

**City of Ypsilanti  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 1, 2004  
7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Absent: No Council 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**

Council Member Richardson requested the resolution authorizing an agreement to Forego Interest in Railroad Right-of-Way with Visteon and the resolution approving Council Protocol be removed from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Farmer requested the resolution approving the Right-of-Way with Visteon be discussed during Closed Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson offered and Council Member Richardson supported to approve the amended Agenda.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. Presentation on the Ypsilanti Fire Department, Chief James Roberts.

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Fire Chief Roberts said the City of Ypsilanti has responded to emergency medical requests since 1969. He requested Council to maintain the same level of service during the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year.

- B. Presentation on the Huron Valley Ambulance Services, Dale Berry, President and CEO.

Dale Berry, President and CEO of Huron Valley Ambulance Service requested Council to maintain the current level of service provided. He stated the Ypsilanti Fire Department are their first responder and requested Council to maintain the present level of service.

- C. Presentation on the Ypsilanti Fire Department by Captain Bill Wagner, Ypsilanti Fire Fighters Local 401.

Captain Bill Wagner said the Ypsilanti Fire Fighter Local 401 have two main concerns. Eastern Michigan provides its own Police and Department of Public Works but they rely on the City to provide fire protection and the second concern is the possible staff cuts from a six person minimal to five.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Tyrone Wilson representing RAID spoke regarding a complaint filed.

Lee Tooson of Ypsilanti spoke regarding concerns in the City.

### **MINUTES**

- A. **Resolution #2004-95**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Richardson and supported by Council Member Nickels—That the minutes of May 5, 11, 13, 17 and 18, 2004 be approved.

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

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Public Hearing on the proposed 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Property Tax Rates.

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

Tyrone Wilson representing RAID, spoke in regards to the 2003/3004 budget cuts.

**Resolution #2004-97**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Nickels and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget and Property Tax rates be officially closed.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE –FIRST READING**

- A. An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

No Audience Participation.

**Resolution #2004-97**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels to close the Public Hearing.

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

**Resolution #2004-98**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Public Hearing to consider an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Units for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005," be approved on First Reading.

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

- B. An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

No Audience Participation.

**Resolution #2004-99**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue to close the Public Hearing.

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

**Resolution #2004-100**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Gawlas and supported by Council Member LaRue.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005," be approved on First Reading.

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

C. An Ordinance in Truth in Taxation (Tax Levy) for the Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

Mayor Farmer opened the Public Hearing.

No Audience Participation.

**Resolution #2004-101**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Schulze to close the Public Hearing.

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

**Resolution #2004-102**, attached and made apart hereof, offered by and supported by Council Member LaRue and supported by Council Member Schulze.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That proposed Ordinance entitled, "2004-2005 Tax Levy Ordinance," be approved on First Reading.

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

### **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Resolution #2004-103**, eliminated due to the lack of a Consent Agenda Resolution.

A. **Resolution #2004-104**, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess on the July 2004 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills.

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

B. **Resolution #2004-105**, removed for further discussion during Closed Session.

C. **Resolution #2004-106**, approving the agreement with Detroit Edison Company for the North Huron Street parking lot improvement project.

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

D. **Resolution #2004-107**, removed for further discussion by Council.

**Resolution #2004-107**, approving the Council protocol.

Council discussed Council Protocol.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson called a question to end the discussion and to vote on the resolution as it stands, Council Member LaRue supported.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Absent:      Gawlas, Richardson, Schulze  
Vote: Failed

Council continued the discussion on Council Protocol.

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

### **COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

Council Member Richardson extended an invitation to Council for the Dedication Service for Ekklesia Fellowship Ministries this week beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday there are two services at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Nickels requested the Department of Public Works to pick-up storm debris in the Normal Park Neighborhood before the Normal Park Yard Sale on Saturday. He questioned whether city staff has had any conversations with North Washington businesses regarding crowd control.

Council Member Schulze said she attended the Blue Ribbon Finance Committee Public Meeting regarding the City Finances. She stated the Committee did a good job of explaining the City financial position to the public.

Council Member LaRue questioned whether the Department of Public Works had started the process of replacing infected ash trees. He also questioned when Council should use abstentions.

Council Member Gawlas questioned whether the Michigan Municipal League or SEMCOG had any information available to the public which explains City Finances. He thanked city staff for responding to the situation with the party store on Congress Street. Gawlas asked whether corrections to the minutes could be made only if the meaning of the sentence has been impacted, otherwise corrections should be turned in to the Clerk's Office to avoid using too much time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson stated Ypsilanti Pride Day will take place Saturday, June 5, 2004 and the picnic will follow at North Bay Park.

## LIAISON REPORTS

Council Member Schulze mentioned the City should possibly think about completing the path between the City of Ypsilanti and North Bay Park.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

### A. Cross Street presentation

Megan Gibb, Planning and Development Director and Jennifer Goulet, Downtown Development Authority Director presented the Cross Street Study to Council and answered questions.

City Manager, Edward Koryzno said the Salvation Army, Board of Directors is looking to relocate possibly to the Township, however, they have expressed interest in possibly relocating into Parkridge Community Center and turning it into a multi million dollar facility.

### B. Closed Session per Section 8(d) to consider the purchase of property per the Open Meetings Act, and Item B. approving and agreement with Visteon from the Consent Agenda.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

**Resolution #2004-108**, 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:

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>
Edward Penet 108 N. Huron Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Historic District Commission <b>(New Appointment)</b>	01/31/2006

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

Council Member Nickels moved to extend the meeting until midnight and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

Council returned from Closed Session.

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**Resolution #2004-105**, authorizing the execution of the Agreement to Forego Interest in Railroad Right-of-Way with Visteon Corporation.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #2004-109**, attached and made a part hereof, offered by Council Member Nickels and supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson.

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

Adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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