

**City of Ypsilanti
Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2002
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Robert Slone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson, Council Member Richardson. Council Member Gawlas, Council Member, LaRue, Council Member Schulze and Council Member Nickels.

Absent: Mayor Cheryl Farmer.

Invocation

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson asked for a moment of silence

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."

INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions.

PRESENTATION

- A. Presentation by Jan Davis former City Council Member and member of The American Association of University Women, AAUW presented a certificate to the Department of Public Works for their assistance in helping the AAUW raise scholarships totaling \$33,000 for continued education for women.
- B. Presentation by Nathan Voght, City Planner, upcoming Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments. The proposed changes would serve as a house cleaning measure to bring Ordinances up to current times. The changes would be to site plan review, changes in the use of the Downtown area and changes to the current sign regulations.

Nathan Voght answered questions from Council.

- B. Presentation by Council Member Nickels and Council Member LaRue regarding City Manager, Edward Koryzno Performance Evaluation. There are four

categories of evaluation performance: technical performance, skill analyzes and progress toward goals. City Manager Koryzno earned an overall average of 4.4. City Council is very pleased with City Manager Koryzno's job performance he exceeds the job requirements.

City Manager Koryzno thanked City Council for their positive recognition of his performance of the past year. I try very hard to meet the goals set by City Council and I consider your evaluation of me as a positive recognition of my staffs efforts as well.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member LaRue asked if Resolution 2002-211 be removed Consent Agenda due to his affiliation with the Riverside Arts Center. He would like to vote on the other items in the Consent Agenda and would abstain from voting on Resolution 2002-211.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Vote: Carried

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Pam Hamblin, Ypsilanti resident, said she likes to come in and enjoy the fact that our city appears to be doing really well and what better time than after an election. I am personally pleased that Ypsilanti is a solid positive and welcoming city. We have so many fantastic things to brag about and I am glad everyone was re-elected.

Joseph Lawrence, Ypsilanti resident, approximately one hour ago our Mayor was honored by the Michigan's State Medical Society. Mayor Cheryl Farmer was named Michigan's Women Physician of the Year. The award was presented in recognition of her many contributions and outstanding dedication to the profession of medicine and to her community.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES-FIRST READING

- A. Consideration of proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, "Building and Building Regulations", of the Ypsilanti City Code, Article VI "Inspection and Control of Certain Building", Division 1 "Generally", Section 18-111 "Definitions" to amend the definitions for "Certificate of Compliance" and "Temporary Certificate", and to add definition for "owner/agent".

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson opened the Public Hearing.

Rodney Nanney of Ypsilanti, I do support the rental program but I don't support one of the changes happening to this ordinance. The rental inspection Ordinance stated, that they would inspect individual rental apartment every two years. The change says that now that they will be inspecting two family dwelling owner occupied that contains one or more rental units. For me that is a very personal change because now inspectors would be coming to inspect my private home as well as the rental. I don't have a problem with them inspecting my rental unit but not my home. What I

am asking is that this Ordinance be changed slightly to insure my family the same level of privacy as my neighbors. 80% of my building is my home and I should not have to open my doors to inspectors every two years. I wrote a letter to the Council explain the three changes that I am concerned about.

Resolution No. 2002-208, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Nickels and supported by Council Member Gawlas to close the public hearing.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Vote: Carried

Resolution 2002-209, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Nickels and supported by Council Member Richardson to amend Chapter 18 Building and Building Regulation be passed on First Reading.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," ARTICLE VI "INSPECTION AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS," DIVISION 1 "GENERALLY," BY AMENDING SECTION 18-111 "DEFINITIONS" TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITIONS OF "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE" AND "TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE," AND BY ADDING DEFINITION FOR "OWNER/AGENT," BY AMENDING SECTION 18-112 "INSPECTIONS" SUBSECTION (A) "GENERALLY" AND SECTION 18-114 "REGISTRY OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS" BY REPLACING "UNITS" WITH "MULTIPLE DWELLINGS OR ONE- OR TWO-UNIT RENTAL DWELLINGS," AND BY AMENDING SECTION 18-116 "EXAMINATION OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE BY TENANT OR PROSPECTIVE TENANT" BY REPLACING "FOR" WITH "COVERING," "TENANT" WITH "OCCUPANT," AND BY MAKING SECTION APPLICABLE TO TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES, AND BY AMENDING DIVISION 2 "REGISTRATION," BY AMENDING SECTION 18-131 "REQUIRED" BY ADDING SUBSECTION (E) REQUIRING THE " DESIGNATION OF AND INFORMATION REGARDING AN OWNER/AGENT, AND BY, AMENDING DIVISION 3 "CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE," BY AMENDING SECTION 18-146 "REQUIRED," SUBSECTION (A) TO PREVENT OCCUPANCY WITHOUT A (CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE IN A MULTIPLE DWELLING, BY AMENDING SECTION 18-149 "ISSUANCE" TO REPLACE "UNIT" WITH "MULTIPLE DWELLING OR ONE- OR TWO-UNIT RENTAL DWELLING," TO REQUIRE ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED, AND TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES UPON SUSPENSION OR EXPIRATION, BY AMENDING SECTION 18-150 "TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE" TO REPLACE "UNIT" WITH "MULTIPLE DWELLING OR ONE- OR TWO-UNIT RENTAL DWELLING," TO REQUIRE ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION BE PROVIDED AND TO REQUIRE VACATION UPON VIOLATION, BY AMENDING SECTION 18-151 "EXPIRATION" TO PROVIDE FOR A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE IF A VALID CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE EXPIRES THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE OWNER, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 18-152 "TRANSFERABILITY," SUBSECTION (A) TO CLARIFY AND PROVIDE

PROCEDURES FOR TRANSFERS AND SUBSECTION (B) TO REQUIRE ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION BE PROVIDED" be approved on first reading.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Vote: Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution #2002-211 removed.
- B. Resolution #2002-212, approving an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for traffic signal improvements on Michigan Avenue.
- C. Resolution #2002-213, approving a lot split for 1204 North Congress.
- D. Resolution #2002-214, approving a contract for repairs for property located at 510 W. Cross Street.
- E. Resolution #2002-215, accepting a grant for automated finger print equipment.

Resolution #2002-210, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member and supported by Council Member- That the following Consent Agenda be approved.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Vote: Carried

- A. Resolution #2002-211, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member Schulze approving a grant agreement from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs for renovations to the Riverside Arts Center.

RESOLUTION OF THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) awarded a \$35,900 Capital Improvements Program grant to the City of Ypsilanti to support club level renovations at the Riverside Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, this project will further efforts to fully equip this facility as a multi-purpose cultural arts venue and provide new space for art exhibits, educational workshops, meetings, receptions, and other public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the minimum local match requirement of \$35,900 will be met by contributions from the Riverside Arts Center Foundation, Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority, corporate/community sponsors, and in-kind contributions will be used to meet the local match responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Arts Center Club Level Renovations Committee will be responsible for determining the final scope of work that best allocates the available funding to priority project needs for the club level; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$350 has been awarded to support the costs of a grant assessment to be conducted for this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary grant award forms and agreement, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

THAT the Council authorizes William D. Kinley to serve as the Authorizing Official and Jennifer Goulet to serve as the Project Director for this project; and

THAT the Council authorizes the Riverside Arts Center Club Level I Renovations Committee to oversee and guide the implementation of this grant with administrative stance from the Project Director.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Abstain: LaRue Vote: Carried

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

A Resolution #2002-216, confirming the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny closing and vacating an east-west portion of the Perrin Street /College Place alley.

Resolution #2002-216- Tabled until Further Notice

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: Mayor Farmer Vote: Carried

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Schulze- Yesterday I had the opportunity to spend the day in one of the precincts to observe the voting process. I was really impressed with how well run it was. When there was any problems the problem was quickly fixed or if was too complicated a call was placed to Mr. Slone to have their questions resolved. It was an incredibly complex and well run process.

City Clerk Robert Slone- I can not take credit for checking voter registrations Anitra Barry, Pat Mills and others staff members did a great job. The Michigan Qualified Voter File was used to search for voter registrations and the office systems. Overall the day was quite successful thank you very much.

Council Member Schulze and Council Member Richardson recently went on a SEMCOG cruise along the river. There were quite a large number of developments along the river and the waterfront looked terrific. Perhaps we could look at what has been successful for our neighbors.

Council Member LaRue- Pat and Anitra attempted to deal with situations as they arouse. One woman in particular was very upset because she could not vote. They

tracked her information down and notified her that she was a registered voter in Superior Township. It was well handled, professional and brief as possible.

Council Member Gawlas- An individual was not listed on the QVF and found himself at City Hall five minutes to closing time. The question I ask is if this person had been at an actual polling location instead of City Hall and had raised all his questions and if he had done this at an actual polling location he may have been able to vote? How did he actually come to City Hall? I am not sure of the full aspect of the story but, it almost seems to me that this is something that should be communicated to the precinct that people should not leave the location until all questions are reconciled. That is a minor and technical issue which says a lot about the work and preparation that went into the election.

Robert Slone, City Clerk- Often people will come in before they go to the polls I am not sure if he was at an actual polling location. Many times we will find the voter is not registered here but in one of the surrounding townships. I don't know what brought this person here to our building. If someone goes to the poll and if they are not on our list they are instructed to call our office. I would also like to report I sent our AV barcodes to Ms. Evans of the U.S. Post Office. I received a call last a Friday about our barcodes. Due to the amount of calls she has received Ms. Evans had an expert examine the barcodes. She later notified me that the barcodes are in fact ours. I will be receiving a letter from Ms. Evans before the next City Council meeting that I would like to share.

Council Member Gawlas- Another item I had was out of the Detroit News was the fact that the Elvis Presley Enterprise decided it was no longer appropriate for the name Elvis to be used in conjunction with Elvis impersonators or events featuring Elvis. The Ypsilanti Elvis Fest will have to be called the "Ypsilanti Something Fest".

Council Member Nickles- In response to a couple of neighborhood meetings expressed a concern about speed through their neighborhood. I appreciate the response from Chief Baser and the Police Department. I think there has to be some kind of follow-up if you announce there is a program like this and that we are going to increase enforcement there is never really any response to what we accomplish during that period. Sometimes that can be interpreted by the residents as being meaningless rhetoric. I request that there be some type of response or an on going program that during this period of time to release a statement of what actually got accomplished. So citizens will know that this is a meaningful program and we in fact accomplished something. Also in our package was the Solid Waste Tonnage has decreased which is very good but, we have to make sure we stick to the three can limit if our tonnage goes up. The third thing is our organizational meeting which usually happens after an election. On the agenda, we have to decide how we will handle the rules for audience participation.

Council Member Richardson- The curbside grass in Gateway North is not good. The only place where the grass is up nice is where owners dug it up and planted their own

grass. It has been ignored more than once the Northside was just as bad as on the Southside and at the last meeting mention was made it was narrowed down to the South Gateway but the North Gateway is just as bad. It really needs to be taken care of.

Liaison Reports

Council Member Gawlas- announced that he was on the board for County Advisory Planning Board representing the City of Ypsilanti the Preliminary meeting will be sometime this month.

Communications from the City Manager

City Manager Koryzno- We will be begin the fall leaf pick-up. Bagged leaves will be picked up until November 22 after that curbside pick will continue until January. The Mayor, Ms. Gibb and I will be attending a trip to Madison, Wisconsin a Economic Development Trip. Once again thank you for the evaluation.

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson thanked everyone for the flowers, phone calls and cards during my time of illness. It is really good to be back.

Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

