



Approved

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL BUDGET SESSION MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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	Absent		

Council Member Nickels moved, supported by Council Member Filipiak, to excuse the absences of Council Member Richardson and 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 Assistant City Attorney Karl Barr, Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, and Administrative Services Director April McGrath.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Schreiber read the rules for audience participation.

A speaker who wished to remain anonymous spoke regarding an incident with the Ypsilanti Police Department. He requested that the situation be corrected within 24 hours.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Schreiber directed City Manager Koryzno and Police Chief Harshberger to look into the situation reported by the audience participant.

IX. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution No. 2008-102, recommending that current bus funding level of AATA remain the same. (Council Member Nickels)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti has experienced expenses rising faster than income for seven years;

WHEREAS, during budget year 2008/2009, we are implementing service cuts in all budget areas except recreation in order to have expenses match income;

WHEREAS payments for our Water Street project start during out 2009/10 fiscal year;

WHEREAS the combination of an increasing cost to finance our government, limitations on our ability to generate revenue, and payments coming due on our Water Street investment, our financial ability to provide services will be difficult for the immediate future;

WHEREAS Ypsilanti City Council is responsible for providing the best City services possible and the financial security of the City of Ypsilanti;

WHEREAS, because of that responsibility, we should cautiously consider the funding of all services provided by the City of Ypsilanti;

WHEREAS, keeping recreation utility funding the same for budget year 2008/09 as 2007/08 enables the City to utilize outside financial support;

WHEREAS, busing has always been financially a joint effort between the City and AATA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our financial support of AATA busing not be cut and continue for budget year 2008/09 as it was in budget year 2007/08.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nickels

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Robb

Council Member Robb moved, supported by Council Member Nickels, to amend the resolution as follows:

Last paragraph:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our financial support of AATA busing not be cut and continue for budget year 2008/09 as it was in budget year 2007/08 Ypsilanti City Council directs the City Manager to continue funding at carryover levels until the POSA is finalized by AATA. At that time, the matter will be brought back for consideration.

The roll call vote on the amendment was as follows:

Council Member Filipiak - Yes	Council Member Robb - Yes
Council Member Gawlas - No	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson - Absent
Council Member Nickels - Yes	Mayor Schreiber - No
Council Member Richardson - Absent	

VOTE:

Yes: 3 No: 2 (Gawlas, Schreiber) Absent: 2 (Richardson, Swanson) Vote: Carried

The amendment carried.

The roll call vote on the resolution as amended was as follows:

Council Member Filipiak - No	Council Member Robb - Yes
Council Member Gawlas - No	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson - Absent
Council Member Nickels - Yes	Mayor Schreiber - No
Council Member Richardson - Absent	

VOTE:

Yes: 2 No: 3 (Filipiak, Gawlas, Schreiber) Absent: 2 (Richardson, Swanson) Vote: Failed

The resolution as amended failed.

2. Resolution No. 2008-103, recommending funding options for AATA bus service. (Council Member Gawlas)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti has committed to safeguard current service levels provided by the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) and anticipates entering into a Purchase of Service Agreement (POSA) that maintains those levels, and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council has previously given direction to the City Manager through Resolution 2008-088 to identify potential additional funding options including, but not limited to, further contribution from the general fund for the fiscal year ending 2009, and

WHEREAS, the City Council was provided a memorandum from the Assistant City Manager dated 16 May 2008 outlining three options by which the City can contribute in the event other outside funding such as partnerships are unable to be secured,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council rejects any option that directs the City Manager to eliminate more personnel as a funding strategy for the Purchase of Service Agreement (POSA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby accepts the recommendation of staff and directs the City Manager to allocate the necessary balance of funding from the projected excess revenues for the fiscal year ending 2009.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

Council Member Filipiak - Yes	Council Member Robb - No
Council Member Gawlas - Yes	Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson - Absent
Council Member Nickels - Yes	Mayor Schreiber – Yes
Council Member Richardson - Absent	

VOTE:

Yes: 4 No: 1 (Robb) Absent: 2 (Richardson, Swanson) Vote: Carried

The resolution was approved.

X. PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

A. Debt and Bonds

-GO Bonds- Funds 300, 316, 341, 477

Page 9-4 (budget book)
Page 178 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 34-39, 72-73 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

-Water & Sewer Bonds

Page 10-1 to 10-2 (budget book)
Page 180-181 (proposed budget PDF)
Pages 40-49, 60-67, 70-71, 74-77 (Tab 13 of budget book and budget detail PDF)

B. Overall Review - City Manager Edward Koryzno

Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy gave an overview of the city's bonds and City Manager Koryzno gave a summary and indicated that the proposed budget will be presented to City Council for first reading on June 3, 2008.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Pierce requested that City Council come and speak to the Heritage Park neighborhood association before approving a digital sign to be placed on I-94. He said he heard the item is scheduled for June 3rd and expressed concern that the neighbors have not been informed or included in the decisions being made. He said the neighbors are annoyed and concerned. He inquired about the revenue from the digital sign and suggested that it be used to improve the curbs and gutter in the Heritage Park community.

Denise Cutlip announced that the Crossroads Music Festival will begin Friday, June 6th and invited all to attend. She announced that a benefit to support the upcoming music festival will be held on Saturday, May 31st at TC Speakeasy and gave the schedule of events.

XII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Addressing comments made by Mr. Pierce, Mayor Schreiber stated that what Mr. Pierce has heard about the sign coming to Council is all hearsay. He stated that Council has not spoken with Adams Outdoor and the process will start when proposals come in to Council.

He explained that the digital sign will produce new revenue and that would help the City out. He said that everyone should be patient and wait for a proposal from City staff.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2008-104, 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 Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Filipiak

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.