



Approved

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Council Member Nickels moved, supported by Council Member Richardson to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson. Motion carried.

III. INVOCATION

The Mayor 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

Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr, Administrative Services Director April McGrath, Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, Deputy City Clerk Ed Golembiewski, and Ward 3 Council Candidate Rod Johnson.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Robb requested that Resolution 2008-099 be added to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Pierce asked when will the City reconfigure and paint the S. Huron parking lot.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Schreiber asked City Manager Koryzno to respond to Mr. Pierce's inquiry.

City Manager Koryzno indicated that staff will address the plans for the Huron Street parking lot during budget presentations.

IX. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution No. 2008-096, approving the Partnership Agreement with Eastern Michigan University for the Emergency Management for Higher Education grant.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, recent events that have occurred in or around higher education institutions across the United States have made it clear that higher education institutions must be prepared to respond to a wide variety of potential hazards and;

WHEREAS, in response to the wide array of potential threats facing higher educational institutions today, Congress appropriated funding to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and;

WHEREAS, the funding designates money for new grant awards to higher education institutions to develop and implement emergency management plans for preventing campus violence and for responding to emergencies, threats, and incidents of violence or natural disaster and ;

WHEREAS, developing protocols to prepare for multiple hazards should be prepared in close coordination with partners from local government, law enforcement, public safety, public health and mental health entities and;

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University is submitting an Emergency Management for Higher Education grant application and;

WHEREAS, the application process requires approval of a partner agreement from the local government in which the campus is located, which includes continuing and improving existing county-wide mutual aid and first responder relationship with EMU, continuing joint law enforcement training efforts and continuing joint efforts between the Ypsilanti Fire Department and EMU to provide fire extinguisher training, and participation in Citizen Emergency Response Training;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports Eastern Michigan University's Emergency Management for Higher Education grant application and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Partner Agreement.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Filipiak
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nickels

City Manager Koryzno explained the resolution and answered questions from Council.

Vote:

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

2. Resolution No. 2008-097, approving resolution urging the Governor to restore \$500,000 in the budget designated for the Washtenaw County to fund the Spark East business incubator project in downtown Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County, Eastern Michigan University, the City of Ypsilanti, the Townships of Ypsilanti, Superior, and Augusta, Washtenaw Community College, Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce, SPARK and private sector businesses and individuals have formed the Eastern Washtenaw Leaders to collectively address issues facing the eastern side of the county; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the group include using the University's prestige and resources to develop innovative programs to meet the pressing needs of the community, to revitalize and promote the City of Ypsilanti's historic downtown and Riverside Parks as a location for county residents to enjoy and as "the place" for innovation companies and the creative class to locate, to create the urban design, business climate and cultural identity to make the eastern portion of the county the "Gateway to Washtenaw County" and to be recognized as the national model for collaboration and cooperation between government, education and business; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti supports the Eastern Washtenaw Leaders initiative and, in particular locating a business incubator in the City, which has great potential to assist in revitalizing the downtown and;

WHEREAS, An incubator helps with the business building fundamentals by tapping into resources and expertise of those who have experience with launching a company. With the dramatic growth of opportunities in knowledge industries, and the pool of talent available to capitalize on them in Washtenaw County, SPARK East will be a catalyst for the connections already available in our community.

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and City of Ypsilanti have committed, and Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents have allocated, funds for this initiative; and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 was included in the Supplemental State budget proposal for Washtenaw County to fund the Spark East business incubator project, and;

WHEREAS, that funding was subsequently vetoed and the County was directed to apply to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation business incubator program and;

WHEREAS, no incubator program exists in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council urges the Governor to restore \$500,000 in the budget designated for the Washtenaw County to fund the Spark East business incubator project in downtown Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nickels
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

City Manager Koryzno explained that the resolution is a result of the request of Kirk Profit during his budget presentation.

Vote:

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

3. Resolution No. 2008-099, supporting the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti's request to hang a banner across Michigan Avenue and banners in general across Michigan Avenue. (**Added at Council's request**)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti is again sponsoring the Crossroads Music Festival in Historic Downtown Ypsilanti, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti encourages organizations to promote events that raise the spirit of the community and bring people together,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ypsilanti City Council fully supports the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti's request to hang a banner across Michigan Avenue and supports banners in general across Michigan Avenue that promote economic development and community events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ypsilanti City Council directs the City Clerk to renew its annual permit with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

Council Member Robb explained the request to Council.

Vote:

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

X. PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

- A. Council Dept 101

Citizen Services- City Clerk- Dept 191-193, 851

Pages 4-65 to 4-69 (budget book)
Pages 123 to 127 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 3,4,13 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Capital Improvement Fund 414- Dept 459

Page 8-1 (budget book)
Page 174 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 57 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

City Clerk Frances McMullan and Deputy City Clerk Ed Golembiewski presented the City Clerk and City Council proposed budgets and answered questions from Council.

B. Police Services- Police- Dept 305-326

Pages 4-56 to 4-60 (budget book)
Pages 114-118 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 7 - 8 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Police Special Revenue Fund 265

Page 7-4 to 7-6 (budget book)
Pages 147-149 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 30 & 31 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Capital Improvement Fund 414- Dept 459

Page 8-1 (budget book)
Page 174 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 57 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Motorpool Fund 641- Dept 933

Page 11-1 to 11-3 (budget book)
Pages 183-185 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 81 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Capital Improvement Fund 414- Dept 459

Page 8-1 (budget book)
Page 174 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 57 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

Police Chief Matthew Harshberger presented the budget and stated that 36 will become the new full staffing level instead of 40. He gave an overview of how the department plans to handle service with reduced staff.

C. Public Services- Public Building Maintenance- Dept 265

Pages 4-40 to 4-42 (budget book)
Pages 98-100 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 6 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Public Work Admin.- Dept 441

Page 4-43 to 4-46
Pages 101-104 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 10 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Special Events- Dept 442

Page 4-47 to 4-49 (budget book)
Pages 105-107 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 10 & 11 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Parking Lots- Dept 444

Page 4-50 to 4-52 (budget book)
Pages 108-110 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 10 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Parks- Dept 717

Page 4-53 to 4-55 (budget book)
Pages 111-113 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 12 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Major and Local Street Funds 202 & 203

Page 5-1 to 5-6 (budget book)
Pages 132- 137 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 14-24 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Garbage and Rubbish Fund 226

Page 6-1 to 6-4 (budget book)
Pages 139-142 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 25-27 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Capital Improvement Fund 414- Dept 459

Page 8-1 (budget book)
Page 174 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 57 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Sidewalk Improvements- Fund 495

Page 7-21 to 7-23 (budget book)
Pages 164-166 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 78 & 79 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Motorpool Fund 641, Dept 932 & 935

Page 11-1 to 11-3 (budget book)
Pages 183-185 (proposed budget PDF)
Page 81 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

DPW Director Stan Kirton, Office Manager Janice Beckett and OHM representative Kim O' Rear were present to discuss the proposed DPW budget.

Ms. O' Rear gave an overview of the condition of the city's bridges and discussed a possible schedule for repair.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Denise Cutlip thanked City Council for approving the Crossroads Music Festival banner and DPW for the work they have provided. She commented that the restriping of the Huron Street parking lot should be communicated to all of the area businesses to educate them and help get the word out. She indicated that she is interested in helping DPW with their recycling efforts as well.

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2008-098, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the City Council Budget Session be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Gawlas
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Richardson

Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.