



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
YPSILANTI SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
1015 CONGRESS ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Farmer	Present	Council Member Richardson	Present
Council Member Gawlas	Present	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member LaRue	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Absent
Council Member Nickels	Present		(arrived 8:10 p.m.)

Moved by Council Member LaRue, supported by Council Member Filipiak to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson. Motion carried.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Farmer 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. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Farmer introduced the new Department of Public Works Director Bill Bohlen, County Commissioner Ronnie Peterson, and Executive Director of AATA Greg Cook. She also acknowledged former mayor Peter Murdock.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Council Member Gawlas, supported by Council Member Filipiak to approve the agenda.

Moved and supported to accept the Agenda as amended.

VOTE

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Swanson) Vote: Carried

(Agenda as Amended)

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VII. PRESENTATIONS –

- A.** County Enhanced Emergency Communications System (800 mHz upgrade), Vice President for Support Operations at Huron Valley Ambulance Jerry Zapolnik, Interim Police Chief Matt Harshberger, and Fire Chief James Roberts.
- B.** Presentation on Urban Gardening by Peter Thomason.
- C.** EMU Habitat for Humanity Eagles Nest Project, Michael Haynes, Eastern Michigan University.
- D.** Corner Health Center 25th Anniversary Proclamation, Joan Chessler.
- E.** Presentation on bus service in Ypsilanti, Laura Bien.
- F.** Presentation on AATA by Executive Director Greg Cook.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

IX. MINUTES –

- A.** **Resolution No. 2006-74**, approving the minutes of March 21, 2006.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

- A.** An Ordinance revising Division 2, Residency Requirements for Certain Employees.
 - 1. Open the Public Hearing.

(Amended Agenda Continued)

- 2. **Resolution No. 2006-75**, close public hearing.
- 3. **Resolution No. 2006-76**, determination

XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-77

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-78**, supporting fire protection for Eastern Michigan University.
- B. **Resolution No. 2006-79**, approving the purchase of one refuse truck for use in the Department of Public Works.
- C. **Resolution No. 2006-80**, approving the design engineering services proposal with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc for improvements on North River Street between Forest and Holmes.
- ~~D. **Resolution No. 2006-81**, approving the purchase of three (3) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles from Signature Ford and equipment changeover by Alert Emergency Equipment group.~~
Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's request.
- E. **Resolution No. 2006-82**, approving the sale of 899 Brooks and authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the deed and authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority for signing any other documents required to close the transaction and pass title subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

XII. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS, ETC.

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XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS -

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS -

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Recreation Commission
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- D. Washtenaw Development Council
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER -

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-83**, appointing Board and Commission members.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT -

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-84**, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. County Enhanced Emergency Communications System (800 MHz upgrade), Vice President for Support Operations at Huron Valley Ambulance Jerry Zapolnik, Interim Police Chief Matt Harshberger, and Fire Chief James Roberts. Mr. Zapolnik distributed information packets to Council and left brochures for public distribution.

- B. Presentation on Urban Gardening by Peter Thomason.
- C. EMU Habitat for Humanity Eagles Nest Project, Michael Haynes, Eastern Michigan University.
- D. Corner Health Center 25th Anniversary Proclamation. Mayor Farmer presented a proclamation for the Corner Health Center's 25th Anniversary.
- E. Presentation on bus service in Ypsilanti, Laura Bien.
- F. Presentation on AATA, Executive Director Greg Cook.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council received public comments. Audience participation is recorded on audiocassette and is available to the public for up to sixty days following the City Council meeting.

IX. MINUTES

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 - 74**, approving the Minutes of March 21st, 2006.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of March 21st, 2006, be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Council Member LaRue

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

Minutes were approved with noted corrections.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

- A. An Ordinance revising Division 2, Residency Requirements for Certain Employees.
 - 1. Open the Public Hearing – Council received public comments. Audience participation is recorded on audiocassette and is available to the public for up to sixty days following the City Council meeting.
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2006 – 75**, closing the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider an ordinance to revise the city's residency requirement by revising Division 2, Residency Requirements for Certain Employees, including City Code Sections 2-66 through 2-90, be **officially closed**.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nickels
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2006 – 76, Determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance to revise the city's residency requirement by revising Division 2, Residency Requirements for Certain Employees, including City Code Sections 2-66 through 2-90, be approved on first reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nickels
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XI. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2006 – 77

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved.

- A. Resolution No. 2006-78**, supporting fire protection for Eastern Michigan University.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Public Act (P.A.) 289 of 1977 provides for payments to municipalities for fire protection services received by state owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has never fully funded this program and at best reimbursed communities at a 47% level of its total financial commitment and currently the state funds only 42% of the formula for protecting Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and other state owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, the requirements for enhanced homeland security post 911 have created additional unfunded responsibilities for our fire fighters; and

WHEREAS, fire protection for university campuses is complicated. EMU has 8,000 students living on campus and a total of 67 buildings, only three (3) of which are totally sprinkled. In addition, special training and equipment are required so firefighters are prepared to deal with fires that may occur in chemical labs and in research facilities where radioactive materials are present; and

WHEREAS, over a 29 year period, the City of Ypsilanti should have been compensated at a level of \$14.630 million and yet only received approximately \$5,644,436. The resultant shortfall of \$8,985,569 has been subsidized by the City's general fund; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University of a regional asset, and the expense of protecting that asset should be borne by the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council appeals to the State Legislature to levy the taxes necessary to fully fund P.A. 289, thus finally honoring the solemn promise made by the State Legislature to its' communities almost 30 years ago.

FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm; Lt. Governor John Cherry, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema; Senate Minority Leader Bob Emerson; House Speaker Craig DeRoche; House Minority Leader Dianne Byrum; Senator Allen Cropsey; Senator Liz Brater and Representative Alma Wheeler-Smith; Budget Director Mary Lannoye; Robert Swanson, Acting Director, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Representative Scott Hummel, House Appropriations Chair; Senator Shirley Johnson; Senator Beverly Hammerstrom; Senator Patty Birkholz; Representative Daniel Accavitti; Representative John Proos; and Representative Leslie Mortimer.

B. Resolution No. 2006-79, approving the purchase of one refuse truck for use in the Department of Public Works.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI

WHEREAS, bids were duly advertised for the purchase of a rear loading refuse body with cab, chassis and right hand drive or equivalent, for use in the Department of Public Works.

WHEREAS, bids were publicly opened on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 and reviewed for compliance with the bidding specifications for said equipment.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will purchase one (1) Leach Alpha (16) cubic yard refuse truck mounted on Freightliner M2 truck chassis, with right hand drive.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Ypsilanti City Council approves the purchase of said refuse truck.

- C. Resolution No. 2006-80**, approving the design engineering services proposal with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc for improvements on North River Street between Forest and Holmes.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Federal Surface Transportation Program - Urban funding has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Transportation Improvement Program for resurfacing, selective curb/gutter and drainage improvements to North River Street between Forest Ave. and Holmes Street in the year 2006 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has provided an exemplary level of service to the City of Ypsilanti on similar street improvement projects, and posses a depth of experience with the infrastructure in the project area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure design engineering services for an additional 1,000 ft. north of Holmes Road to meet MDOT permitting requirements and keep this project on schedule for the 2006 construction year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the design engineering services proposal; with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI at a not to exceed cost of \$18,000; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this proposal, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders that may be needed to maintain the project's schedule, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

~~**D. Resolution No. 2006-81**, approving the purchase of three (3) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles from Signature Ford and equipment changeover by Alert Emergency Equipment group. Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's request.~~

E. Resolution No. 2006-82, approving the sale of 899 Brooks and authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the deed and authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority for signing any other documents required to close the transaction and pass title subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City owns a vacant 1/2 lot located at 899 Brooks Street; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to sell this property, listed it for sale and received a full price offer from the Community Church of God; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2006-70 dated March 21, 2006, the City has entered into an agreement to sell the property to the Community Church of God; and

WHEREAS, signing authority is needed to execute the deed and closing paperwork; now therefore:

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, the City approves said sale and authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the deed and authorizes the City Manager to delegate authority for signing any other documents required to close the transaction and pass title subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Council Member LaRue
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XII. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS / ETC.

D. Resolution No. 2006 – 81, approving the purchase of three (3) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles from Signature Ford and equipment changeover by Alert Emergency Equipment group.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Police Department desires to replace three 1999 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles with three 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles, and

WHEREAS, motor pool funds were allocated in the 05/06 fiscal year budget for replacement of these vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Signature Ford of Perry Michigan has provided State of Michigan bid pricing in the amount of \$23,671.00 per vehicle with a total cost of the vehicles to be \$71,013.00, and

WHEREAS, Alert Emergency equipment provided the only acceptable bid in a sealed bid process for equipment purchase and changeover in the amount of \$26,917.14.00; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police be authorized to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the vehicle purchase and equipment changeover with Signature Ford and Alert Emergency Equipment of Perry, Michigan.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A. Council Member Richardson attended a school board meeting in which there was a short period after audience participation in which the board could respond to comments made by the audience. She would like to see this considered for City Council meetings. She mentioned that she had spoken with City Manager Ed Koryzno regarding overtime of the lieutenants at the police department. She stated that she felt that now might be a good time to explore implementing a Department of Safety bringing the fire and police departments together. She spoke regarding the Ypsilanti District Library's agreement to provide transportation to the branch in Ypsilanti Township. She then expressed concern over the situation with water cut-off occurring at Parkview Apartments.
- B. Council Member Nickels spoke regarding a BP station on Washtenaw. He and Council Member Gawlas will be meeting with staff and the attorney to review a court ordered parking plan that was to be implemented.
- C. Council Member Filipiak thanked Mayor Farmer for her efforts on increasing state shared revenue. He next spoke regarding a discrepancy between the electronic version and the printed version of the breakdown of bids for the DPW refuse vehicles. He finally questioned the City Manager regarding a timeline on the visit by Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Troy Street.
- D. Council Member LaRue mentioned that he is in favor of the chicken proposal but noted that some areas of the city would lend themselves better to this concept than would others.
- E. Council Member Gawlas spoke regarding public transportation. He feels that transportation should be more of a regional responsibility. He also mentioned Peninsular Park Apartments and a presentation made by Mr. Rick Kirk requesting that the Brownfield Plan be amended. He wanted to confirm that all had received the email that he had sent which outlined points that indicated why that is not a viable option for the city at this time.
- F. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson inquired into the date of the spring clean-up. City Manager Koryzno stated that he will get that information for her.

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson attended the general assembly meeting. She informed Council that the big issue around the state at this time is transportation.
- B. Recreation Commission – Council Member Filipiak stated that they have not met yet this month. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Council Member Nickels will attend.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Nickels noted that a subcommittee met to deal with raising funds for transportation in Washtenaw County. They suggested a local option sales tax which would raise funds for a variety of issues.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council – Council Member Gawlas attended the meeting last Thursday, March 30th. He stated that one of the highlights was the sneak peak of a new marketing campaign for the Washtenaw Development Council and SPARK. They have extended the term of all the board of directors and current executive committee members as they move toward completely merging the two organizations.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – Council Member Richardson informed Council that the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation’s annual meeting is Wednesday, April 26, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. She announced that all of Council is invited.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – Council Member Gawlas will be attending the next meeting in May. There is nothing to report at this time.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – Council Member Gawlas will be attending the meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Annex Building on Fourth Avenue.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ed Koryzno made mention of Parkview Apartments and the fact that a water shut-off notice has been sent to them. He spoke with YCUA’s attorney this afternoon. The tenants association will be filing with the bankruptcy court a stay to prevent the water from being shut off with the support of HUD and YCUA. He informed Council Member Filipiak that Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has staked Troy St. He expects to have a report before the end of the week.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Farmer commented on the great amount of support that the bus was receiving. She felt that most would be in favor of raising the bus fare to \$1.25 in order to preserve the current bus routes. She would like to schedule a meeting

to speak with the supporters of the bus to discuss a strategy to pass a county-wide millage for this service.

A. Resolution No. 2006-83, appointing Board and Commission members.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>
1. Roberta Wojcik-Andrews 7 North Normal Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Planning Commission (New Appointment)	5/1/2007 Unexpired term

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2006-84, 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 Swanson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.