



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007
7:30 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The Council Budget Session was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Mayor Schreiber	Present	Council Member Richardson	Absent
Council Member Gawlas	Present	Council Member Filipiak	Present
Council Member Robb	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Present
Council Member Nickels	Present		

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Schreiber 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 Schreiber introduced Assistant City Manager April McGrath, Finance Director Marilou Uy, Intern Jason Wicha, Building Official Charles Boulard and Planner Nathan Voght.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Mayor Schreiber added Agenda Approval to the agenda. He requested adding Remarks from the Mayor after Audience Participation. He suggested that another section of Audience Participation and Remarks from the Mayor be added after Resolutions/Motions/Discussion.

There was a discussion regarding the income tax ordinance and the need for a resolution at this meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson moved, supported by Councilmember Nickels to approve the agenda as amended.

VOTE:

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

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III. READING OF THE CALL – City Clerk

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VIII. PRESENTATIONS –

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

X. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR (Added at Council’s Request)

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSION/ETC.

Income Tax

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (Added at Council’s Request)

REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR – (Added at Council’s Request)

X. ADJOURNMENT -

A. Resolution No. 2007- 126, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

Assistant City Manager April McGrath and Finance Director Marilou Uy gave a presentation of revenue with exemptions and a three mil property tax rollback.

Ms. McGrath and Ms. Uy responded to Council questions regarding the income tax and various options.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

- A. Barry LaRue addressed the current budget situation facing the City.
- B. Rodney Nanney stated that he believes the Council is fiscally irresponsible and they have not made the case to the voters that there is a need for the income tax.
- C. Robert Hunter stated that there is no assurance that this millage will not be a continuation of the same old fiscal practices.
- D. Leonardo Christian stated that the Council should take the tax off the agenda. He commented that the income tax would be defeated and Council members would lose in future elections.
- E. Roger Pritser addressed the high taxes landlords must pay the City. He suggested cutting taxes to the bare bones.
- F. Mary Delcamp spoke about the income tax and encouraged the City to solve the problems without the tax.
- G. James Fink spoke in opposition to the income tax.
- H. Steve Pierce commented that Ingrid Koch left a statement to be read into the record and made part of the minutes. He alleged that the Council does not know what they are doing and pointed out that the solid waste funds have not been recorded as previously agreed.
- I. Ingrid Koch addressed the tax millage rollback in a statement left to be included in public comments. (The statement is on file in the City Clerk's Office).

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR -

The Mayor responded to comments about the income tax. He noted that there has been reduction in staff, and it is important to keep competent staff on hand. He commended everyone at City Hall for their help. He commented that because the debate to solve the City's problems is a public one, things are bound to change in the meetings. He agreed to have the removal of the solid waste funds in the accounting system. The Mayor stated that Ed Koryzno is doing a good job and he is happy to have him on staff.

X. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS/DISCUSSION/ETC.

The Council discussed the proposed income tax.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

Steve Pierce questioned the millage rollback and how the rollback would be calculated.

XII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR -

Mayor Schreiber explained why he changed his position on the rollback.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2007-126 adjourning the City Council Budget Work Session.

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: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Richardson) Vote: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.