



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YPSILANTI CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

All Members of Council present.

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

There were no introductions.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson, supported by Council Member Nickels, to approve the agenda.

Moved and supported to accept the Agenda as amended.

VOTE

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

(Agenda as Amended)

CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSION AGENDA
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM
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VII. **PRESENTATIONS** –

- A. American Legion Poppy Week Proclamation
- B. Recreation Park Community Garden Presentation, Lisa Bashert
 - 1. **Resolution No. 2006 – 110**, expanding the Recreation Park Community Garden to include a Three Sisters Demonstration Plot.

VIII. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - (moved at Council's request)

IX. **RESOLUTION** –

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 – 110A**, providing a Condition Assessment Report for the Rehabilitation of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse by and between the City of Ypsilanti and SmithGroup, Inc.

X. **PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS** –

- A. Fire Department
 - 1. Fire Department Administration - Page 38
 - 2. Homeland Security Grant - Page 39
 - 3. Fire Suppression - Page 40
 - 4. Vacant/Abandoned Buildings- Page 41
 - 5. Motorpool Fund- Page 229
- B. Recreation Department – Pages 46-48, 51, 53-56, 58
- C. Five Year Plan, Capital, Facility, Computer, Debt and Transfers, Revenue

XI. **PUBLIC HEARING**-

- A. Public Hearing to discuss an application from Rois Savvides of Chrisandy, Inc. for permission to maintain an outdoor service area located on city sidewalk, in conjunction with existing 2005 Class C licensed business located at 701 W. Cross Street.
 - 1. Open Public Comment.
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2006-111**, approving the application from Rois Savvides of Chrisandy, Inc. for permission to maintain an outdoor service area located on city sidewalk, in conjunction with existing 2005 Class C licensed business located at 701 W. Cross Street.

(Amended Agenda Continued)

XII. MINUTES-

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-112**, approving the minutes of May 2, May 3, May 9, May 11, 2006 meetings.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2006-113

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-114**, approving the offer to purchase property located at 10 South Prospect Street.
- B. **Resolution No. 2006-115**, approving the Mayor and City Clerk as signatories on the 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Contract.
- C. ~~**Resolution No. 2006-116**, supporting the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority proposed fare increase to full fare for its riders in the city and surrounding townships.~~ Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's request.
- D. **Resolution No. 2006-117**, supporting the removal of US-23 Environmental Impact Statement Study from the deferred list.

XIV. RESOLUTION – MOTION -

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 – 116**, supporting the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority proposed fare increase to full fare for its riders in the city and surrounding townships.

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

XVI. 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

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER -

- A. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation under Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

XIX. ADJOURNMENT -

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-118**, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A. American Legion Poppy Week Proclamation. Mayor Farmer presented the proclamation to the American Legion representative that was present to accept the proclamation.
- B. Recreation Park Community Garden Presentation, Lisa Bashert.
1. **Resolution No. 2006 – 110**, expanding the Recreation Park Community Garden to include a Three Sisters Demonstration Plot.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the Recreation Park Community Garden has been a resource for the Senior Center and adjacent neighborhood since May, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Recreation Park Community Garden has fostered positive community interaction among seniors and Recreation Park neighbors; and

WHEREAS Recreation Park neighbors have successfully maintained the rose gardens just east of the Senior Center for years; and

WHEREAS well-maintained and supported community gardens are a vital component of a healthy park system; and

WHEREAS community gardens are widely recognized as a valuable tool to promote active living and improved nutrition; and

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti has a vested interest in the health of its park system and of its residents;

WHEREAS the Recreation Park Community Gardeners will assume responsibility for restoring the site to its present condition should the Three Sisters Demonstration Plot no longer be maintained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Park Community Garden may be expanded to include a Three Sisters Demonstration Plot.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member LaRue

VOTE

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

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (This section moved at Council's request.)

- A. 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. RESOLUTION –

- A. Resolution No. 2006 – 110A, providing a Condition Assessment Report for the Rehabilitation of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse by and between the City of Ypsilanti and SmithGroup, Inc.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City and the Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse submitted a Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Certified Local Government (CLG) grant application that was selected for funding by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on February 15, 2006, and

WHEREAS, SHPO feels a Condition Assessment Report (CAR) is the best way to proceed with implementing the improvements required to reopen the building while complying with the interior and exterior historic preservation easement executed as a result of an FY04 HPF grant, and

WHEREAS, a Proposal Selection Committee comprised of Assistant City Manager Robert Bruner, Building Official Charles Boulard, and Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse Vice-President Paul Schreiber unanimously selected the SmithGroup's Proposal to Provide a Condition Assessment Report for the Rehabilitation of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse and SHPO concurred with the selection,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI, that the Agreement for Provision of a Condition Assessment Report for the Rehabilitation of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse by and between the City of Ypsilanti and SmithGroup, Inc. is approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson made a motion to table discussion on this resolution until July. Supported by Council Member Richardson.

VOTE on motion

Yes: 3 No: 4 Absent: 0 Vote: Motion failed

VOTE

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

X. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

A. Fire Department – Fire Chief Jim Roberts presented the budget for the Fire Department.

1. Fire Department Administration – Page 38
2. Homeland Security Grant – Page 39
3. Fire Suppression – Page 40
4. Vacant/Abandoned Buildings – Page 41
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B. Recreation Department – Pages 46-48, 51, 53-56, 58. Recreation Coordinator Victor Randall presented the budget for the Recreation Department.

- C. Five Year Plan, Capital, Facility, Computer, Debt and Transfers, Revenue. City Manager Ed Koryzno provided an overview of these areas of the budget.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing to discuss an application from Rois Savvides of Chrisandy, Inc. for permission to maintain an outdoor service area located on city sidewalk, in conjunction with existing 2005 Class C licensed business located at 701 W. Cross Street.
 - 1. Open Public Comment. 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 – 111**, approving the application from Rois Savvides of Chrisandy, Inc. for permission to maintain an outdoor service area located on city sidewalk, in conjunction with existing 2005 Class C licensed business located at 701 W. Cross Street.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, an application from Rois Savvides of Chrisandy, Inc. for permission to maintain an outdoor service area located on city sidewalk; in conjunction with an existing 2005 Class C licensed business located at 701 W. Cross Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; Washtenaw County, be approved.

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

VOTE

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

XII. MINUTES

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 - 112**, approving the Minutes of May 2, May 3, May 9, May 11, 2006 meetings.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of May 2, May 3, May 9, and May 11, 2006, be approved.

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

VOTE

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

Minutes were approved with noted correction.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2006 – 113

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- A. Resolution No. 2006 – 114**, approving the offer to purchase property located at 10 South Prospect Street.

Resolution approving sale of 10 South Prospect Street property.

WHEREAS The City owns the property located at 10 South Prospect Street and has decided to sell the property; and

WHEREAS The City has received an offer to purchase this property in the amount of \$170,000 from Quick Change Artist Prop, LLC; and

WHEREAS the City Attorney's office recommends acceptance of this offer; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the offer to purchase the property located at 10 South Prospect Street received from Quick Change Artist Prop, LLC, in the amount of \$170,000 is accepted, and the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to sign the deed, and the City Manager has authority to execute any documents required for closing, and may delegate such authority if he desires to do so.

- B. Resolution No. 2006 – 115**, approving the Mayor and City Clerk as signatories on the 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Contract.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works requests that Cheryl Farmer, Mayor and Cherry Lawson, City Clerk be authorized as signatories on the 2006 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality contract (Control Section CMG 0581 (027) Contract Number 05-5439).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the City as already approved by John Barr, City Attorney on May 4, 2006.

- C. ~~Resolution No. 2006 – 116~~**, ~~supporting the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority proposed fare increase to full-fare for its riders in the city and~~

~~surrounding townships.~~ Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's request.

- D. Resolution No. 2006 – 117**, supporting the removal of US-23 Environmental Impact Statement Study from the deferred list.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REMOVING THE
US-23 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
STUDY FROM THE DEFERRED LIST**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has been moving projects off of the deferred list as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the US-23 freeway is highly congested during both the morning and evening peak times and this peak congestion lasts more than an hour in the morning period and for more than three hours in the evening period; and

WHEREAS, the US-23 freeway serves as an important route for Michigan tourism and the economy connecting Ohio residents with northern Michigan and is congested on Fridays and Sundays; and

WHEREAS, AATA has a federal grant to operate regional commuter service, however, transit service is unable to operate on this route due to the congestion; and

WHEREAS, this route is a major commuter route that currently has a high volume of single occupant vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is committed to managing traffic and congestion using the least amount of resources while providing the greatest number of options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as the intergovernmental committee and Transportation Management Area (TMA) responsible for transportation planning in Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, requests that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) work with the Washtenaw County elected officials, planners and road professionals to move the US-23 Study off of the deferred project list.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WATS Policy Committee requests that MDOT, as part of its US-23 roadway improvement study, seriously consider the inclusion of a lane that is dedicated for use by high occupant vehicles and transit during the analysis. WATS also requests that MDOT and the local officials ensure that the new capacity is utilized to carry the maximum number of people in the most efficient manner while having the least amount of impact on water and air quality.

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

VOTE

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

XIV. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS / ETC.

A. Resolution No. 2006 – 116, supporting the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority proposed fare increase to full-fare for its riders in the city and surrounding townships.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is faced with financial challenges and has followed the City Council's recommended Three Year Solvency Plan to preserve the City's ability to provide statutorily required, and operationally necessary services while making budget reductions necessary to balance the budget in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the contractual service agreement fees to Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) have been recommended for reduction in the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year thereby reducing and/or eliminating service to bus routes that border Ypsilanti and Superior, and Pittsfield Townships; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ypsilanti and the riders of Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) have requested that City Council, city administrative staff, and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority staff work collaboratively to maintain bus service throughout the city and surrounding townships; and

WHEREAS, AATA in an effort to avoid a significant decrease in bus service in the City of Ypsilanti has proposed a \$.25 increase to full-cash fares that will not be an additional burden on our taxpayers. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority provides the only affordable means of transportation for many city and township residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti supports the AATA proposed fare increase to full-fare for its riders in the city and surrounding townships, and appreciates the cooperative efforts of AATA, Ypsilanti city staff, Ypsilanti, Superior, and Pittsfield Townships in preserving bus services for all its citizens throughout the Eastern Washtenaw County area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution of cooperation be sent to the Ypsilanti, Superior and Pittsfield Township Supervisors and Trustees.

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

VOTE

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

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A. Council Member Filipiak thanked Council Member LaRue for his years of dedication and support. He then inquired as to whether the city could leave a notice at properties where the lawn requires mowing. He also noted that all notices that are published in the newspaper should be posted on the city's web site. He spoke of a meeting that was held with members of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation to discuss the bus funding issue. They are putting in a request for \$50,000 as a one-time grant to be applied toward the funding of busing in Ypsilanti. He finally mentioned parking on West Cross Street on Sundays outside of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He feels that "No Parking" signs should be posted in the bike lanes on West Cross Street.
- B. Council Member LaRue stated that he appreciated Krista Nordberg's comments on Parkview Apartments. He said that he hopes that Council as a body will cooperate with the Housing Commission and HUD to improve that situation.
- C. Council Member Gawlas had nothing to present at this time.
- D. Council Member Richardson spoke regarding a yard that had been cleaned up. She proposed that Council meet with the Friends of the Freighthouse to work out a compromise. She noted that there is a vacant house in the 300 block of North Hamilton at which there have been recent break-ins. She received a phone call regarding ordinance enforcement officers entering private property to look for offenses where there have been no complaints.
- E. Council Member Nickels commented on an article in a Detroit paper regarding grass cutting. He said the article mentioned that the maximum height for grass before the city would come in and cut is six, eight and twelve inches. He feels that the City of Ypsilanti is rather lenient in this regard compared to other communities.
- F. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson received a phone call regarding a break-in somewhere on Congress Street last week. She requested that Interim Chief Harshberger look into the matter, as there was an injury reported.

XVI. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – There is nothing to report at this time.
- B. Recreation Commission – There is nothing to report at this time.

- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – There is nothing to report at this time.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council – Council Member Gawlas announced that they are having their Fast Track Awards Ceremony Friday morning at Barton Hills Country Club.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – There is nothing to report at this time.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – There is nothing to report at this time.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – There is nothing to report at this time.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Closed Session per Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation. By roll call vote all members present voted to go into Closed Session at 11:05 p.m.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Farmer announced that she testified last week in Lansing on the importance of revenue sharing. She will send copies of her comments to all who are interested. She thanked staff for the high quality of the meeting minutes.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 – 118**, 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 11:05 p.m.