needs to expand, and the only place to do so would be in the neighborhood corridor. She encouraged Council to approve this ordinance.
 4. Paul Nuoffer, 728 Norris, stated specialty shops are a neat part about this community. There is great knowledge in this community and it can be shared with younger generations.
- C. Resolution No. 2018-146, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled, "Zoning Ordinance to add "Automobile repair, less than 5,000 square feet" as a permitted use to Neighborhood Corridor (NC), General Corridor (GC), and Historic Corridor (HC) with the specific regulations that all repair and storage be within a fully enclosed building and that business hours be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
 SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

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

Mayor Edmonds stated the first philosophy of economic development she abides by is to work to grow what already exists in the city. This ordinance amendment is a perfect reflection of that principle.

Council Member Bashert stated small and large engine repair is experiencing a crisis of finding talented people in the industry. If the city energizes people in this industry it is a valuable commodity.

Council Member Robb stated it makes no sense to include Historic Corridor in this ordinance.

Council Member Robb moved to remove Historic Corridor (HC) from the ordinance amendment.

Ms. Wessler stated there is currently a business operating in the Historic Corridor.

With no support the motion fails.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-145 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

XII. CONSENT AGENDA –

- 1. Resolution No. 2018-148, approving minutes of June 5, 2018

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of June 5, 2018 be approved.

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

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

- ~~2. Resolution No. 2018-149, approving appointments to boards and commissions. (moved)~~
- ~~3. Resolution No. 2018-160, 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. (Second Reading)(moved)~~

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

- 1. Resolution No. 2018-150, approving Ordinance No. 1310, an ordinance entitled, "2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance". (Second Reading)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on Second and Final Reading.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-150 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

- 2. Resolution No. 2018-152, approving Ordinance No. 1312, an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to adopt budget appropriations by department and major organizational unit for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years. (Second Reading)

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 Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy provided a synopsis of changes made following the first reading of the budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded Council Member Richardson by to amend the budget and allocate \$25,000 in both FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-2020 to support mental health training, programing, and outreach to Ypsilanti youths for currently existing 501©3.

Mayor Edmonds suggested a mini grant application for currently existing 501©3s in the community currently serving the youth in this community. She sees this as a roll the city can play regarding mental health.

Council Member Bashert asked if the city currently, or has ever offered mini grants like this proposed grant. Council Member Richardson responded many years ago, but not very common. Council Member Murdock added many years ago the city allocated funds to various organizations.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-152 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	No		

VOTE:

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

Council Member Murdock stated his an issue with the Public Safety Fund still being listed in the budget. Ms. Uy clarified the fund was eliminated, but the difference is the Penn Dam removal project is included in an account in the General Fund.

Mayor Edmonds asked for estimates for restroom renovations in city parks, included costs for temporary facilities. Mr. McClary responded DPS is still seeking estimates. Ms. Edmonds stated the time is now to find temporary solutions.

Council Member Murdock stated park restrooms go beyond just repairs, the city needs to find solutions on how to monitor them to keep them in workable condition. Mr. McClary replied once estimates are received they will be brought to Council, along with possible monitoring strategies.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is an estimated timeline for having working facilities in the parks. Mr. McClary asked how quickly the city can receive price quotes for restroom repairs. Mr. Kirton responded it will take time to provide accurate estimates. Ms. Edmonds asked how much it would cost for temporary facilities. Council Member Murdock stated the city is paying \$150 a month for port-a-johns at Prospect Park. Mr. McClary replied staff will set that up as soon as possible.

Council Member Bashert stated she would like to see additional picnic tables in the park, and the tables at Recreation Park replaced.

Council Member Richardson asked what exactly has been budgeted for furniture replacement. Mr. McClary replied \$70,000 for technology upgrades and furnishings. The furnishings will cost roughly \$17,000. Mayor Edmonds stated the County has budget around \$1 million to refurbish the Board of Commissioners Chambers.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-152 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2018-151, approving Ordinance 1311, an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for FY 2017-2018". (***Second Reading***)

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 Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-151 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Richardson) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2018-153, approving contract with Rehmann Robson for professional and auditing services

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Council under the Ypsilanti City Code requires a change in auditing firm after a five-year continuous annual auditing of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City posted on March 13, 2018, a Requests for Proposals for Professional Services to conduct the annual audit for years ending on June 30, 2018 through June 30, 2020 was posted at www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn; and

WHEREAS, six bids were received and after review and evaluation of proposals, reference checks, and audit fees, the bids submitted by Rehmann Robson (\$101,650) for audit, and Clark, Schaefer, Hackett (\$15,000) for CAFR assistance are the best qualified to serve and meet the City needs, and it meets the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, Rehmann Robson's three-year contract includes audit of the City's comprehensive annual financial report including primary government and component units, audit of the City of Ypsilanti Fire and Police Retirement System including issuance of separate report on the system. Also, if required, compliance audit of the City's federal program in accordance with the Federal Single Audit Act and the Uniform Guidance if needed, required communication with those charged with governance, and advice and assistance with the implementation of new accounting and auditing standards, as applicable to the City; and

WHEREAS, Clark, Schaefer, Hackett three-year contract includes assistance in the preparation of comprehensive annual financial reports for submission to Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and

NOW BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approve a three-year contract with Rehmann Robson in the amount of \$101,650 for Professional Auditing Services beginning with fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2020; and approve a three-year contract with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett in the amount of \$15,000 for CAFR Assistance Service beginning with fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2020.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Ms. Uy provided a synopsis to why this is being submitted for approval.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the consideration follow the local procurement policy. Ms. Uy responded the Request for Proposals (RFP) was created by the Attorney's Office. City Attorney John Barr responded it is addressed in the addendum. Ms. Edmonds stated the local preference law is supposed to provide extra points to companies that have employees living in the city. Mr. Barr replied he cannot answer if that protocol was followed in this process. Ms. Edmonds stated this brings up an issue that the Procurement Ordinance is not being followed. Mr. McClary asked if any of the bidding companies are local. Ms. Uy responded the closest bidder is located in Ann Arbor. Most of the bidding companies are over twenty miles away.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-153 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

5. Resolution No. 2018-154, approving sponsorship request for the 2018 Heritage Festival

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy, and pursuant to the policy, the City may co-sponsor an event if it is of general interest to the public and advances the City's public image; and

WHEREAS, this year the Heritage Festival will take place August 24-26 in Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Festival is requesting that the City be a co-sponsor of the 2018 Festival; and

WHEREAS, City Council agrees that becoming a co-sponsor of the 2018 Ypsilanti Heritage Festival would be in the general interest of the public and advance the City's public image.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the request to be a sponsor of the 2018 Heritage Festival in the amount of \$3,000 to be deducted from city fees.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Mayor Edmonds stated the resolution put before Council included a blank for amount and Council Member Murdock has inserted "\$3,000 to be deducted from city fees". Council Member Murdock explained that was the determination of Council two years ago, and as he understands is being requested this year.

Council Member Richardson asked if Council is willing to make the same contribution to the Joe Dulin Festival at Parkridge Park. Council Member Murdock responded the festival would need to submit a request to Council.

Council Member Bashert stated the amount is appropriate, but asked if there are not festival activities on Cross Street the street should not be closed.

Mayor Edmonds stated there is not a representative from the festival in attendance, and her support for this resolution will be based on answers to questions she has. She asked if the festival is going to continue its practice of banning teenagers. Council Member Bashert agreed.

Council Member Murdock withdrew his motion.

Council Member Bashert withdrew her second.

Mayor Edmonds stated she has spoken with community members that would like to be a part of the festival such as Native American groups.

Council Member Bashert stated there is no recreation from community youths to do in the city. To have the largest festival of the year exclude youth furthers that issue. Mr. McClary asked if Council would like a representative to be present during the next meeting to address Council. Ms. Bashert responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds responded Council would need a simple yes or no answer to if the festival's policy regarding youth is going to be continued this year.

Mr. McClary asked if Council agrees to sponsor the event and reduce permit fees would that require a service agreement. Mr. Barr responded the festival committee would need to submit a permit application to the city, the city then would approve or deny the application. This resolution would reduce fees by \$3,000, if approved. He explained the permit application delineates what the festival can and cannot do, and would not require an additional service agreement.

Mayor Edmonds stated to exclude young people from the festival would be a violation of the city's Non-discrimination Ordinance. Council Member Robb replied young people are not excluded from the festival, they only need to be accompanied by an adult. Mr. Barr responded as he understands the festivals policy on youth is a response to an incident that occurred a couple of years ago, he would need to examine their policy prior to providing a determination.

Council Member Richardson stated the policy would deter a number of young people from attending the festival because they do not have an adult to accompany them. She added there are a number of excellent kids in Ypsilanti, they need to be able to attend a festival as a group and not be excluded. A group should not be judged by a couple of individuals that do ugly things. Mr. Robb stated if the city wants this practice to be stopped the city needs to amend its policy. The city allows groups to rent city parks, and Council gets upset when the renters do certain things. Ms. Edmonds responded she would support that policy change.

6. Resolution No. 2018-155, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess unpaid special assessments on the July 2018 tax roll

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That, the City Treasurer be authorized to levy and assess on the July 2018 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$22,448.56.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-155 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

7. Resolution No. 2018-156, approving Sub-recipient Agreement with Washtenaw County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for Public Facility Improvements

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County administers CDBG funds received through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities Grant (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is a member of the Washtenaw County, Urban County Program; and

WHEREAS, the Urban County Program disperses Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to participating members; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Urban County CDBG Funding includes funds for Public Facility Improvement Projects, including funds to install ADA compliant sidewalk ramps in various location within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the Washtenaw County Community Development Block Grant Program to receive the funds to install ADA compliant ramps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the subrecipient agreement with the Washtenaw County Community Development Block Grant Program for the amount of \$50,000.00.

FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Murdock asked if this is a prevailing wage job since it uses federal funds. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated the attachment includes the ramps the city is hoping to due, assuming the funds are sufficient. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if the ramp program will include more than the fifty listed. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-156 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

8. Resolution No. 2018-157, approving 2018-2019 fee schedule

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the attached fee schedule is adopted pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and the following fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City are hereby established, and the various City Departments are authorized to charge and collect such fees effective immediately.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-157 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Robb, Murdock) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

9. Resolution No. 2018-158, directing staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a universal access play scape at Riverside Park.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has been working for over three years to study and promote the idea of a playground at Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Park Playground is contained within the City of Ypsilanti Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the city has obtained funding of 125,000 from Washtenaw County Urban County and \$60,000 from Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs staff to release the Request for Proposals for the development of a universal access play scape at Riverside Park.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Interim Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided a synopsis to why this has been submitted for approval.

Council Member Bashert stated there has been an interest among Council to name the playground after Liz Dahl MacGregor, who was a major partner in moving this initiative forward.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-158 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

10. Discussion - Frog Island Parking Improvement Design

Mr. Meyers provided a synopsis of the Frog Island Improvement Design.

Mayor Edmonds asked the difference between the two estimates provided to Council. Mr. Meyers replied one estimate includes a complete reconstruction of the parking lot and the second was a mill and overlay.

Council Member Murdock asked when a public hearing will be scheduled for the design of the parking lot. Mayor Edmonds responded staff's intent is to get the blessing of Council prior to scheduling a public hearing. Mr. Meyers added staff does not want to set unrealistic expectations to the public.

Council Member Bashert asked why only ten spaces were added as a result of the recycling center. Mr. Meyers replied because of the turn radius needed for parking. City Planner Bonnie Wessler added the design created is for a parking lot that actual will function properly. The north end of the lot does not function the way it should, based on modern standards. Currently, the lot allows a driver to back into a roadway, which is a safety concern, this would eliminate that practice.

Council Member Murdock asked what the plan is for a walkway up Rice St, currently it ends at the Freighthouse. Ms. Wessler replied Rice does not have a walkway now, nor is there a connection on Forest. The design is a slight improvement being that there is crosswalk being proposed at the south end of the parking lot. Otherwise people would need to use the Border to Border Trail if they do not feel comfortable walking in the parking lot. Mayor Edmonds stated it seems like a walk, or ramp to the Border to Border Trail would be needed and does not appear to be included. Ms. Wessler replied that is one of the fine tuning pieces that would need to be completed in the final design.

Council Member Murdock asked what the proposed lighting is for the parking lot. Mr. Meyers replied that is not a part of this design. Mr. Murdock responded the lot will need a plan for lighting at some point. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked if the train stop could be accounted for this proposal. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

11. Resolution No. 2018-149, approving resident appointments to boards and commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Julia Bayha 401 W. Michigan Ave #614 Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)	Sustainability Commission	5/1/2021
Avonte Browning – Youth Member 940 W. Michigan #5 Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (New Appointment)	Human Relations Commission	7/1/2019
Josie Hicks 605 Hoyt Hall Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (New appointment)	Human Relations Commission	7/1/2021

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

Council Member Bashert stated she removed this from the Consent Agenda because she would like the appointment of Josie Hicks removed from the resolution. She does not feel the commission needs another young white member.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson to remove the appointment of Josie Hicks to Boards and Commission.

Mayor Edmonds explained Ms. Hicks was recommended by someone on the Commission as a person with the potential to calm and even the commission. Council Member Bashert responded that is good to know, and a concern of hers for that commission.

Council Member Bashert withdrew her motion.

Council Member Richardson withdrew her second.

Council Member Bashert stated the commissions are exceedingly becoming unrepresentative of Ypsilanti. She asked Council to take its time with nominations and appointments. Mayor Edmonds stated she would be happy to talk about that more at another time. She explained she has specifically made appointments to try and balance commissions. Ms. Bashert replied it is not her attempt to be critical of nominations, boards and commissions have been fuller than they have been in some time. Now that membership is at this level nominations should be more carefully thought out.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-149 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

12. Resolution No. 2018-149A, approving non-resident appointments to boards and commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>EXPIRATION</u>
Jessica French 2339 South Circle Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (Reappointment)	Downtown Development Authority	7/7/2021
Mark Teachout 974 Prospect Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)	Downtown Development Authority	7/7/2021

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-149A was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Robb, Murdock) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Failed

13. Resolution No. 2018-160, 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. ***(Second Reading)***

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 Second and Final Reading.

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

Council Member Robb stated he removed this from the Consent Agenda because he would like to vote no based on discussion with neighbors of the business. Council Member Richardson asked if neighbors were not in favor of this proposed rezoning. Mr. Robb responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-160 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	Absent
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Robb, Richardson) ABSENT: 1 (Vogt) VOTE: Carried

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Meeting is scheduled for June 28th.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Meeting is scheduled for June 20th.
- C. Urban County – Mayor Edmonds stated the final allocations from HUD were larger than expected.
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA has been a well-functioning body and it is a shame to not have the Chair and Vice-Chair reappointed.
- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

— Asked if a meeting has been scheduled to perform the evaluation of the City Manager.

Mayor Edmonds responded the evaluation will be held during the July 17th meeting. Council Member Robb asked when Council will receive the summary. Ms. Edmonds responded a week prior to the meeting.

Murdock

- Stated it appears the contracted negotiations for the bargaining units is moving very slowly. He asked is there anything Council could do to assist in the process.

Mr. McClary responded he does not believe so, he thought the city had reached an agreement with AFSCME but it was voted down. The city has met with POAM to begin negotiations for that bargaining unit contract that expires at the end of this year. The first session was positive. He is not optimistic a contract will be negotiated soon with the IAFF.

- He thought the OHM contract for the train stop would have been on this agenda.

Mr. McClary replied he is still waiting on OHM and anticipates it will be on the July 17th agenda. Council Member Murdock replied Council could have approved a resolution tonight. Mayor Edmonds asked what the resolution would be for. Mr. Murdock replied to approve a contract. Ms. Edmonds responded the city has not received a contract to approve.

- He asked why the transfer of the parking lot from EMU was not on this agenda.

Mr. Barr responded the contract is being held up by EMU.

- He asked what is happening with the Huron and Hamilton road diet.

Mr. Meyers responded that item will be on the next agenda in July.

- He asked the status of the 220 N. Park development.

Mr. Meyers responded staff has been working with the Attorney's Office to put together a proper agreement. The developer is now working to review that agreement and staff hopes to hear back soon.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to extend the meeting until 10:30 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown and Council Member Bashert dissented.

- Stated the Road Program Committee does not look like it will meet again until July, he is worried about the timing and would hate for it to affect possible future projects.

- He asked about the status of the Water Street Border to Border Trail.

Mr. Meyers responded the final testing has been completed and the stone has been ordered. Once the stone is laid the Department of Environmental Quality will determine if the city is in compliance with the Due Care Plan. Once that occurs the city will receive a Certificate of Completion and will be able to open the trail. Mr. McClary asked when the stone will be installed. Mr. Meyers responded hopefully within two weeks.

- He asked about the alley behind Huron, and the concrete blocks.

Mr. McClary responded he does not have any additional information, but he does believe the concrete blocks were installed by an owner of one of the buildings, which appear to be on her property. Council Member Murdock stated he is baffled being that the city owns the alley. Mr. McClary replied the owner of the building owns the middle of the alley. Mr. Murdock stated there are things in the alley that should not be there. Mr. McClary stated the structures in the alleyway are fire escapes for that building. He can't imagine Council will give a directive to remove the fire escapes.

Richardson

- She believes it is time for the city to discuss with Mlive about their reporting of this city and the YCS graduation.
- She mentioned this is Juneteenth which is a day to celebrate the emancipation of the slaves.
- She asked for an itemized list of the furniture that will be purchased from the allocated funds in the budget.

Brown

- Stated she was asked to participate in a trauma summit in Wayne County. At that summit she was asked to introduce Brian Stevenson, and to highlight Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County. The audience of the summit will be elected officials and other public service providers.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Discussion on scheduling Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO) Work Session

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated he will be on vacation from June 21st until July 2nd.
- He provided an update on the collective bargaining negotiations.
- The Emerick Street resurfacing agreement has been approved.
- He provided an update regarding the meeting with the Township to use their recycling center, and the discussion was very positive.
- The DPS Director followed up with MDOT regarding the Harriet and Hamilton intersection, and was directed to solicit price quotes for repairs.

Council Member Murdock asked for a similar request for the Hamilton and Cross intersection.

- He noted the DPS Director will solicit quotes for repairs to the restrooms in the city parks.

Mayor Edmonds asked that Port-s-Johns be installed as quickly as possible.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS –

- Sustainability Commission resolution adopting 2018 goals

Nomination:

Planning Commission

Jelani McGadney - (replacing Liz Dahl MacGregor) Exp. – 5/1/2020

XX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, asked what is going on the apartment building on Washington that burnt down. She thanked Council for discussing the age discrimination that occurs at the Heritage Festival. She asked if the Border to Border Trail would be contaminated by the recycling center. She said REDY is not the only organization that has opinions on the development of a community benefits ordinance.

XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XXII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2018-159, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.