

**City of Ypsilanti
Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2003
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cheryl Farmer 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 Farmer, Council Member Richardson, Council Member Gawlas, Council Member LaRue, Council Member Nickels, Council Member Schulze and Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

Absent: No Council Member Absent.

Invocation

Mayor Cheryl Farmer 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson offered and Council Member Nickels supported a motion to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of budget reduction options, by City Manager Edward Koryzno regarding budget reduction options.

City Manger Edward Koryzno recommended Option 3 as the best solution for budget cuts and the least extreme measure to get the City through until June 2003 for the next fiscal year budget.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

- B. Presentation of personnel evaluation of City Clerk, Robert A. Slone, Jr., by Council Member Nickels.

City Clerk, Robert Slone received an overall score of 3.1, meeting the job requirements of City Clerk.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tyrone Wilson, representing RAID submitted an evaluation of City Clerk, Robert Slone to the City Council completed by RAID, highlighted many of the issues in the Clerk's Office and during his career at City Hall.

Lee Tooson of Ypsilanti asked Council to look into the handling of funds, the purchase of equipment for non-city use and unethical practices of the Clerk's Office.

Attorney Glenn Cotton, asked that the parking meters on Washington be removed and questioned the fairness of placing meters in front of his business when there are no meters in front of businesses located on Michigan Avenue and the other Washington Street entertainment businesses are exempt from the meters in the evening.

MINUTES

Resolution #2003-01, approving the Minutes of December 3 and 17, 2002, with corrections was offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Council Member Nickels.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE-FIRST & FINAL READING-

- A. That the Public Hearing concerning proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of Revenue Bonds to pay the cost of acquiring certain assets from the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority and defeasing a portion of the Authority's Water and Sewer System No. 1 Bonds (City of Ypsilanti) (Limited Tax General Obligation); to prescribe the form of the Bonds; to provide for the collection of revenues from the City of Ypsilanti Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System sufficient for the purpose of paying the costs of operation and maintenance of the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and certain outstanding bonds of equal standing of the system; to provide an adequate reserve fund for the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system; to provide for the segregation and distribution of the revenues; to provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system in enforcement thereof; and to provide for other matters relating to the system and the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system."

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

No Comments from the Audience.

Resolution #2003-02, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue supported by Council Member Gawlas, to close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

Resolution #2003-03, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas- That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of Revenue Bonds to pay the cost of acquiring certain assets from the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority and defeasing a portion of the Authority's Water and Sewer System No. 1 Bonds (City of Ypsilanti) (Limited Tax General Obligation); to prescribe the form of the Bonds; to provide for the collection of revenues from the City of Ypsilanti Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System sufficient for the purpose of paying the costs of operation and maintenance of the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and certain outstanding bonds of equal standing of the system; to provide an adequate reserve fund for the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system; to provide for the segregation and distribution of the revenues; to provide for the rights of the holders of the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system in enforcement thereof; and to provide for other matters relating to the system and the bonds and outstanding bonds of the system." be approved on First Reading and declared adopted.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

ORDINANCE-SECOND READING

- A. **Resolution No. 2003-04**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Richardson approving 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 I "Generally," by amending Section 18-111 "Definitions" by adding a Definition for "Vacant Building," Division 2 "Registration," by amending Section 18-131 "Required," to require Registration of Vacant Buildings, and by adding Division 5 "Vacant Buildings" to provide for the Control and Maintenance of Vacant Buildings," be approved on Second and Final reading.

Council Member Richardson moved to table the ordinance and Council Member Gawlas supported.

Ayes: LaRue, Gawlas, Richardson Nays: Mayor Farmer, Swanson, Schulze,
Nickels Absent: 0 Vote: Failed

Mayor Pro-tem Swanson moved to use the amended ordinance and Council Member Nickels supported.

Ayes: 6 Nays: Richardson Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

Council Member Richardson voted against the ordinance because of the excessive and punitive charges.

B. **Resolution No. 2003-05**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas- 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 I "Generally", by amending Section 18-111 "Definition" by adding Definitions for "Dangerous Buildings" and by adding Division 6 "Dangerous Building" to provide for the Maintenance, Repair, Demolition and Control of Dangerous Building," be approved on Second and Final Reading.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: LaRue Vote: Unanimous

C. **Resolution No. 2003-06**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels -That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code Section 1-15, Penalties and Sanctions, to amend the number of days of imprisonment allowed for conviction of a misdemeanor," be approved on Second and Final Reading.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

Resolution No. 2003-07, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue- That the following Consent Agenda be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution #2003-08, approving the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Smartzone Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) bylaws.
- B. Resolution #2003-09, approving a bank account with the Ypsilanti Branch of the Bank of Ann Arbor, for employee direct payroll deposits.
- C. Resolution #2003-10, approving membership in the Michigan Suburbs Alliance.
- D. Resolution #2003-11, approving the purchase of property at 41-47 Water Street as a part of the Water Street Project.
- E. Resolution #2003-12, designating City Manager Edward B. Koryzno, Jr., as the authorized representative for all activities for an Application for Financial Assistance from the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

MOTIONS, RESOLUTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of goals for 2003, as formulated in prior planning sessions of City Council offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels to approve the 2003 goals as written.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member Richardson mentioned that Council should take a closer look into the practices of the Building Department in the area of inspections due to some of the complaints she received. She also questioned whether a father and son could be employed in the same department. She stated, "we need to look into the contract for the copy machine because toner should be provided free of charge and the city had been paying for toner that should be provided in the contract for free."

City Clerk, Robert Slone mentioned the Clerk's Office had an agreement with Central Supply to purchase toner for the copy machine. This had been on going for a number of years since Deputy Clerk, Grace Ramsey. Cherry Lawson, Deputy Clerk recently contacted Danka the company that we have our contract with for our copy machine. Danka informed us that toner is included in our contract free of charge.

Council Member Schulze mentioned that on January 22, 2003, she will be attending a class in Flint, Michigan on developing boards if any one is interested in coming. Also, she has been re-appointed to the Taxation and Finance Committee for the Michigan Municipal League for a two-year appointment.

Council Member LaRue mentioned that the South Depot Town Neighborhood Association would be pleased to hear the ordinance concerning vacant building passed.

Council Member Gawlas mentioned the importance of knowing how to operate the cities email system and proposed that City Council Members email addresses be posted on the cities web page for citizens. He also mentioned the 2003 goal for Council included the implementation of a Technology Taskforce for this year.

LIAISON REPORT

Council Member Gawlas mentioned that a meeting would take place on February 4, 2003, for public officials concerning U.S. 23 corridor road improvement projects between M-14 and I-96 at the Washtenaw County Road Commission at 10 a.m. until noon. The Washtenaw Area Transportation Study held a discussion on retirement funds and asked that a list of documents be submitted to the Attorney General for review. A memo was also sent out requesting a copy of the resolutions and minutes

from 1665 and 1974, concerning the set up and reorganization of the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study in the city of Ypsilanti.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MANAGER

City Manager, Edward Koryzno mentioned to Council whether a further investigation will need to take place on the complaint filed against Norman Kennedy, Chairperson of the Human Relations Committee by Tyrone Wilson.

Council agreed that there was no need for further investigation into the complaint against the Human Relations Committee Chair.

Closed Session, per Section 8(a) and (d).

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

Resolution #2003-13, making appointments to the Hearing Officer for Dangerous Buildings, Board of Review, Planning Commission, Historic District Commission, Downtown Development Authority, Human Relations Commission, Ypsilanti Area Beyer Memorial Health Foundation Board and West Cross Street Development Area Citizens Council was offered by Council Member Schulze and supported by Council Member LaRue.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following appointments to Boards and Commissions be made:

Hearing Officer for Dangerous Building Ordinance/Term to Expire

Denis C. Schmiedeke	303 High St.	Pleasure of Mayor
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Board of Review

David Robinson	722 Cambridge	12-31-04
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Planning Commission

Christopher Knapp	110 North St.	5-1-04
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Historic District Commission

Robert Taylor	109 Catherine St.	1-31-06
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Downtown Development Authority

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Human Relations Commission

Thomas D. Biggs	1402 W. Cross St.	1-22-06
Norman E. Kennedy	472 Second St.	1-22-06
John M. Salcau	2124 Roosevelt Blvd.	1-22-06

Ypsilanti Area Beyer Memorial Health Foundation Board

Yvonne Abdo	2028 Collegewood	12-31-03
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West Cross Street Development Area Citizens Council

This group of residents representatives will have an important roll in reviewing the draft Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Development Plan for the West Cross St. District as prepared by the Depot Town Downtown Development Authority (DTDDA). The term of office will be one year.

Guillermo Aleman	527 W. Cross St.	1-31-04
John Calder	210 W. Cross St.	1-31-04
Brian Cole	404 N. Cross St.	1-31-04
Rachel Egberman	408 N. Cross St.	1-31-04
Cassandra Henderson	505 W. Cross St.	1-31-04
John McMillian	401 N. Huron St.	1-31-04
R. Donn Newhouse	210 W. Cross St.	1-31-04
Christy Schneider	210 W. Cross St.	1-31-04
Martha S. Walton	210 W. Cross St.	1-31-04

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

Resolution No #2003-14, Offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Gawlas to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

