

**City of Ypsilanti  
Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 18, 2003  
7:30 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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

Absent: No members absent.

**Invocation**

Mayor 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 Richardson supported a motion to approve the amended Agenda by adding the Police Officers Association of Michigan Contract.

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Lee Tooson, commented on the Newspaper article in The Ann Arbor News and asked the Council to reconsider spending money for an investigation on the Clerk's Office and handle the problems themselves. He mentioned in the article that you would think Anitra Barry and Pat Mills had something to do with the Affidavit of Identity when the Peterson's left off the ballots; it is not true. He alleges that the rudeness and unfriendliness is condoned by the City Clerk. Mr. Tooson stated that there should be a

supervisor present just in case of an emergency. What will happen is, under qualified Pat Mills has to take care of the problems.

**MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS-**

- A. Resolution authorizing an application to the Michigan Department of Nature Resources Trust Fund Grant Program, for funds to develop River's Edge Park and Gilbert Square, in the amount of \$500,000.

**Resolution No# 2003-49**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR IMPROVEMENT TO RIVER'S EDGE PARK AND GILBERT SQUARE.**

WHEREAS, the legislature has appropriated approximately \$20 million to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be used in Fiscal Year 2003 under the Michigan Natural resource Trust Fund (MNRTF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to apply for MNRTF funds to make improvements to River's Edge Park and Gilbert Square; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements to River's Edge Park and Gilbert Square have been presented for review and comment at a March 12, 2003 hearing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to River's Edge Park and Gilbert Square are estimated to be \$1,788,350; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to commit \$1,288,350, or 72% of the total project cost, to improvements to River's Edge Park and Gilbert Square; and

WHEREAS, the sources of local match will be Downtown Development Authority Bonds issued pursuant to Public Act 197 of 1975 as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti that a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funds to improve River's Edge Park be approved, and the City Manager is authorized to sign said application for and on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney.

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

- B. Resolution approving a three year contract between the City and the Police Officer Association of Michigan (POAM).

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**Resolution No. 2003-49A**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City entered into contract negotiations with the Police Officers' Association of Michigan (POAM), and

WHEREAS, the City and POAM agreed to settle a three-year contract from 7/1/01 to 6/30/04; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the three year contract between the City and POAM and authorizes the Mayor, City Clerk and Human Resources Director to sign the contract.

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

**Resolution No #2003-50**, 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 8:21 a.m.





