



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YPSILANTI CITY HALL
ONE SOUTH HURON ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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	Present
Council Member Gawlas	Present	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member LaRue	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

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. Karen Hart – Planning and Development Director

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Moved and supported to accept the Agenda as presented.

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

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VII. PRESENTATIONS –

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

IX. MINUTES –

A. **Resolution No. 2006-173**, approving the minutes of August 1, 2006.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

A. An Ordinance entitled “An ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of the street on Owendale Street between Cross Street and Washtenaw.”

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-174**, close public hearing.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-175**, determination.

B. An Ordinance entitled “An ordinance to prohibit pedestrian traffic on the median of Michigan Avenue between the Huron River and Ballard Street.”

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-176**, close public hearing.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-177**, determination.

C. An Ordinance entitled “Ainsley Street Rezoning.”

1. Open the public hearing.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-178**, close public hearing.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-179**, determination

(Agenda Continued)

D. An Ordinance entitled "Norris Street Rezoning."

1. Open the public hearing.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-180**, close public hearing.
3. **Resolution No. 2006-181**, determination.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-182

- A. Resolution No. 2006-183**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Access Management Plan for the Eastern Washtenaw Urban Corridor.
- B. Resolution No. 2006-184**, approving the traffic signal upgrades and modifications to 16 intersections citywide in the 2006 construction season.
- C. Resolution No. 2006-185**, approving the resurfacing, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements to North River Street between Forest Avenue and 1000 lineal feet north of Holmes Road in the year 2006 construction season.
- D. Resolution No. 2006-186**, approving the resurfacing of Forest Avenue between Prospect Street and Osband Street in the 2006 construction season.
- E. Resolution No. 2006-187**, approving the appointment of Deputy City Clerk Amanda Holsinger to Interim City Clerk until a new City Clerk is appointed.
- F. Resolution No. 2006-188**, declaring a moratorium on staff reductions in the City Clerk's office until a new City Clerk is appointed.
- G. Resolution No. 2006-189**, approving the Parkridge Community Center amended budget for FY 2006-2007.
- H. Resolution No. 2006-190**, approving an Ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles on second and final reading.

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 -

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

XVI. ADJOURNMENT -

- A. Resolution No. 2006-191, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

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 – 173**, approving the Minutes of August 1, 2006.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Minutes of August 1, 2006, be approved.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

Minutes approved with noted corrections.

X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

- A. An Ordinance entitled “An ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of the street on Owendale Street between Cross Street and Washtenaw.”
1. Open the Public Hearing – 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.
 2. **Resolution No. 2006 – 174**, close the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of the street on Owendale Street between Cross Street and Washtenaw" be officially closed.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2006 – 175, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit parking on both sides of the street on Owendale Street between Cross Street and Washtenaw " be approved on first reading.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

B. An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit pedestrian traffic on the median of Michigan Avenue between the Huron River and Ballard Street."

1. Open the Public Hearing – 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.

2. **Resolution No. 2006 – 176**, close the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing for an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit pedestrian traffic on the median of Michigan Avenue between the Huron River and Ballard Street" be officially closed.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2006-177, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit pedestrian traffic on the median of Michigan Avenue between the Huron River and Ballard Street" be approved on first reading.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

C. An Ordinance entitled "Ainsley Street Rezoning."

1. Open the public hearing – 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.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-178**, close the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled "Ainsley Street Rezoning" be officially closed.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

3. **Resolution No. 2006-179**, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the proposed ordinance entitled "Ainsley Street Zoning" be approved on First Reading.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

D. An Ordinance entitled "Norris Street Rezoning."

1. Open the public hearing – 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.
2. **Resolution No. 2006-180**, close the public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the proposed Ordinance entitled "Norris Street Rezoning" be officially closed.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2006-181, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the proposed ordinance entitled "Norris Street Rezoning" be approved on First Reading.

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

Council Member Richardson made a motion to table the issue until the first meeting in September. Supported by Council Member LaRue.

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-182

A. Resolution No. 2006 –183, approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Access Management Plan for the Eastern Washtenaw Urban Corridor.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township recognize the need for coordinated planning along the Jackson Avenue/Huron Avenue/Washtenaw Avenue/Ecorse Road/Michigan Avenue (I-94BL/US-23BR/M-17/US-12BR) corridor; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township recognize the need to prepare and implement coordinated land use and access management standards along the Jackson Avenue/Huron Avenue/Washtenaw Avenue/Ecorse Road/Michigan Avenue (I-94BL/US-23BR/M-17/US-12BR) corridor in the interest of all parties; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding which is attached hereto and made part hereof and which is agreed to by all parties who have signed it at the end;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing bodies of the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Ypsilanti, Pittsfield Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township hereby adopts the said Memorandum of Understanding as a policy document and instructs the staff and affected Boards and Commissions of the local agencies to implement the provisions thereof.

B. Resolution No. 2006 –184, approving the traffic signal upgrades and modifications to 16 intersections city wide in the 2006 constructions season.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Transportation Improvement Program for traffic signal upgrades and modifications to 16 intersections citywide in the 2006 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has provided an exemplary level of service to the City of Ypsilanti on various projects, and posses a depth of experience with the infrastructure in the project area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure construction services for the project in order to meet MDOT requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the construction services proposal; with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI for a not to exceed cost of \$59,000.00; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign this proposal, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders that may be needed to maintain the project's schedule, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

C. Resolution No. 2006 –185 , approving the resurfacing, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements to North River Street between Forest Avenue and 1000 lineal feet north of Holmes Road in the year 2006 construction season.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Federal Surface Transportation Program - Urban funding has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Transportation Improvement Program for

resurfacing, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements to North River Street between Forest Avenue and 1000 lineal feet north of Holmes Road in the year 2006 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has provided an exemplary level of service to the City of Ypsilanti on similar street improvement projects, and posses a depth of experience with the infrastructure in the project area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure construction services for the project in order to meet MDOT requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the construction services proposal; with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI for a not to exceed cost of \$78,000.00; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign this proposal, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders that may be needed to maintain the project's schedule, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

D. Resolution No. 2006 –186, approving the resurfacing of Forest Avenue between Prospect Street and Osband Street in the 2006 construction season.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Federal Surface Transportation Program - Urban funding has been programmed in the Washtenaw County Transportation Improvement Program for resurfacing, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements to Forest Avenue between Prospect Street and Osband Street in the year 2006 construction season; and

WHEREAS, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment has provided an exemplary level of service to the City of Ypsilanti on similar street improvement projects, and posses a depth of experience with the infrastructure in the project area; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to secure construction services for the project in order to meet MDOT requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the construction services proposal; with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI for a not to exceed cost of \$51,000.00; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign this proposal, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney; and

THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign any change orders that may be needed to maintain the project's schedule, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

E. Resolution No. 2006 – 187, approving the appointment of Deputy City Clerk Amanda Holsinger to Interim City Clerk until a new City Clerk is appointed.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Clerk Cherry Lawson has resigned her position to accept a similar position in Sedona, AZ; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk Search Committee has conducted an exhaustive search for an Interim City Clerk to serve until a new City Clerk is appointed, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk Search Committee has identified Deputy City Clerk Amanda Holsinger as the best candidate for the Interim City Clerk position, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy City Clerk Amanda Holsinger is appointed Interim City Clerk until a new City Clerk is appointed, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to negotiate compensation up to the budgeted amount.

F. Resolution No. 2006-188, declaring a moratorium on staff reductions in the City Clerk's office until a new City Clerk is appointed.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Clerk Cherry Lawson has resigned her position to accept a similar position in Sedona, AZ; and

WHEREAS, applications have been slow in coming since the position was posted on July 10; and

WHEREAS, the position has been reposted with a deadline of 9/1/2006; and

WHEREAS, some applicants have been discouraged from applying by staff reductions proposed in the City Manager's Solvency Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council wishes to recruit the most highly qualified candidates for the position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti hereby declares a moratorium on staff reductions in the City Clerk's Office until a new City Clerk is appointed and has an opportunity to provide input.

G. Resolution No. 2006-189, approving the Parkridge Community Center amended budget for FY 2006-2007.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti City Council on June 20, 2006 Resolution # 2006-148 directed the City Manager to prepare an amendment to the 2006-2007 Parkridge Community Center budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti will contribute \$20,000 to Parkridge Community Center for operation and the City will fund 50% of the overhead cost (maintenance service), and

WHEREAS, attached is a spreadsheet showing Parkridge amended budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council approves Parkridge Community Center amended budget for FY 2006-2007.

- H. Resolution No. 2006-190**, approving an Ordinance to amend Section 42-121, Electronically Amplified Sound Systems in Vehicles on second and final reading.

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 second and final reading.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

- A.** Council Member Filipiak spoke regarding the Parkridge item on the Consent Agenda. He considered pulling the item and voting against it because of the lack of support for other recreational entities. He also spoke in favor of placing each board or commission on the City's website and providing contact information as well as information on the type of business conducted at each meeting. Council Member Filipiak also mentioned bringing back discussion on the income tax issue. He also reported that Courtney McAnuff from EMU will be leaving at the end of the month. Council Member Filipiak requested information about the Cross Street project.
- B.** Council Member LaRue asked for an explanation regarding the curb and gutter situation on North River Street. He also reported that the pavement on Driscoll Court is in poor condition. Council Member Richardson also added that Bell Street has drainage issues that need to be addressed.

- C. Council Member Gawlas brought to the Council's attention an article located in Governing Magazine regarding a program in Paducah, Kentucky that provides incentives for artists to purchase and renovate homes. The City and EMU may be able to collaborate on a similar project.
- D. Council Member Richardson spoke regarding Election Day issues. She stated that voting did not begin in Ward 1 Precinct 1 until 7:10 a.m.
- E. Council Member Nickels mentioned that evaluations for the City Manager and the City Clerk are due in September.
- F. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson congratulated and thanked City Clerk Cherry Lawson for working with the City of Ypsilanti.

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – There is nothing to report.
- B. Recreation Commission – There is nothing to report.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Council Member Nickels reported that asphalt repairs to Michigan Avenue are set to begin. Department of Public Works Director, Bill Bohlen stated that resurfacing of local area roads will begin next Monday. Council Member Nickels also mentioned that the proposed rail system between Ann Arbor and Detroit has yet another obstacle to overcome. Ridership must be appraised and since there is no present system between Ann Arbor and Detroit, another type of assessment must be made in order to determine funding.
- D. Washtenaw Development Council (Ann Arbor SPARK) – There is nothing to report.
- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – There is nothing to report.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – Council Member Gawlas stated the he saw a draft of the annual report and that it should be forthcoming.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – Council Member Gawlas stated that there was discussion regarding the funding of the bus system through a county-wide mileage, however, further research would need to be conducted.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Ed Koryzno reported that staff met with the Heritage Park Neighborhood Association over a month ago and a request was made for the City to contact the consultant who prepared the report regarding the condition

assessment of the streets. The data related to climate should be re-evaluated using the weather station located on the campus of EMU. He also congratulated City Clerk Cherry Lawson on her hard work and dedication to the City of Ypsilanti. Mr. Koryzno also reported that the Mr. Bohlen is looking into the possibility of changing the timing of the light at Cross Street and North Huron. He also provided an update on the Water Street Project. Ms. Hart is currently amending the grant application and asking for an extension on a Brownfield Redevelopment grant.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Farmer thanked City Clerk Cherry Lawson for bringing a new level of organization and professionalism to the Clerk's Office. She also requested an executive summary and a presentation to Council regarding the Freighthouse Conditional Assessment report. Mayor Farmer also requested an update on the plans for Cross Street improvements. She then spoke regarding the EMU parking project proposal that was submitted to the City. A discussion followed on the contents of the proposal.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2006 – 191, 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 LaRue

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.