



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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	Present
Council Member Gawlas	Present	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member LaRue	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

All Council Members were present.

III. INVOCATION

Mayor Farmer asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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V. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Farmer acknowledged city department heads that were present as well as Ypsilanti Township Attorney Doug Winters.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson moved and support was given to accept the amended Agenda.

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

(Amended Agenda)

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VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

IX. MINUTES –

A. Resolution No. 2005 - 175, approving the Minutes of September 20, 2005.

X. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

A. Resolution No. 2005 – 176, approving an ordinance to amend the Taxi Cab ordinance to set fees by City Council Resolution.

XI. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS -

- A. Resolution No. 2005 - 177**, adopting the taxi cab fees pursuant to the specific sections of the Ypsilanti City Code.
- B. Resolution No. 2005 – 178**, approving the Ypsilanti School District two year contract at full cost, for a Police School Liaison Officer and authorizes the City Clerk and Mayor to sign the contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.
- C. Resolution No. 2005 – 178A**, supporting Full Funding for the State Fire Protection Mandate.

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

XIII. 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

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

A. Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

XVI. ADJOURNMENT –

A. Resolution No. 2005 - 179, adjourning the Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council received public comments. Audience participation is recorded on audiocassette and is available to the public for up to sixty days following the City Council meeting.

IX. MINUTES

A. Resolution No. 2005-175, approving the Minutes of September 20, 2005.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of September 20, 2005, be approved.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

Minutes were approved with no corrections.

X. ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

A. Resolution No. 2005 – 176, approving an ordinance to amend the Taxi Cab ordinance to set fees by City Council Resolution.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to amend the City Code concerning Taxi-cabs, adding Sections 114-88(C) and 114-39 and amending Sections 114-88, 114-91, 114-106, 114-107, 114-110, 114-112, 114-114 and 114-137 (c)” be approved on **Second and Final Reading**.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XI. RESOLUTIONS / MOTIONS

A. Resolution No. 2005 – 177, adopting the taxi cab fees pursuant to the specific sections of the Ypsilanti City Code.

A resolution setting fees for Taxi Cabs.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the following fees are adopted pursuant to the specific sections of the Ypsilanti City Code indicated.

YPSILANTI CITY CODE

<u>SECTION NO.</u>	<u>TYPE OF FEE</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>	<u>NEW FEE</u>
114-91	Taxicab bond plate fee	105	115
114-136 (1)	Rates of Fare		
	Mileage / Flag Drop		
	Flag drop	1.75	2.00
	Mileage after flag drop	.25 per 1/7 Mile or \$1.75 per mile	\$.25 per 1/8 Mile, or 2.00 per mile
	Waiting Time (per 36 seconds)	\$0.15	\$0.25 per 45 seconds
114-136(2)	Hourly Rate (All time after first hour in .25 hour increments)	\$15.00 per hour	\$20 per hour
	Minimum if charging by the hour	\$7.50	

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

B. Resolution No. 2005 – 178, approving the Ypsilanti School District two year contract at full cost, for a Police School Liaison Officer and authorizes the City Clerk and Mayor to sign the contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Police Department has presented the Ypsilanti School District with a two year contract, at full cost, for the services of a Police School Liaison Officer; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2005 the Board of Education approved said contract covering the school years beginning on September 1, 2004 and ending on July 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the contract provides for full cost reimbursement of the officer’s salary and benefit package;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the City of Ypsilanti that the school liaison contract be approved as presented;

THAT the City Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City subject to approval by the City Attorney.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

C. Resolution No. 2005 – 178A, supporting Full Funding for the State Fire Protection Mandate.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING FOR
THE STATE FIRE PROTECTION MANDATE**

WHEREAS, almost 30 years ago the State Legislature determined that local governments that provide fire protection for state owned facilities in their jurisdictions shall be reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, a formula based upon state equalized value was devised in order to calculate the fair cost to be reimbursed to these communities; and

WHEREAS, in the best of times this mandate has never been funded at more than 40% of what the formula dictates; and

WHEREAS, during the current economic downturn, and at a time when Headlee and Proposal A are synergizing in ways particularly detrimental to the older built-out cities, full funding of the fire protection mandate is more critical than ever. Many cities have had to make cuts in essential services such as police and fire, and some are poised to go into receiver; and

WHEREAS, the State budget just approved on October 1 only provides roughly 20% of the fire protection mandate. The financially strapped city of Ypsilanti in particular (population 22,000) can ill afford to continue to subsidize fire protection for its regional service center Eastern Michigan University (population 25,000), nor in fairness should it be expected to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Ypsilanti do hereby request that full funding of fire protection grants for all Act 289 communities be strongly considered in the anticipated Supplemental Appropriations Budget in November 2005. We entreat you to help us to meet our fire protection obligations by meeting your financial obligations. We deserve nothing less.

FURTHER, we declare that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Senate and House Majority Leaders, Senator Kenneth Sikkema, and Representative Chris Ward. Speakers of the Senate and House Lt. Governor John Cherry and Representative Craig M. DeRoche, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Senator Shirley M. Johnson, Representative Scott Hummel, Senator Liz Brater, and Representative Alma Wheeler Smith.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member LaRue

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A.** Council Member Richardson spoke regarding allegations of a Council Member's yard being tended by a Department of Public Works staff member. She said there should be an investigation of this matter. She also mentioned the manner in which parking tickets are processed in Grand Blanc. She brought up the True Light Pentecostal Church and Attorney Barr's opinion. She asked Council to discuss this issue. She would like to see Council provide the church with a letter letting them know they are welcome in Ypsilanti. She spoke of an incident at Paradise Manor. She stated that there is a video that she feels Council should view. She said that she spoke with the police chief regarding this video and was told that this video is confidential and can not be viewed at this time. Attorney Barr informed Council that at this time Council is not able to view the video but should be able to at a future date.
- B.** Council Member Nickels wondered if the City has looked into towing charges. He felt that if the City has not looked into this matter yet that it should. He also mentioned that state shared revenue would remain constant and wondered if there are any plans or ideas for next year.
- C.** Council Member Filipiak thanked Council Member Gawlas for the NAACP advertisement. He mentioned that he would like Council to incorporate the students of Eastern Michigan University into any future advertisement. He informed Council that he attended a meeting last Thursday at Eastern Michigan University with Representative John Stewart (R-Plymouth) and was disappointed with the thrust of the conversation.
- D.** Council Member LaRue stated that he is glad Council will be discussing towing. He mentioned the proposals from the County and wondered if the City could move forward immediately with some of these proposals. He then brought up the issue of whether or not to widen Holmes Road.

- E. Council Member Gawlas mentioned the memo that Council received on the Budget towing contract. He noted that Appendix C, including the towing company's fee schedule, was not included with the contract. He also asked about a reminder for reviews for the City Manager and the City Clerk. He inquired into communications with Visteon and asked for a schedule on reductions in personal property. He mentioned the working session scheduled for November 3, 2005.
- F. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson requested that Budget Towing be audited. She mentioned NAACP's Freedom Fund Dinner. She attended the Comcast Cares Day at Parkridge Community Center. She noted that a lot of good work was accomplished in a few hours.

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson provided a report. They had their Rail Meeting to discuss transit from Ann Arbor to Detroit. They received a federal grant from Washington that was designated for transit study. They will be having further discussions on this topic.
- B. Recreation Commission – Council Member Filipiak informed Council that they will be meeting this Thursday. Council Member Nickels will meet with the Recreation Commission in Council Member Filipiak's stead.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Nickels reminded Council that York Township had posted their east to west streets to restrict truck traffic traveling east to west of York Township. The federal government threatened to withdraw funding for York Township thus causing implications for funding for Washtenaw County. York Township has surrendered. He also mentioned that the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is reporting a twenty percent increase in fares from August 2004 to August 2005 and a thirty-three percent increase in fares from three years ago.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council – Council Member Gawlas referenced a newspaper article that reported on the Washtenaw Development Council and SPARK naming an executive to lead both organizations.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – Council Member Richardson mentioned that anyone wishing to apply for a grant must submit a proposal by the deadline of October 5, 2005.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – There is nothing to report at this time. Council Member Gawlas did note that he anticipates discussions as a result of the changes with Ann Arbor SPARK and the Washtenaw Development Council.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – Council Member Gawlas informed Council that there is a meeting Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the County

Annex Building at 110 North Fourth Avenue. The agenda includes a review of the draft Parkland and Open Space Report. There will be a presentation on the Ann Arbor to Detroit Transit Study by Paul Tait of SEMCOG. Council Member Gawlas explained which communities comprised the members of the Washtenaw Metro Alliance.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations under Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

By roll call vote all Members of Council agreed to go into Closed Session at 11:00 p.m.

- B.** Police Chief George Basar explained that Appendix C of the Budget towing contract is actually Appendix A, which was provided to Council. The prices for towing are provided in Appendix A of the Budget towing contract. Chief Basar provided a report regarding the towing contract. With regard to the City's finances, City Manager Ed Koryzno distributed a general fund deficit projection and mentioned the closure of the Visteon plant and the state announcing that state shared revenues will be flat for the coming year. The preliminary results of last year's budget have been finalized, and the City ended up with an excess of revenue over expenditures in the amount of \$814,000.

Council Member Nickels moved that Council remove the income tax as an item for discussion for fiscal year 2006/2007. Motion supported.

VOTE

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

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

There were no further communications from the Mayor.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Resolution No. 2005 – 179**, adjourning the Council 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 LaRue
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: 0 Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m., and Council convened closed session.