



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YPSILANTI CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006
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 (arrived 7:53 p.m.)
Council Member Gawlas	Absent (arrived 7:32 p.m.)	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member LaRue	Absent	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Nickels, to excuse the absence of Council Members Gawlas, LaRue and Richardson.
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

Mayor Farmer introduced Interim Police Chief Matt Harshberger and Mr. Bagwell, a candidate for Ward 2 Council Member.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson and supported by Council Member Gawlas to approve the agenda.

Moved and supported to accept the Agenda as presented.

VOTE

Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 2 (LaRue, Richardson) Vote: Carried

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A. Kevin Hill, Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) Downtown Parking Recommendations and Proposal.

- 1. Resolution No. 2006-161**, approving the Ypsilanti Central Business Community’s new parking plan and directing City staff to implement this plan.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

IX. MINUTES –

A. Resolution No. 2006-162, approving the minutes of July 5, 2006.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles.”

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-163**, close public hearing.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-164**, determination.

(Agenda Continued)

XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-165

- A. Resolution No. 2006-166**, approving the purchase of the Pelco Video Surveillance System.
- B. Resolution No. 2006-167**, approving the submission of the grant application to the Secretary of State for the purpose of purchasing one additional optical scan voting system.
- C. Resolution No. 2006-168**, approving the appointment of Ypsilanti Interim Police Chief Matthew Harshberger to the Washtenaw County Telephone District Board.
- D. Resolution No. 2006-169**, approving the request by the Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
- E. Resolution No. 2006-170**, approving the Final Master Participation Agreement for the Wireless Washtenaw initiative.

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.** Discussion of the current status on the negotiations for the sale of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum located at 220-222 North Huron Street.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

- A. Resolution No. 2006 -171**, appointing Board and Commission members.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT -

- A. Resolution No. 2006-172**, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A.** Kevin Hill, Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) Downtown Parking Recommendations and Proposal.
 - 1. Resolution No. 2006 - 161**, approving the Ypsilanti Central Business Community's new parking plan and directing City staff to implement this plan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) has submitted a parking proposal and recommendations for the Downtown Business District whereby parking should be less expensive on the perimeter of Downtown and regular rates applied nearer the Central Business District; that some persons are (or will be) paying to guarantee a parking spot; certain areas will be designated as free spaces for business owners and employees; and

WHEREAS, the recommended defined areas include: Adam Street, Michigan Avenue, Ferris Street, Pearl Street, Huron Street, and Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Central Business Community (CBC) recommendations contain the following elements:

1. Leave Michigan Avenue as it is presently (2 hour enforced time/and designated metered spaces);
2. Streamline the existing permit process to include "free" employee/owner Parking in designated areas and paid (guaranteed spaces) to Downtown residents;
3. Clearly designate each specific area so it is clear to both those parking and those enforcing;
4. Downtown Ypsilanti holiday "free" parking should coincide with the Eastern Michigan University schedule (exactly). (The completion of the Fall Term in December and the start of the Winter Term in January);
5. Designate the (Second and Third Set) on the South side of Pearl Street (between Huron and Washington) as 30 minute metered parking;
6. Coordinate activity and change to ensure compliance with all existing Federal, State and Local Statutes;
7. The North Huron Street Lot – continue the two hour enforced time as is presently being utilized (enforcement hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. no permit parking in this lot) post limited (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for example) Saturday enforcement;
8. The Washington Street Lot (at Pearl Street) – allocate a proportionate number of permit parking spaces (to the needs of the city); allocate spaces for employee parking; eliminate 10 hour meters and; continue to allow free parking in this lot;
9. The South Huron Street Lot – maintain its present use. Keep the one-hour "free" parking as it exists (the Northernmost row of the lot); merge the permit parking with designated employee parking to ensure needs are met; project future use prior to allocating the row adjacent to the one-hour "free" row and the street area adjacent to the lot (on Ferris Street);
10. There should be three entrances to this lot. The primary entrance should be a left-hand turn from Huron Street. Upon entering, one way traffic should proceed to the West (towards Washington Street)

where exit will be possible. A second entrance (which will allow two-way traffic) will be off Ferris Street (this spot will also serve as an exit); a third entrance will be one-way from Washington Street. Traffic will enter (one-way) and be traveling east;

11. Designate the spaces in front of 209 Pearl Street and the West Side of South Adams (near Ferris formerly occupied by the Post Office boxes) as Taxi Stands. An alternate site (north of Michigan Avenue) would be the south end of Washington Street lot (adjacent to the AATA area);
12. Allow for handicap spots at the west end of the South Huron lot and the East end of the South Huron lot for those spaces displaced by the dumpster enclosure;
13. Review existing parking ordinances to coordinate with this proposal;
14. Retain meters and meter rates on the streets where they are located presently. Work to standardize all meters to be two hour meters (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday), unless otherwise noted.

Signage

1. Each public parking lot should have a sign with the name of the lot (North Adams, Washington Street, North Huron, South Huron, Riverside Park);
2. The rules for each lot should be clearly posted;
3. Entrances and exits should be clearly marked;
4. Additional signage directing visitors to the public parking should be conveniently displayed (as needed) throughout the downtown area.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council approves the new parking plan and direct City staff to implement this plan

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this parking plan be evaluated within six months and six months thereafter.

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

VOTE

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

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- A. 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. 2006 – 162, approving the Minutes of July 5, 2006.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of July 5, 2006, be approved.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE

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

Minutes approved as presented.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles."

1. Open the Public Hearing.

2. **Resolution No. 2006 – 163**, close the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles" be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE

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

3. **Resolution No. 2006 – 164**, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles" be approved on first reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE

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

XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-165

- A. Resolution No. 2006 – 166**, approving the purchase of the Pelco Video Surveillance System.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti Police Department was awarded Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$25,148.00 in the FY 2004/2005, and an additional \$15,042.00 in FY 2005/2006, for a total of \$40,190.00, for the purchase of new technology; and

WHEREAS, Abel Electronics of St. Clair Shores Michigan will match the current GSA pricing, for the digitally based surveillance video system provided by Pelco, for a total cost of \$40,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the purchase of the Pelco video surveillance system in the total amount of \$40,000.00, said funds to come from Account #101-328-987-40.

- B. Resolution No. 2006 – 167**, approving the submission of the grant application to the Secretary of State for the purpose of purchasing one additional optical scan voting system.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Election Management System (EMS) software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council had submitted a grant application for a new optical scan voting system in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes its City Clerk to serve as the Grant Manager to sign the grant application on behalf of the City, maintain records relating to the purchase, maintenance, and training of the new voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, under the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections grant application in 2005 it provided for 10 Precinct Tabulators, one Absent Voter Counting Board Tabulator and Election Management Software (EMS) to be purchased through the Washtenaw County Clerk Office that will be used at each designated voting location throughout the City of Ypsilanti.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the submission of the grant application to the Secretary of State for the purpose of purchasing one (1) additional optical scan voting system and related Election Management System (EMS) to comply with the Help America Vote Act.

C. Resolution No. 2006 – 168, approving the appointment of Ypsilanti Interim Police Chief Matthew Harshberger to the Washtenaw County Telephone District Board.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Emergency Telephone District Board is the governing body created by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners with authority over an emergency telephone district; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Telephone District Board is staffed by the Office of Emergency Management on a cost recovery basis, and to be comprised of the Sheriff of the County, a representative of the Michigan State Police appointed by the Director of the Michigan State Police, plus elected officers and/or chief administrative officers from the cities, townships, and villages of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti membership position is currently vacant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL, that Ypsilanti Interim Police Chief Matthew Harshberger be appointed to serve as the City's representative for the Washtenaw County Telephone District Board.

D. Resolution No. 2006 – 169, approving the request by the Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse is a group of volunteers committed to preserving the Freighthouse as a historic community resource. The building has served as the site for Ypsilanti's weekly farmers market, community celebrations and events, and civic meetings; and

WHEREAS, this year the Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse will be conducting a 50/50 Raffle at the 2006 Heritage Festival benefiting the restoration of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse 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; and

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

E. Resolution No. 2006 – 170, approving the Final Master Participation Agreement for the Wireless Washtenaw Initiative.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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 supports the Wireless Washtenaw initiative; and,

THAT, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign and execute the Wireless Washtenaw Master Participation Agreement and associated documents.

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

VOTE

Yes: 5 No: 1 (Richardson) Absent: 1 (LaRue) Vote: Carried

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A.** Council Member Richardson spoke regarding the streets in the Heritage Neighborhood. She said that if we don't address the problem now, we will always have problems with those streets. She feels that this needs to be looked into more closely. She mentioned the gas spill at the BP gas station at Huron and Spring Streets. She wanted to know if this spill had reached the river. There will be a meeting on August 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Church to discuss the prisoner re-entry program.
- B.** Council Member Nickels spoke regarding the search committee for the new City Clerk. There was a meeting this evening to discuss recommendations. The first recommendation is that Deputy Clerk Holsinger be appointed as the Interim City Clerk and that she assumes the salary of the present City Clerk. Council Member Filipiak stated that the next recommendation is that Derrick Jackson from the Washtenaw County Clerk's office meet with the Clerk search committee to discuss cooperation between the county and the city in relation to the operation of the Clerk's office. Council Member Nickels then discussed the evaluation of the City Manager and City Clerk. He thought it would be appropriate to complete the City Clerk's evaluation before she leave at the end of August. He informed Council that the City will be in court August 11th regarding the BP gas station.
- C.** Council Member Filipiak spoke regarding the noise on North Huron Street. He feels that the traffic signal at Huron and Cross could become a flashing signal after a certain time in the evening. His opinion is that this will cut down on the noise that is generated upon starting up when the signal turns green. He recently spoke with Stewart Beal regarding the progress along the Thompson Block building. Mr. Beal will be coming before Council within the next couple of months to present information regarding a 12-year rehabilitation project. Council Member Filipiak asked if Council would consider a group photo before Council Member LaRue's and Mayor Farmer's terms expired.
- D.** Council Member Gawlas mentioned that he recalled participating in an effort called the City and Chamber Development Review Committee. This committee looked at the practices and processes in the City for new business to start up and for projects of development to take place. The committee was formed cooperatively between the Chamber of Commerce and City staff members. He proposes reconstituting this committee and having another look at the development process as it currently stands in the City to audit the City's efficiency. He also reported that tomorrow is the Normal Park Neighborhood Association's ice cream social from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at Recreation Park.
- E.** Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson stated that she felt that Council needs to discuss the streets in the Heritage Neighborhood. She said that the Heritage Neighborhood Association needs to know what the plan is on repairing the

streets in that area. She would like to have more discussion on this subject. She informed Council that Governor Granholm, along with the Minster Alliance, and Washtenaw County representatives visited Second Baptist Church. Governor Granholm spoke on the faith based initiative that she is supporting. She also spoke regarding the prisoner re-entry program. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson said that she feels that the police are doing a great job patrolling Harriet Street. Pastor Grayson hosted a two-day workshop concerning the issues of the youth in the community.

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson attended the meeting last Thursday. They approved the Aerotropolis plan. They appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson to be on the financial committee from Washtenaw County.
- B. Recreation Commission – There is nothing to report.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – There is nothing to report.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council (Ann Arbor SPARK) – Council Member Gawlas sent a press release to all of City Council regarding adopting the Ann Arbor SPARK name.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – There is nothing to report.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – There is nothing to report.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – Council Member Gawlas reported that there is a meeting on August 3, 2006. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority will be discussing county-wide transit.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Assistant City Manager Robert Bruner referenced a memo from the Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr regarding the status of the negotiations for the sale of City-owned property located at 220 and 220 North Huron Street known as the Ypsilanti Historical Museum. He invited Attorney Barr to further explain the information contained in this memo. A discussion followed regarding these negotiations.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- A. **Resolution No. 2006 – 171**, appointing Board and Commission members.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>
1. Michael Haynes 302 N. Hamilton Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Human Relations Commission (New Appointment)	Unexpired term 1/22/2008
2. James Campbell 107 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Downtown DDA (Reappointment)	3/1/2009
3. Michelle Romain 529 W. Cross Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Depot Town DDA (Reappointment)	7/1/2008
4. Nathalie Edmonds 1303 Westmoreland Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Board of Ethics Committee (New Appointment)	8/1/2011
5. Brian Vosburg Director, DDA/DTDDA 32 N. Washington Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Huron River Watershed Council (New Appointment)	8/1/2008

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

VOTE

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

B. Mayor Farmer mentioned that Council is in need of an antique car for the Heritage Festival Parade. She then spoke regarding the proposal to close College Place. There was a joint meeting this afternoon between the Downtown Development Authority and the Depot Town Downtown Development Authority. A discussion followed on the contents of the proposal.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2006 – 172, adjourning the City 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 Gawlas
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

VOTE

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.