



Approved

**CITY OF YPSILANTI  
COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ONE SOUTH HURON STREET  
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Member Filipiak	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Gawlas (7:10 p.m.)	Present	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson	Absent
Council Member Nickels	Present	Mayor Schreiber	Present
Council Member Richardson	Present		

Council Member Filipiak moved, supported by Council Member Nickels to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson. The 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**

Mayor Schreiber introduced Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, Administrative Services Director April McGrath, Police Chief Matt Harshberger, Public Services Director Stan Kirton, Former Mayor and Ward 3 Democratic Council Candidate Pete Murdock and Ward 1 Democratic Council Candidate Megan Turf.

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Council Member Richardson moved, supported by Council Member Nickels to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

**VII. PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS**

A. AATA

Page 4-15 (budget book)  
Page 73 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 13 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

B. Five Year Plans

Pages 2-12 to 2-27 (budget book)  
Pages 39-54 (proposed budget PDF)

C. Administrative Services- Parkridge Center- Dept 696

Page 4-35 (budget book)  
Page 93 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 11 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Swimming Pool- Dept 697

Page 4-36 (budget book)  
Page 94 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 11 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Beyer Grant & Senior Center- Dept 694 & 707

Page 4-37 (budget book)  
Page 95 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 11 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Ice Scating Rink- Dept 708

Page 4-38 (budget book)  
Page 96 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 12 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- CDBG Fund 252

Page 7-1 to 7-3 (budget book)  
Page 144 to 146 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 28 & 29 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund 399

Page 7-14 to 7-16 (budget book)  
Page 157 to 159 (proposed budget PDF)  
Page 50 & 51 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Land Revolving Fund 412

Page 7-20 (budget book)

Page 163 (proposed budget PDF)

Page 52 & 53 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Capital Improvement Fund 414

Page 8-1 (budget book)

Page 174 (proposed budget PDF)

Page 56 & 57 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

- Economic Development Corp. Fund 415

Page 7-17 to 7-19 (budget book)

Page 160-162 (proposed budget PDF)

Page 58 & 59 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy and Administrative Services Director April McGrath presented the budgets and answered questions from Council.

## **VIII AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Schreiber read the rules for audience participation.

Robert Hunter inquired about the adoption of the rules for audience participation. He stated that \$15 billion was borrowed against the objections of residents for the Water Street project and stated that the land is worthless. He said that the Water Street land is contaminated and impossible to use. He said future generations will have to pay for City Council's mistake. Mr. Hunter compared Ypsilanti to Detroit and stated that the city of Ypsilanti is much worse.

Mayor Schreiber answered the rules for audience participation is Resolution 2006-267 and was adopted by Council on November 13, 2006. He said that the comments on physical appearance are his interpretation of civil and respectful.

Mayor Schreiber reported that was at the Ann Arbor Business Review Speaker's Panel and Water Street came up. He reported that Bill Kinley, an area businessman stated that the Water Street property is very valuable and a lot of communities would love to have it. He said that the decision for Water Street was made with best intentions by City Council at the time, and now it is the current Council's job to figure out how to make the best use of the funds the city has and to honor its commitment to pay the bonds.

He stated that the proposed income tax failed two to one and the message was clearly sent to City Council to use the revenues we have. He said that Ypsilanti has a balanced budget and was recently given a good review for finances.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Resolution No. 2008-101, 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 Richardson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Gawlas

Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.