



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT YPSILANTI CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2005
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	Absent
Council Member Gawlas	Present	Council Member Filipiak	Absent
Council Member LaRue	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

Moved and supported to excuse the absences of Council Members Richardson and Filipiak. Motion carried.

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

A. City Manager Ed Koryzno introduced the city's new Human Resources Director William Johnstone.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved and supported to accept the amended Agenda.

VOTE

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

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VII. PRESENTATIONS –

A. Update on the B.P. Gas Station, Terry Hiske of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

B. Wireless Washtenaw presentation, James McFarland, Washtenaw County IT Department

1. **Resolution No. 2005 – 108**, supporting the County initiative to provide a blend of “free” and “for fee” high speed internet access to every resident, business, and visitor (2) Address the digital divide that exists within Washtenaw County to provide the Internet and future wireless technology to the entire population (3) Enhance the Washtenaw County community by creating partnerships with a new spirit of collaboration to improve the quality of life.

C. Ron Parks, President, and Angela Tabor of the AFSCME Local Union – Contract Negotiations

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

IX. MINUTES –

A. **Resolution No. 2005 –100**, approving the Minutes of June 7th 2005.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance to consider vacating an alley that runs east from Center Street, south of McDonalds Restaurant on Ecorse Road.

1. **Resolution No. 2005 - 101**, Determination

XI. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

A. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005.”

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -102**, Determination

B. “AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -103**, Determination

(Amended Agenda Continued)

C. An Ordinance to adopt a general operating millage rate of 19.0211 mills (.0190211 cents per 1000) of the Taxable Value, according to the assessment roll of the last preceding year (2005 -2006) is approved and authorized.

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -104**, Determination

D. An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section 74-90, Begging, to provide for unlawful solicitation."

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -105**, Determination

E. An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 102-62 Vehicle trespass," prohibiting the parking of trucks and buses in residential areas.

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -106**, Determination

F. An Ordinance entitled, "Residential Permit Parking" amends Sec(s). 102-101, 102-104, 102-105, and 102-106 of the Ypsilanti City Code.

1. **Resolution No. 2005 -107**, Determination

XII. CONSENT AGENDA Resolution No. 2005-109

A. **Resolution No. 2005-110**, approves the request by the Friends of the Ypsilanti Police Department be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license for the Rubber Duck Race in 2005.

B. **Resolution No. 2005-111**, authorizes the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to remove any utility easement or party wall agreement from the chain of title property that is deemed unnecessary, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

C. **Resolution No. 2005-112**, approves the scheduling of a public hearing on August 2, 2005 for the first reading of an ordinance and public hearing to vacate the alley located between 210 and 214 S. Washington Street on the west side of S. Washington, south of Woodward Ave, as required by section 94-293 of the City Charter.

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

XIV. 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

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

A. Closed session per Section 8 (h) of the Open Meeting Act for the purpose of considering ~~an~~ attorney opinions.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

XVII. RESOLUTIONS – MOTIONS –

A. **Resolution No. 2005 – 114**, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the purchase of due diligence materials associated with investigation of the Water Street Redevelopment site.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

A. **Resolution No. 2005 - 113**

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- A.** Update on the B.P. Gas Station. Terry Hiske of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality presented an update to Council on the B.P. Gas Station.
- B.** Wireless Washtenaw presentation. James McFarland of the Washtenaw County IT Department provided an overview of Wireless Washtenaw.
 - 1.** **Resolution No. 2005 – 108**, supporting the County initiative to provide a blend of “free” and “for fee” high speed internet access to every resident, business, and visitor (2) Address the digital divide that exists within Washtenaw County to provide the Internet and future wireless technology to the entire population (3) Enhance the Washtenaw County community by creating partnerships with a new spirit of collaboration to improve the quality of life.

CITY OF YPSILANTI WIRELESS WASHTENAW RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County has announced an initiative entitled “Wireless Washtenaw,” and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative are to: (1) Blanket the entire County with wireless internet services and provide a blend of “free” and “for fee” high speed internet access to every resident, business and visitor (2) Address the digital divide that exists within Washtenaw County to provide the Internet and future wireless technology to the entire population (3) Enhance the Washtenaw County community by creating partnerships and a new spirit of collaboration to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of this initiative will include improving our ability to attract and retain business and support further economic development; and

WHEREAS, a wireless infrastructure will grow existing financially disadvantaged businesses with affordable access to high-speed telecommunications while reducing the cost of mobile computing; and

WHEREAS, wireless accessibility will expand educational opportunities to students while enhancing residential character; and

WHEREAS, the Wireless Washtenaw Advisory Board plans to form a public/private partnership to enable wireless capabilities to the entire County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ypsilanti hereby announces its total support for this initiative and its desire to participate in this project.

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

VOTE

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- C. Ron Parks, President of AFSCME Local Union, and Angela Tabor, business representative of the union, spoke to Council regarding contract negotiations.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. Tom Gergich – representing McDonald’s Corporation – requested that Council approve the Center Street alley vacation.
- B. Paul Sher – attorney representing Washtenaw ACLU – stated that he felt that the wording in the begging ordinance was too broad and requested that it be reworded.
- C. Harvey Krage – 502 Pearl Street, Midtown – requested that the ordinance regarding parking be reworded to disallow the option of towing upon the first parking infraction.
- D. Ronald Simon – attorney representing Mr. Garmo – read a memo from David Shirley from Washtenaw County withdrawing support of the Center Street alley vacation.
- E. Rachel Cuscheri-Murray – 114 N. Pearl, Midtown – also requested that the ordinance regarding parking be changed to disallow towing upon the first parking infraction. She stated that the Midtown Association would prefer that the fines be raised.
- F. Roberta Andrews – 7 N. Normal – also requested that the ordinance regarding parking be reworded to disallow the towing option upon the first infraction.
- G. Steve Wild – Midtown rental property owner – stated that he was also against towing on the first offense with regard to the proposed parking ordinance.
- H. Lesley Chace – 807 N. Congers, Midtown – added her request that the language in the ordinance regarding parking be changed to disallow towing upon the first offense.

IX. MINUTES

- A. **Resolution No. 2005-100**, approving the Minutes of June 7th, 2005.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of June 7th, 2005 be approved.

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

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

Minutes approved with noted corrections.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance to consider vacating an alley that runs east from Center Street, south of McDonalds Restaurant on Ecorse Road.

1. Resolution No. 2005-101, Determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled “Center Street Alley Vacation,” be approved on First Reading.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

XI. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

A. “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005.”

1. Resolution No. 2005-102, Determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational unit for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005”, **be approved on Second and Final Reading:**

Description	Fund	Revenue	Expenditures
General Fund	101	12,992,451	13,030,446
Major Street Fund	202	1,283,585	1,283,585
Local Street Fund	203	544,058	544,058
Garbage & Rubbish Collection Fund	226	993,566	993,566
Community Development Block Grant Fund	252	768,750	254,380
Police Special Revenue Fund	265	255,445	255,445
Depot Town DDA Fund	275	96,999	80,685
2001 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Debt Fund \$8.465 M	300	672,225	672,225
2002 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund \$4 M	301	391,875	391,875
2002 General Obligation Capital Imp. Debt Fund \$400,000	316	34,730	34,730
2003 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Debt Fund \$8.465 M	341	688,745	687,916
2002B Water & Sewer Debt Fund \$485,000	364	31,700	31,250
2001 Water & Sewer Debt Fund \$4 M	365	227,936	223,936
2002A Water & Sewer Bonds Debt Fund \$5 M	366	281,613	277,113
2002C Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Revenue \$8.66 M	367	576,550	570,050
2003A Water Supply & Sewage Fund \$4.8 M	368	257,730	254,230
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund	399	675	675
2003 General Obligation Taxable Capital Improvement \$2 M	402	680,793	680,793
2003B General Obligation Taxable Capital Imp. \$4.4 M	403	225,723	225,723
Land Revolving Fund	412	3,849,866	3,849,866
Downtown DDA Fund	413	340,969	319,525
Capital Improvement Fund	414	838,113	764,329
Economic Development Corporation Fund	415	7,096	7,096
2003 General Obligation Bonds Const. Fund \$8.465 M	441	4,472,853	4,472,853
2002A Water & Sewer Construction Fund \$5 M	466	1,142	1,142
2003C Water Supply & Sewage Construction Fund \$5.3 M	469	1,330,008	1,054,171
2003B Water Supply & Sewage Const. Fund \$1.5 M	470	304,005	304,005
2003C Water Supply & Sewage \$785,000	471	49,940	49,190
2004A Water & Sewer Revenue \$2.7 M	472	972,193	972,193
2004A DDA Construction Fund \$995,000	473	356,838	356,838
2004B Water Supply & Sewage \$6.33	474	57,627	57,627
2004A GO Refunding \$4,680,000	475	5,025,527	967,684
2004B GOLT REFUND \$2,020,000	476	3,505,032	1,210,152
Sidewalk Improvement Fund	495	56,700	56,700
Motorpool Fund	641	1,099,628	1,043,241
Workers Compensation Fund	677	251,674	251,674
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	732	2,375,000	2,101,563
Retiree Benefits Fund	736	888,172	671,441
TOTAL		46,787,532	39,003,971

Further, that in accordance with Section 19(2) of Public Act 621 of 1978, also known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, parameters are hereby given to allow transfers between appropriation accounts and within fund totals and within those activities within the control of each department.

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

VOTE

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

B. "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.

1. Resolution No. 2005-103, Determination.

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 Unit for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006", **be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

Description	Fund	Revenue	Expenditures
General Fund	101	13,574,406	13,511,028
Major Street Fund	202	1,198,800	946,958
Local Street Fund	203	553,850	553,850
Garbage & Rubbish Collection Fund	226	1,014,288	1,014,288
Community Development Block Grant Fund	252	614	564
Police Special Revenue Fund	265	149,865	149,865
Depot Town DDA Fund	275	96,419	74,978
2001 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Debt Fund \$8.465 M	300	676,625	676,625
2002 Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund \$4 M	301	4,103,236	4,103,236
2002 General Obligation Capital Imp. Debt Fund \$400,000	316	34,130	34,130
2003 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Debt Fund \$8.465 M	341	693,331	693,331
2002B Water & Sewer Debt Fund \$485,000	364	31,200	30,750
2001 Water & Sewer Debt Fund \$4 M	365	231,336	227,836
2002A Water & Sewer Bonds Debt Fund \$5 M	366	284,613	280,613
2002C Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Revenue \$8.66 M	367	577,350	572,250
2003A Water Supply & Sewage Fund \$4.8 M	368	255,573	252,473
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund	399	39,173	39,173
2003 General Obligation Taxable Capital Improvement \$2 M	402	208,259	208,259
2003B General Obligation Taxable Capital Imp. \$4.4 M	403	225,723	225,723
Land Revolving Fund	412	1,184,782	1,184,782
Downtown DDA Fund	413	356,442	321,633
Capital Improvement Fund	414	666,651	612,501
Economic Development Corporation Fund	415	8,137	8,137
2003 General Obligation Bonds Const. Fund \$8.465 M	441	520,500	520,500
2003C Water Supply & Sewage Construction Fund. \$5.3 M	469	326,151	326,151
2003B Water Supply & Sewage Construction Fund. \$1.5 M	470	82,425	82,425
2003C Water Supply & Sewage \$785,000	471	48,533	48,033
2004A Water & Sewer Revenue \$2.7 M	472	272,318	272,318
2004A DDA Construction Fund \$995,000	473	838,812	838,812
2004B Water Supply & Sew \$6.33	474	376,239	376,239
2004A GO Refunding \$4,680,000	475	3,673,096	3,673,096
2004B GOLT REFUND \$2,020,000	476	694,819	693,569
Sidewalk Improvement Fund	495	40,000	40,000
Motorpool Fund	641	1,487,985	1,487,985
Workers Compensation Fund	677	215,240	214,237
FIRE AND POLICE PENSION	732	2,677,602	2,174,850
Retiree Benefits Fund	736	738,750	720,000
Total		38,157,273	37,191,198

Further, that in accordance with Section 19(2) of Public Act 621 of 1978, also known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, parameters are hereby given to allow transfers between appropriation accounts and within fund totals and within those activities within the control of each department.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- C.** An Ordinance to adopt a general operating millage rate of 19.0211 mills (.0190211 cents per 1000) of the Taxable Value, according to the assessment roll of the last preceding year (2005-2006) is approved and authorized.

1. Resolution No. 2005-104, Determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT proposed ordinance entitled, "2005-2006 Tax Levy Ordinance", **be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- D.** An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section 74-90, Begging, to provide for unlawful solicitation.

1. Resolution No. 2005-105, Determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 74-90, Begging, to provide for unlawful solicitation," **be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried with
noted correction

- E.** An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 102-62 Vehicle trespass," prohibiting the parking of trucks and buses in residential areas.

1. Resolution No. 2005-106, Determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 102-62 Vehicle trespass, prohibiting the parking of trucks and buses in residential areas, **be approved on Second and Final Reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member LaRue

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- F.** An Ordinance entitled, "Residential Permit Parking" amends Sec(s). 102-101, 102-104, 102-105, and 102-106 of the Ypsilanti City Code.

1. Resolution No. 2005-107, Determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled, "Residential Permit Parking" amends Sec(s) 102-102, 102-104, 102-105 and 102-106 of the Ypsilanti Code be approved on **Second and Final Reading.**

The ordinance was amended to read that any offense carries a fine of \$50.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member LaRue

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried with
noted corrections.

- XII. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2005-109,** approving Consent Agenda items.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- A. Resolution No. 2005 – 110**, approves the request by the Friends of the Ypsilanti Police Department be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license for the Rubber Duck Race in 2005.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Ypsilanti Police Department has been involved with the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce in conducting the Rubber Duck Race at the Heritage Festival and other non-profit fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, this year the Friends of the Ypsilanti Police Department will lead the Rubber Duck Race in 2005 and are required by the Michigan Lottery to be recognized by the local governing body in order to receive a charitable gaming license for the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL, that the request from the Friends of the Ypsilanti Police Department of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license be considered approved.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- B. Resolution No. 2005 – 111**, authorizes the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to remove any utility easement or party wall agreement from the chain of title property that is deemed unnecessary, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

WATER STREET PROJECT ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has acquired all the target properties for the Water Street redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, some of these properties have easements and party wall agreements that have been, or will become, unnecessary through demolition of the buildings, etc.; and

WHEREAS, some utility easements granted to the City of Ypsilanti will be unnecessary through removal of these buildings as well; and

WHEREAS, proper authority is needed from the City Council to remove these easements and agreements;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to remove any easement or agreement from the chain of title of property that is deemed unnecessary, subject to the approval of Ypsilanti City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nickels

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

- C. Resolution No. 2005 – 112**, approves the scheduling of a public hearing on August 2, 2005 for the first reading of an ordinance and public hearing to vacate the alley located between 210 and 214 S. Washington Street on the west side of S. Washington, south of Woodward Ave., as required by section 94-293 of the City Charter.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, an application for alley vacation has been submitted for the eastern 165 ft. of a public alley, 16.5 ft. in width, which is located between 210 and 214 S. Washington Street on the west side of S. Washington, south of Woodward Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 15, 2005 and provided a recommendation to vacate east 165 ft. of said alley; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that City Council receive the Planning Commission recommendation and schedule a public hearing within four weeks of receiving said recommendation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council hereby schedules a public hearing on August 2, 2005 for first reading of an ordinance and public hearing to vacate said alley, as required by section 94-293 of the City Charter.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A. Council Member LaRue brought to Council's attention the meeting with Riverside this week regarding the use of the DTE building.
- B. Council Member Gawlas requested information regarding adding the votes for each resolution item included in the consent agenda.
- C. Council Member Nickels presented to Council a handout and asked for comments from the City Manager regarding problems at YCUA. He also asked the City Manager to comment on interest in the city's dump site. He made reference to a letter that was sent to Council concerning the Housing Commission and asked if that letter had been sent to them.
- D. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson spoke of residents' concerns at Parkview Apartments regarding notices that were posted regarding valid certificates of occupancy.

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson stated that there is nothing to report at this time.
- B. Recreation Commission – Council Member Gawlas provided an update on the Recreation Commission. Christ Temple Church of Detroit has indicated to the city that Ypsilanti will be the recipient of the revenues they will realize from a fundraising activity that they host annually around October, which will help with funding Parkridge Community Center. The July joint meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2005. Council Member Gawlas indicated that vacancies need to be filled.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Nickels had nothing to report at this time.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council – Council Member Gawlas stated there is no meeting this month and meetings are now held quarterly.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – There is nothing to report at this time.

F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – Council Member Gawlas stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – There is nothing to report at this time.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ed Koryzno thanked Council for their hard work and efforts in passing the proposed budget. He stated that MDOT has contacted the city regarding applying for funding to conduct an access management study. He said he would be recommending that the city participate in this study with the goal of improving access management. The Code of Ordinances is now online due to the efforts of the City Clerk. He is confident that the city will be able to move forward with labor negotiations.

A. Closed Session per Section 8 (h) of the Open Meeting Act for the purpose of considering attorney opinions.

By roll call vote, all Council Members present agreed to go into Closed Session per Section 8 (h) of the Open Meeting Act for the purpose of considering attorney opinions at 10:21 p.m.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Farmer spoke of a past Council Member whose husband had successful surgery and would appreciate cards. She asked Council if they would be interested in talking with Superior Township regarding development. Mayor Farmer asked if there would be any vacations that she needed to be aware of, because she wanted to ensure a quorum for summer Council meetings.

XVII. RESOLUTIONS – MOTIONS

A. Council reconvened to act on **Resolution No. 2005-114**, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute the purchase of due diligence materials associated with investigation of the Water Street Redevelopment site.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT THE City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to negotiate and execute the purchase of due diligence materials associated with investigation of the Water Street Redevelopment site by Water Street Investors LLC subject to review and approval by City legal counsel at a price not to exceed \$725,000.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2005-113, to adjourn the 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: Council Member Gawlas
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member LaRue

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Richardson, Filipiak) Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.