



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005
7:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to Riverside Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Farmer	Present	Council Member Richardson	Present
Council Member Gawlas	Absent	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member LaRue	Absent	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

Moved and supported to excuse the absence of Council Members Gawlas and LaRue. Motion carried. Council Member Gawlas was present at Riverside Arts Center.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Farmer asked whether any of the pastors would like to give the invocation. Bishop Walker offered to give the invocation.

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

Mayor Farmer introduced the members of Council and City staff that were present. She also introduced the students of New Beginnings Academy, Ypsilanti Township Trustee Jean Hall Curry, and Ypsilanti Township Attorney Doug Winters.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved and supported to accept the amended Agenda.

VOTE

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

(Amended Agenda)				
CITY OF YPSILANTI COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ONE SOUTH HURON STREET, YPSILANTI, MI 48197 TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005 7:30 P.M.				
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II.	<u>ROLL CALL</u> –			
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	Council Member Gawlas	P A	Council Member Filipiak	P A
	Council Member LaRue	P A	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	P A
	Council Member Nickels	P A		
III.	<u>INVOCATION</u> –			
IV.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> –			
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V.	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> –			
VI.	<u>AGENDA APPROVAL</u> –			
VII.	<u>PRESENTATIONS</u> –			
	A. New Beginnings Academy, Holly Smith and the Student Council			
	1. <u>Resolution No. 2005 – 134A</u> , supporting the actions of the Student Council of New Beginnings Academy in their efforts to Save the Wild Horses.			
	B. Staff Presentation on Income Tax Alternatives, Robert Bruner, Assistant City Manager			
VIII.	<u>AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION</u> –			
IX.	<u>MINUTES</u> –			
	A. Resolution No. 2005 –120 , approving the Minutes of July 19 and 26, 2005.			
X.	<u>ORDINANCE – FIRST READING</u>			
	A. An Ordinance entitled "720 NORRIS REZONING" BE REZONED FROM M2, MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL TO C/I, COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL.			
	1. Open the Public Hearing			
	2. Resolution No. 2005 –121 , Closing the Public Hearing.			
	3. Resolution No. 2005 –122 , Determination			
	B. An Ordinance entitled "130 SOUTH GROVE REZONING" BE REZONED FROM PL, PUBLIC LANDS TO R-2, ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.			
	1. Open the Public Hearing			
	2. Resolution No. 2005 –123 , Closing the Public Hearing.			
	3. Resolution No. 2005 –124 , Determination			

(Amended Agenda Continued)

- C. An Ordinance entitled, "SOUTH WASHINGTON ALLEY VACATION," vacating the easterly 165 feet of an East-West alley being South of Woodward Avenue, North of Buffalo Street and running westerly from South Washington, in the City of Ypsilanti be vacated.
 - 1. Open the Public Hearing
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2005 – 125**, Closing the Public Hearing.
 - 3. **Resolution No. 2005 – 126**, Determination

- D. An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to add Chapter 3 to the Ypsilanti City Code entitled "Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance" adopting by reference the Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance provided for in Section 3c of Chapter 1 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964 as amended."
 - 1. Open the Public Hearing
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2005 – 127**, Closing the Public Hearing.
 - 3. ~~Resolution No. 2005 – 128~~, Determination

XII. RESOLUTIONS/ MOTIONS -

- A. ~~Resolution No. 2005 – 129~~, that the following ballot question be placed before the electorate for their adoption or rejection at the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2005: "ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CITY INCOME TAX" *Shall Ordinance No. 1012 – 2005 adopting the Uniform Income Tax Ordinance, for a period of five years which imposes an annual rate of tax on corporations and resident individuals of 1% and on non-resident individuals of .5%; and providing for a \$1,000 individual deduction for each personal and dependency exemption and for persons 65 years of age or older and for blind persons; and reducing the real and personal property tax millage rate by two (2) mills, to be effective January 1, 2005* ~~be approved? () Yes, () No?~~

- B. **Resolution No. 2005 – 132**, adopting the Parking Lot/Space License Policy in order to provide staff with guidance for the issuance of parking licenses.

CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2005 - 130

- A. **Resolution No. 2005 -131**, approving the Letter of Agreement between Plante & Moran, PLLC., dated June 24, 2005 for the annual audit for year ending June 30, 2005, and the City Manager is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

- B. ~~Resolution No. 2005 – 132~~, adopting the Parking Lot/Space License Policy in order to provide staff with guidance for the issuance of parking licenses.

- C. **Resolution No. 2005 –133**, waives the application fees for CoPAC recognized neighborhood associations hosting an annual neighborhood event, and includes one annual event per year per neighborhood association, fees for Special Event Permits, Street Closures Noise Permits and Park Reservations.

- D. **Resolution No. 2005 –134** approves the purchase of one (1) 2006 F-350 One Ton Stake Truck from Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, Michigan in the amount of \$29,645.

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 -

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

XVII. ADJOURNMENT -

- A. **Resolution No. 2005 - 135**

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. New Beginnings Academy, Holly Smith and the Student Council. Ms. Smith introduced the students from New Beginnings Academy. The students then presented their resolution to Council.

- 1. Resolution No. 2005 – 134A**, supporting the actions of the Student Council of New Beginnings Academy in their efforts to Save the Wild Horses.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the children of New Beginnings Academy in Ypsilanti have been unhappy about news reports of the slaughter of wild horses, have taken this issue to their Student Council , and have passed a Resolution for Saving the Wild Horses, and

WHEREAS, their Resolution has been presented to the Ypsilanti City Council on August 2, 2005 and the children have asked for Council's help in their cause, and

WHEREAS, the image of wild horses galloping across the plains of the western United States has long been a symbol of freedom for Americans everywhere. These horses are native to the public lands that are currently controlled by the Federal Bureau of Lands and Mine Management (BLM). The recent BLM-sanctioned round-up of wild horses comes at the urging of ranchers who graze their animals on the public's land and wish to reduce competition from the wild horses for pasture. Wild horse populations, like the populations of many species, are declining because of habitat loss. Public lands ought to serve the public good as well as the needs of private ranchers. The continued existence of healthy populations of wild horses would generally be considered a public good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Ypsilanti do hereby commend the Student Council of New Beginnings Academy for following the democratic process to voice their concern, and support their appeal to their elected representatives in Washington D.C. We strongly encourage Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow and Representative John Dingell to consider their request that the BLM provide land for the wild horses, provide more information on adoption for wild horses, and allow each horse the opportunity to be adopted irrespective of age. We further encourage children in other schools in the city, state and nation to follow the example of the children at New Beginnings Academy to help save the wild horses and to follow the democratic process to solve other pressing problems as they are identified.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

- B.** Staff Presentation on Income Tax Alternatives, Robert Bruner, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Bruner gave a presentation on alternatives to a city income tax. Police Chief George Basar provided an overview of how the budget shortfall would affect his department, and Fire Chief James Roberts provided an overview of the Ypsilanti Fire Department and explained how the budget shortfall would affect fire services.

Mayor Farmer asked for a moment of silence in honor of firefighter Brad Patton, who was tragically killed along with his wife and son.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A.** Tyrone Bridges – alleged that the Ypsilanti Police Department has a problem with brutality. He spoke regarding taxing churches.
- B.** Doug Winters – 130 N. Huron – spoke of 61 N. Huron Street and a letter he received from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a zoning issue.
- C.** Bishop Walker – also spoke regarding the church at 61 N. Huron Street and the zoning issue at that address.
- D.** Elder Thompson – spoke regarding the use of the building at 61 N. Huron Street and the complaints by area retailers.
- E.** Pastor Michael Hill – spoke regarding the church at 61 N. Huron Street and its use of the space.
- F.** Elder Alexander Smith – expressed his concern over his church being evicted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- G.** Elder Lansing Smith – spoke regarding his concern over his church being evicted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- H.** Nanci Nanney – gave her opinion of the condition of the city and spoke about taxes.
- I.** Rodney Nanney – spoke in opposition to the proposed income tax.
- J.** John Donnelly – expressed his concern over the Plante Moran Income Tax Study and the Blue Ribbon Finance Committee's proposal.
- K.** Robert Murkowski – EMU Student Body President provided Council with a handout regarding income tax and parking enforcement.

- L. Martin Stenzel – spoke regarding recycling in the city and how it could possibly save the city some money.
- M. Yvonne Abdoo – stated that she is not convinced by the information provided regarding the income tax proposal.
- N. Lee Tooson – spoke about the Zoning Board of Appeal’s eviction at 61 N. Huron as well as the Beer Fest and other activities within the city.
- O. Tyrone Wilson – spoke of his concerns regarding activities within the city.
- P. Stan Stewart – spoke of parking issues within the city and the difficulty of getting into the downtown area.
- Q. James Fink – spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals issue. He spoke in opposition of the city’s eviction of the church at 61 N. Huron Street.
- R. Leonardo Christian – spoke regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals evicting the church at 61 N. Huron. He spoke of other issues with the city.
- S. Larry Gabble – 817 Hemphill – stated that he appreciates the services within the city but that he doesn’t want a new tax. He said that there are those that will not be able to afford an increase in taxes.
- T. Rachel C. Murray – stated that there is an alleged breakdown of communication and trust within the city. She feels that suggestions from the public are often turned down by Council.
- U. Steve Pierce – 118 S. Washington – spoke of issues with Council and mistrust in the community toward Council.
- V. Andrew Fink – 206 S. Washington – spoke against the income tax proposal.
- W. Andy C. – stated that if there is an income tax he will move his business out of the city of Ypsilanti.
- X. Mark Kaufman – 42 S. Summit – stated that he lives in the city of Ypsilanti because he likes the city. He spoke in support of the income tax proposal.

IX. MINUTES

- A. **Resolution No. 2005-120**, approving the Minutes of July 19th and 26th, 2005.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of July 19th and 26th, 2005 be approved.

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

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

Minutes approved with noted corrections.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance entitled “720 NORRIS REZONING” BE REZONED FROM M2, MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL TO C/I, COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL.

1. Open the Public Hearing.

- a.** Renee Greff – 1305 Grant St. – stated that she loves the city of Ypsilanti and spoke in support of the rezoning.
- b.** Pam Hamblin – 109 North St. – said that she is in favor of the downzoning.
- c.** Brian Robb – E. Cross St. – spoke in support of rezoning. He stated that anyone who wants to open a business in Ypsilanti should be encouraged.

2. **Resolution No. 2005-121**, Close the Public Hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled “720 NORRIS REZONING” be **officially closed**.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

3. **Resolution No. 2005-122**, Determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the proposed ordinance entitled “720 NORRIS REZONING” be approved on **First Reading**.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

- B.** An Ordinance entitled "130 SOUTH GROVE REZONING" BE REZONED FROM PL, PUBLIC LANDS TO R-2, ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

1. Open the Public Hearing
2. **Resolution No. 2005-123**, Close the Public Hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled "130 SOUTH GROVE REZONING" be **officially closed**.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

3. **Resolution No. 2005-124**, Determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "130 SOUTH GROVE REZONING" be approved on **First Reading**.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

- C.** An Ordinance entitled "SOUTH WASHINGTON ALLEY VACATION," vacating the easterly 165 feet of an East-West alley being South of Woodward Avenue, North of Buffalo Street and running westerly from South Washington, in the City of Ypsilanti be vacated.

1. Open the Public Hearing
 - a. Bob Doyle – spoke in favor of the alley vacation.
 - b. James Fink – 206 S. Washington – stated that he is in favor of vacating the alley.

- c. Steve Pierce – 118 S. Washington – spoke in favor of the alley vacation.
- d. Joe Lawrence – 212 S. Huron St. – spoke in favor of the alley vacation.

2. Resolution No. 2005-125, Closing the Public Hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled “SOUTH WASHINGTON ALLEY VACATION” be **officially closed**.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2005-126, Determination

Resolution approving an ordinance entitled “South Washington Alley Vacation” on first reading to authorize the vacation of the easterly 165 feet of an East-West alley being South of Woodward Avenue, North of Buffalo Street and running westerly from South Washington, in the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that it is in the public interest that the easterly 165 ft. of an East-West alley running westerly from South Washington, south of Woodward Avenue be vacated.

1. The vacation has been recommended by the Ypsilanti Planning Commission.
2. The vacation would cause the property to revert to the lot owners on either side of the vacated alley.
3. The City of Ypsilanti Department of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, and Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority and DTE Energy have no objections to such vacation for purposes of fire protection or easements for purpose of water, sewer and other utilities.

BE IT RESOLVED that the said Ordinance vacating said alley be and the same is approved on first reading.

The Ypsilanti City Attorney is authorized to bring the appropriate Circuit action pursuant to MCLA 560.222 et seq. to vacate that portion of the said alley more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of lot 51 of Original Plat, thence westerly 165 feet along the southern boundaries of lots 51 and 52, ending at the midpoint of the southerly line of lot 53, thence south 16.5 feet, the entire width of said alley, to the midpoint of the north line of a vacated north/south alley, thence easterly 165 feet along the northern boundary of lot 50 of Original Plat to the northeast corner of same lot 50, thence northerly 16.5 feet to the place of beginning, being a public alley 16.5 feet in width, and 165 feet in length, and being subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

- D.** An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to add Chapter 3 to the Ypsilanti City Code entitled "Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance" adopting by reference the Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance provided for in Section 3c of Chapter 1 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964 as amended."
- 1.** Open the Public Hearing.
 - a.** Pam Hamblin – 109 North St. – doesn't want to see further cuts within the Ypsilanti Fire Department or the Ypsilanti Police Department. She spoke of the possibility other cuts and a possible income tax. She does not feel that November would be a good time to vote on this issue.
 - b.** Kelly Benson – 320 Vinewood Ct. – has questions and observations regarding the city income tax proposal. She would like Council to provide answers to her questions.
 - c.** Loren Romain – 930 Sheridan – spoke of the leadership in the city instituting an income tax. He is opposed to the income tax proposal.
 - d.** Doug Winters – 130 N. Huron St. – opposes the proposal of an income tax on the ballot.
 - e.** Tyrone Wilson – spoke in opposition of the income tax proposal.
 - f.** Elliot Smith – 323 Vinewood Court – spoke against the proposed city income tax.

- g.** Lee Tooson – spoke of alleged issues with current and past administration and Council. He does not support a city income tax.
- h.** Derek Block – spoke in opposition of the proposed city income tax proposal.
- i.** David Palmer – 715 N. Congress St. – stated that his employer indicated that they would move their company should the proposal be placed on the ballot. Mr. Palmer does not support an income tax proposal.
- j.** Steve Pierce – opposes the income tax proposal.
- k.** Rodney Nanney – also is opposed to the income tax proposal.
- l.** John Donnelly – 628 N. Prospect - spoke regarding comments by Fire Chief Roberts. He wondered if there is a way to shift the tax burden of fire service and other services to Eastern Michigan University.
- m.** Bob Resch – resident of Ypsilanti for twenty-one years. He also spoke in opposition to the income tax proposal. He feels the city should look at alternatives to an income tax.
- n.** Jeff Koepp – one of the owners of AF Smith Electric – spoke in opposition to the proposed city income tax.
- o.** Joe Lawrence – 212 S. Huron St. - spoke opposing the city income tax proposal. He feels the city needs to explore other options.
- p.** Tray Allen – 520 Adams St. – A new homeowner in the city who spoke regarding property taxes and his opposition of any additional taxes.

2. Resolution No. 2005-127, Closing the Public Hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to add Chapter 3 to the Ypsilanti City Code entitled “Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance” adopting by reference the Uniform City Income Tax Ordinance provided for in Section 3c of Chapter 1 of Act 284 of the Public Acts of 1964,” be **officially closed**.

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

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. **2005-128**, Determination. Tabled to a future meeting.

XII. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS

~~A. Resolution No. 2005 – 129, that the following ballot question be placed before the electorate for their adoption or rejection at the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2005: “ADOPTION OF UNIFORM CITY INCOME TAX” Shall Ordinance No. 1012—2005 adopting the Uniform Income Tax Ordinance, for a period of five years which imposes an annual rate of tax on corporations and resident individuals of 1% and on non-resident individuals of .5%; and providing for a \$1,000 individual deduction for each personal and dependency exemption and for persons 65 years of age or older and for blind persons; and reducing the real and personal property tax millage rate by two (2) mills, to be effective January 1, 2005 be approved? () Yes, () No”~~

Resolution No. 2005 – 129 was tabled to a future meeting.

B. **Resolution No. 2005 – 132**, adopting the Parking Lot/Space License Policy in order to provide staff with guidance for the issuance of parking licenses. This resolution was pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of Council.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, parking lots and parking spaces within the City of Ypsilanti shall be for the benefit of the general public;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the City Council adopts the attached Parking Lot/Space License Policy in order to provide staff with guidance for the issuance of parking licenses.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

Moved and supported to add a line at the end of the resolution to read: **“Further, this Resolution shall expire on 12/31/05.”**

Moved and supported to amend the City of Ypsilanti Parking Lot/Space License Policy to change item number six to read: “Upon application and approval **and the demonstrated support of the local business community**, the City Manager may issue a license to the licensee to control the described parking lot(s) and/or parking spaces, for a period of time not to exceed three days.”

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried to amend

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried with noted amendments

CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2005-130, approving Consent Agenda items.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved.

- A. Resolution No. 2005 – 131**, approving the Letter of Agreement between Plante & Moran, PLLC., dated June 24, 2005 for the annual audit for year ending June 30, 2005, and the City Manager is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the certain Letter of Agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and Plante & Moran, PLLC., dated June 24, 2005, for the annual audit for year ending June 30, 2005, be and the same is hereby approved. The City Manager is authorized to sign same for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

~~**B. Resolution No. 2005 – 132**, adopting the Parking Lot/Space License Policy in order to provide staff with guidance for the issuance of parking licenses. This resolution was pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of Council.~~

- C. Resolution No. 2005 – 133**, waives the application fees for CoPAC recognized neighborhood associations hosting an annual neighborhood event, and includes one annual event per year per neighborhood association, fees for Special Event Permits, Street Closures, Noise Permits and Park Reservations.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, CoPAC is a partnership between citizens in their neighborhoods and the police to work together to find solutions to quality of life issues; and

WHEREAS, CoPAC works to pro-actively identify and address community issues at the block, neighborhood, or city level.

WHEREAS, CoPAC was established by the Ypsilanti Police Department to advise and assist in the implementation of community policing and the community policing philosophy throughout the City of Ypsilanti;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council waives application fees for CoPAC recognized neighborhood associations hosting an annual neighborhood event; and the waiver include only one annual event per year per neighborhood association; and fees to be waived include Special Event Permits, Street Closures, Noise Permits and Park Reservations.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

D. Resolution No. 2005 – 134, approves the purchase of one (1) 2006 F-350 One Ton Stake Truck from Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, Michigan in the amount of \$29,645.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is participating in the State Extended Purchasing Program for Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will purchase one (1) 2006 F-350 One Ton Stake Truck from Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, Michigan at the State Purchase Price of \$29,645;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the purchase of one (1) 2006 F-350 One Ton Stake Truck, from Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, Michigan at said amount and price;

Further, that the funds be expended from account 641-932-987-10.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

A. Council Member Richardson asked if the city attorney had been able to obtain a written interpretation of a federal law that she had requested at a previous

Council Meeting. Attorney Barr informed her that he had been working on that and should have a definitive answer within two weeks.

- B. Council Member Nickels stated that the subcommittee for City Manager Koryzno's contract has met and that there would be a contract extension on the agenda for the next meeting. He noted that there is a dead tree in front of the museum that he felt should be cut down. He informed Council that there was an article in a Detroit newspaper regarding DDAs and getting out of the business of DDAs.
- C. Council Member Filipiak stated that he is glad that Council tabled the income tax discussion. He feels that Council needs to do more homework on the issue and be better able to educate the public. He spoke regarding the eviction at 61 N. Huron.
- D. Council Member Gawlas stated that communication and trust appear to be lacking within the city. He feels that more has to be done in terms of communication and getting the word out to the public. He said that it is helpful to put the information on the city's website, but he also feels that more can be done on a more personal level to educate the public.
- E. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson asked what the status is of the bankruptcy with Parkview. City Attorney Barr provided details on the bankruptcy to Council. She also asked about the potential buyer. Mayor Farmer answered that she had received a letter from the buyer's attorney.

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS –

Liaison reports were postponed to the next Council Meeting.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- A. Assistant City Manager Robert Bruner informed Council that the income tax calculator is now online. He encouraged Council Members to email him any questions they might have regarding the income tax. The residential trash pickup guidelines have been updated. He provided a copy of the update to Council. Water Street frequently asked questions will be updated.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- A. Mayor Farmer spoke to Council about requesting the Blue Ribbon Committee on City Finances to reconvene to hold a public meeting to receive comments and suggestions on the income tax and alternatives to an income tax. She requested that an electronic suggestion box be put on the city's website. She wants to invite the Michigan Municipal League to brainstorm regarding Revenue Sharing.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2005-135, 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 Filipiak

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.