



## REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

March 6, 2018

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Ypsilanti City Council  
**From:** Darwin D. P. McClary, City Manager  
**Subject:** CITY COUNCIL 2017-18 GOALS AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

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### **SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:**

In January and February, the city council completed its goal setting process. The council initially identified a series of goals and objectives related to the sustainability categories of SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ECOLOGICAL. Five council members prepared lists of their priority goals and objectives for the February 20 council meeting, and council requested that the City Manager compile a final list of priorities, as well as those that can be removed from the list of goals.

Based on the direction provided by council, the City Manager identified the council's priorities by reviewing each council member's priority list and determining which goals and objectives were selected by at least 3 council members. The results are as follows:

#### ***SOCIAL – Goal #1 – Improve Working Condition, Morale, and Staff Relationships with City Government***

- Add staff in the public safety area (police department, fire department, public safety) (4)

#### ***SOCIAL – Goal #2 – Enhance Communication between City Government and Residents***

- Evaluate technology to enable high-quality live-streaming of City Council meetings (3)

#### ***SOCIAL – Goal #3 – Enhance Performance of Public Safety Functions***

- Hire 1-2 more police officers and 1-2 more firefighters (4)
- Hire more employees in order to help the city with code enforcement and with building inspections (4)
- Enhance training for public safety employees (3)

#### ***ECONOMIC – Goal #4 – Balance the Budget for the Next Fiscal Year***

- None

***ECONOMIC – Goal #5 – Make Progress on Longer-Term Fiscal issues Confronting City***

- Look into municipal management software as a technology upgrade, with a goal of saving on labor costs, improving communication, and reducing use of Iron Mountain storage (3)

***ECOLOGICAL – Goal #6 – Address Ecological Issues Facing the City***

- Move recycling center as a way to open more grant options for the city (4)
- Give more TLC to the park system (5)

Some council members prepared their own final list of goals and objectives that did not follow the format previously prepared by council. The City Manager attempted to place them in the appropriate categories if possible.

The City Manager recommends that the city council remove all draft goals and objectives that were not selected by at least 3 council members. Attached is a copy of the tally sheet of the goals and objectives for the information of council.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** January/February 2018 – City council discussed and prioritized goals and objectives and budget priorities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** To be determined

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the city council 2018-19 goals, objectives, and budget priorities as presented.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Goals and Objectives Tally Sheet

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**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** DDPM

**COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** 03/06/18

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:** Approve the goals, objectives, and budget priorities as presented.

**FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:** \_\_\_\_\_



**As Amended**  
Resolution No. 2018 - 026  
February 6, 2018  
(postponed)  
February 20, 2018  
March 6, 2018

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

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the City of Ypsilanti Charter requires the city council to instruct the City Manager concerning the priorities of the City that the budget for the next year must address; and

WHEREAS, to comply with the city charter, the city council undertakes a goal setting process annually to identify its goals, objectives, and budget priorities; and

WHEREAS, the city council has identified its goals, objectives, and priorities for ensuing Fiscal Year 2018-19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby instruct the City Manager to address the following priorities of the city in preparing the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19:

***SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY – Goal #1 – Improve Working Condition, Morale, and Staff Relationships with City Government***

- Add staff in the public safety area (police department, fire department, public safety)
- Find ways to increase compensation for city employees, both those who are bargained for and those who are not

***SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY – Goal #2 – Enhance Communication between City Government and Residents***

- Evaluate technology to enable high-quality live-streaming of City Council meetings

***SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY – Goal #3 – Enhance Performance of Public Safety Functions***

- Hire 1-2 more police officers and 1-2 more firefighters
- Hire more employees in order to help the city with code enforcement and with building inspections
- Enhance training for public safety employees

***ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY – Goal #4 – Make Progress on Longer-Term Fiscal Issues Confronting City***

- Look into municipal management software as a technology upgrade, with a goal of saving on labor costs, improving communication, and reducing use of Iron Mountain storage

- Develop parking strategy to provide more parking spaces in downtown areas, generate more revenue from parking, and provide funding for comprehensive study of parking downtown

***ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY – Goal #5 – Address Ecological Issues Facing the City***

- Move recycling center as a way to open more grant options for the city
- Give more TLC to the park system

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

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

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2018-026 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on March 6, 2018.

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Frances McMullan, City Clerk