



**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YPSILANTI CITY HALL  
ONE SOUTH HURON ST., YPSILANTI, MI 48197  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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. Matt Harshberger, Ypsilanti Police Chief
- B. Paul Schreiber, Mayor-Elect

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved as amended.

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**VII. PRESENTATIONS –**

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -**

**IX. MINUTES –**

**A.** Resolution No. 2006-228, approving the minutes of October 3, 2006 and October 6, 2006.

**X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**A.** An Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Wreckers in the City of Ypsilanti.

1. Open public hearing.
2. Resolution No. 2006-229, closing the public hearing.
3. Resolution No. 2006-230, determination.

**B.** An Ordinance to Coordinate the Sections on Vehicle Trespass with the Authorized Wreckers Ordinance.

1. Open public hearing.
2. Resolution No. 2006-231, closing the public hearing.
3. Resolution No. 2006-232, determination.

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA -**

**Resolution No. 2006-233**

**A.** Resolution No. 2006-234, approving the Ordinance entitled “Peninsular Park Planned Unit Development” on second and final reading.

**B.** Resolution No. 2006-235, approving the purchase of 4 new vehicles to replace the 1999 Ford Crown Victorias.

**(Agenda Continued)**

- ~~C. Resolution No. 2006-236, approving the contract with DSS Corporation to upgrade the voice recorder system. (Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.)~~
- D. Resolution No. 2006-237, approving the service agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority for the transit service for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.
- ~~E. Resolution No. 2006-238, approving the resolution of intent to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court. (Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.)~~

**XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/ETC.**

- A. Resolution No. 2006-239, authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for the West Cross Street portion of the Cross Street Corridor Non-Motorized enhancement Grant with the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- B. Resolution No. 2006-240, approving the application for SBT credits for the Water Street Redevelopment Project by the City and Joseph Freed and Associates.
- C. Resolution No. 2006-241, approving a budget amendment to pay consultants for the Water Street Redevelopment Project.
- E. Resolution No. 2006-238, approving the resolution of intent to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court. (Moved from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.)
- D. Resolution No. 2006-236A, rejecting all bids for police voice recording system.
- F. Resolution No. 2006-241A, opposing Proposal 5 as it will reduce potential resources for State Shared Revenues and sets a bad precedent relative to the budget process.

**XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS -**

**XIV. LIAISON REPORTS -**

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Recreation Commission
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- D. Ann Arbor SPARK
- 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 -**

- A. Resolution No. 2006-242, appointing Board and Commission members.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT -**

- A. Resolution No. 2006-243, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no 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 – 228**, approving the Minutes of October 3, 2006 and October 6, 2006.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** the Minutes of October 3 and October 6, 2006, be approved.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

Minutes approved as amended.

**X. ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

- A. An Ordinance to Regulate the Operations of Wreckers in the City of Ypsilanti.
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 – 229**, closing the public hearing.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate vehicle wrecker, towing, and storage services" be **officially closed**.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7 No: Absent: Vote: Carried

**3. Resolution No. 2006-230, determination.**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to regulate vehicle wrecker, towing, and storage services" be approved on **first reading**.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7          No:          Absent:          Vote: Carried

**B. An Ordinance to Coordinate the Sections on Vehicle Trespass with the Authorized Wreckers Ordinance.**

**1. Open public hearing.**

**2. Resolution No. 2006-231, closing the public hearing.**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** a public hearing to consider an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to coordinate the Sections on Vehicle Trespass with the Authorized Wreckers ordinance" be **officially closed**.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7          No:          Absent:          Vote: Carried

**3. Resolution No. 2006-232, determination.**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to coordinate the Sections on Vehicle Trespass with the Authorized Wreckers ordinance" be approved on **first reading**.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7          No:          Absent:          Vote: Carried

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA - Resolution No. 2006-233**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI,**

That the following items be approved:

- A. Resolution No. 2006-234**, approving the Ordinance entitled "Peninsular Park Planned Unit Development" on second and final reading.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** the proposed ordinance entitled "PENINSULAR PARK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT" be approved on **second and final reading**.

- B. Resolution No. 2006-235**, approving the purchase of 4 new vehicles to replace the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS**, the Ypsilanti Police Department desires to replace the current 1999 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicles with two (2) Dodge Chargers and (2) Ford Explorers, and

**WHEREAS**, Snethkamp Dodge of Lansing Michigan, has provided State of Michigan contract pricing in the amount of \$ 49,848.74 for (2) Dodge Charger's with extended warranty, and

**WHEREAS**, Signature Ford of Perry Michigan has provided State of Michigan contract pricing in the amount of \$ 51,674.00 for (2) Ford Explorer's with extended warranty, and

**WHEREAS**, Snethkamp Dodge of Lansing Michigan has provided State of Michigan contract pricing in the amount of \$ 49,848.74, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief of Police be authorized to sign all necessary documents needed execute the contract with Snethkamp Dodge and Signature Ford, subject to approval of the City Attorney.

- C. ~~Resolution No. 2006-236~~**, ~~approving the contract with DSS Corporation to upgrade the voice recorder system.~~ Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.

- D. Resolution No. 2006-237**, approving the service agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority for the transit service for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** the attached purchase of service agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority for the transit service for the period October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2007, in the amount of \$111,568 be approved.

**Further**, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the City subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

**Further**, that the funds be expended from the general Fund Account #101-967-969-01.

**E. ~~Resolution No. 2006-238~~**, ~~approving the resolution of intent to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court.~~ Removed from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member LaRue

VOTE

Yes: 7

No:

Absent:

Vote: Carried

**XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/ETC.**

**A. Resolution No. 2006-239**, authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for the West Cross Street portion of the Cross Street Corridor Non-Motorized enhancement Grant with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS** the Department of Public Works is authorized to make application for the West Cross Street portion of the Cross Street Corridor Non-Motorized Enhancement Project; and

**WHEREAS** this grant will be funded with local financial support from the City, the Depot Town Downtown Development Authority, and MDOT Brighton Transportation Service Center in Brighton; and

**WHEREAS** authorization is given to pursue the West Cross project for a total participating expense cost of an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

**WHEREAS** authorization is given to pursue non-participating expenses in an amount not to exceed of \$100,000.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council authorizes application of said grant pending review and approval by City Manager Koryzno with funding authorized from the Major Street-Fund Balance Account.

VOTE

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

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**B. Resolution No. 2006-240**, approving the application for SBT credits for the Water Street Redevelopment Project by the city and Joseph Freed and Associates.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS**, One of the financing techniques for the Water Street Redevelopment Project contemplated by the City of Ypsilanti and its preferred developer, Joseph Freed and Associates, is the use of Single Business Tax credits (SBT credits), which are transferable and assignable;

**WHEREAS**, Changes to the Single Business Tax structure have been made by the State of Michigan, making it necessary to apply as soon as possible for consideration of tax credits being awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, The City and the preferred developer have cooperated fully on an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) for this purpose and wish to submit the application this month;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Ypsilanti City Council approve the application for SBT credits for the Water Street Redevelopment Project by the City and Joseph Freed and Associates, substantially in the form herein attached, and authorize the City Manager to sign any and all documents necessary for the application on behalf of the City and submit it in a timely fashion to MSHDA.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**C. Resolution No. 2006-241**, approving a budget amendment to pay consultants for the Water Street Redevelopment Project.

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**That** the City's 2006-2007 budget be amended to designate \$100,000 from the General Fund to pay for professional services anticipated to be incurred from November 2006 to June 2007 for the Water Street Redevelopment Project;

**That** City Council amend the fiscal year 2006-2007 General Fund budget by increasing expenses \$100,000 and use fund balance for expenses related to the Water Street project.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**E. Resolution No. 2006-238**, approving the resolution of intent to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court. (Moved from Consent Agenda at Council's Request.)

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS**, The northwest corner of Prospect and E. Michigan Ave. is proposed for redevelopment by Agree Realty for a new Walgreen's Pharmacy;

**WHEREAS**, A public alley known as Prospect Court is located within the development area;

**WHEREAS**, An application has been filed to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court in order to facilitate redevelopment of the entire corner; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ypsilanti Planning Commission has reviewed the application, held a public hearing, and recommended approval of the vacation with conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the City of Ypsilanti City Council approve this resolution of intent to vacate the alley known as Prospect Court, and direct staff to schedule a public hearing at least 4 weeks hereafter, pursuant to Alley Vacation procedures of Chapter 94 of the City Code.

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

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**D. Resolution No. 2006-236A**, rejecting all bids for police voice recording system

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR POLICE VOICE RECORDING SYSTEM:**

**WHEREAS**, the Ypsilanti Police Department desires to replace the present Police Voice Recording System, and

**WHEREAS**, A Request for Proposal (RFP) was, circulated, drawing three bid proposals, from DSS Corporation, Van Belkum and BISD Digital, and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the RFP was not complete and the bids did not all address the same items, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney recommends that all bids be rejected and that a new RFP be circulated with the required information;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ypsilanti that all bids for the Police Voice Recording System be and the same hereby are REJECTED.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**F. Resolution No. 2006-241A, opposing Proposal 5 as it will reduce potential resources for State Shared Revenues and sets a bad precedent relative to the budget process.**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

**WHEREAS**, Proposal 5 is a ballot issue designed to provide inflationary increases in funding for education without regard to state revenues or other demands for state spending; and

**WHEREAS**, since the enactment of Proposal A in 1994 education funding in the State of Michigan has increased 42% thru 2004 while revenue sharing for local governments increased by only 11% during the same period; and

**WHEREAS**, over two thirds of the revenue generated by proposal 5 would be used to pay for the runaway costs of teachers' pensions and the ballot language does not require any money to improve education, reduce class sizes or provide classroom materials; and

**WHEREAS**, spending priorities should be made by the legislature each year based upon revenue projections, public hearings and balancing the variety of

services the public demands and NOT on mandatory, automatic funding schemes; and

**WHEREAS**, given the tenuous fiscal position of the City of Ypsilanti with one third of its land area exempt from taxation and as host to a state university which is a regional asset for which we are essential uncompensated; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti goes on record in opposition to Proposal 5 as it will reduce potential resources for State Shared Revenues and sets a bad precedent relative to the budget process.

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

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

### **XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS**

- A. Council Member Filipiak inquired about the size of the signs that Ypsilanti Public Schools proposes to install in the City.
- B. Council Member LaRue spoke about possible solutions of reducing the amount of overtime in the Police Department.
- C. Council Member Gawlas asked if Council would be approving the sign itself or the location of the signs for Ypsilanti Public Schools. Council Member Gawlas also inquired about how long the paving season will last this year. He also wanted an update regarding the removal of political signs on City property.
- D. Council Member Nickels also inquired about the pavements cuts in the City. He also provided a brief status report on the BP gas station.
- E. Council Member Richardson had nothing to report at this time.
- F. Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson had nothing to report at this time.

### **XIV. LIAISON REPORTS**

- A. SEMCOG Update – There is nothing to report at this time.
- B. Recreation Commission – There is nothing to report at this time.
- C. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Meets tomorrow morning.
- D. Ann Arbor SPARK – There is nothing to report at this time.

- E. Ypsilanti Area Community Fund – There is a fundraiser coming up and invitations should be in your mail boxes.
- F. Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority – There is a meeting tomorrow morning.
- G. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – There was a meeting last week and two items were on the agenda. There was discussion on the open space plan and a presentation on transportation needs of the county.

**XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- A. City Manager Ed Koryzno stated that everyone should have received an e-mail regarding an update on the Bellevue path. He also stated that the City won an award for our collaboration with the County for IT services. Mr. Koryzno also provided a list of upcoming dates for the Goal Setting Sessions.

**XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

- A. **Resolution No. 2006-242**, 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.

	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>BOARD</u></b>	<b><u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u></b>
1.	William McDonald 525 W. Michigan Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Fire and Police Pension	11/1/2010
2.	Roberta Wojcik-Andrews 7 N. Normal St Ypsilanti, MI 48197	ZBA (New Appointment)	11/1/2009
3.	Edward Penet 108 N. Huron St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	HDC (Re-Appointment)	11/1/2009
4.	Sally Lusk 1111 W Clark Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Huron River Advisory Council (New Appointment)	11/1/2008
5.	Brent Wilbur 311 Hillcrest Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Property Maintenance Board of Appeals (Re-Appointment)	11/1/2011
6.	Tom Biggs	HRC	11/1/2009

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(Re-Appointment)

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

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

**B.** Mayor Farmer spoke about the rails being removed at Lincoln Street. There was also discussion regarding the Boards and Commission in the City as well as the process for requesting proclamations.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Resolution No. 2006 – 243**, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson  
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

VOTE

Yes: 7                      No:                      Absent:                      Vote: Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.