



MINUTES

VIRTUAL COUNCIL Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Council Chambers

The REGULAR COUNCIL of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 6:00 PM, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Mayor Beth Bashert, Council Member Jennifer Symanns, Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, Council Member Nicole Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, Council Member Anthony Morgan, and Council Member Annie Somerville

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES)

Four people spoke.

V. GOAL SETTING/BUDGET DISCUSSION

- a) Amended Budget 19-20; Original Budget 20-21 & 21-22, Management Proposed Budget

City Manager McMullan and Finance Director Basabica presented to FY2020-2021 and FY20-21-22 budget.

- b) Budget projection scenarios, John Kaczor

John Kaczor presented some budget scenarios due Covid-19.

- c) Discussion regarding amendments to FY 2020-2021 Council Goals as a result of COVID-19

Council discussed changes in goal priorities due to Covid-19.

VI. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

- a) Ordinance 1359, An Ordinance entitled, "2020-2021 Tax Levy Ordinance"
1. Resolution No. 2020-090, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled “2019-2020 Tax Levy Ordinance”, be approved on First Reading.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to approve Resolution No. 2020-090.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- b) Ordinance 1360, An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and major Organizational Unit for FY 2019-2020"
1. Resolution No. 2020-091, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020, be approved on First Reading.

AMENDED BUDGET 19-20

| Fund # | Fund Name | Revenue | Expenditure |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 101 | General Fund | 15,495,298 | (15,495,298) |
| 102 | Housing Fund | 75,000 | (75,000) |
| 202 | Major Street | 1,753,821 | (1,725,321) |
| 203 | Local Street | 560,573 | (560,573) |
| 205 | Public Safety | 390,000 | (390,000) |
| 226 | Garbage and Rubbish Collection | 936,631 | (936,631) |
| 265 | Police Special Revenue | 13,044 | (13,044) |
| 275 | Depot Town Development | 232,077 | (214,079) |
| 304 | 2016 GOLT Bonds | 869,516 | (869,516) |
| 364 | 2002B W&S Debt | 31,875 | (31,875) |
| 413 | Down Town Authority | 318,016 | (304,826) |
| 414 | Capital Improvement | 1,458,970 | (1,458,970) |
| 415 | Economic Development Authority | 37,250 | (37,250) |
| 469 | 2003D W&S | 335,750 | (335,750) |
| 471 | 2003C W&S | 50,313 | (50,313) |
| 473 | 2004A Ser DDA | 87,773 | (87,773) |
| 474 | 2004B W&S | 387,872 | (387,872) |
| 479 | 2007 W&W Rev | 18,001 | (18,001) |
| 480 | 2008 W&S Disp | 25,731 | (25,731) |
| 481 | 2008 W&S Disp | 7,288 | (7,288) |
| 482 | 2012 W&S Factory Pump | 191,331 | (191,331) |
| 483 | 2013 Rev Refunding Bond | 760,880 | (760,880) |
| 485 | 2013 Rev Refunding Bond | 27,616 | (27,616) |
| 486 | 2016 W&S Rev Ref Bond | 838,100 | (838,100) |
| 495 | Sidewalk Improvement | 176,503 | (174,231) |
| 514 | Parking Fund | 0 | 0 |

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| 588 | Public Transit | 295,774 | (295,774) |
| 641 | Motorpool | 1,014,187 | (1,014,187) |
| 677 | Worker's Compensation Fund | 249,213 | (219,213) |
| 732 | Fire and Police Pension | 5,097,386 | (4,649,269) |
| 736 | Retiree Benefits | 1,639,331 | (1,595,860) |
| Grand Total | | 33,375,120 | (32,791,572) |

Further, that in accordance with Section 19(2) of Public Act 621 of 1978, also known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, parameters are hereby given to allow the City Managers' authority to approve budget transfers between programs within the same fund, and only Council may authorize transfers between funds. Department Heads may transfer funds between accounts within a specific program under their direction with the exception of personnel and capital expenditures, which must be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-091.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- c) Ordinance 1361, an ordinance entitled to adopt budget appropriations by department and major organizational unit for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years.
1. Resolution No. 2020-092, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Adopt Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022", be approved on First Reading.

| Fund # | Fund Name | Original Budget 20-21 | | Original Budget 20-22 | |
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| | | Revenue | Expenditure | Revenue | Expenditure |
| 101 | General Fund | 15,330,943 | (15,330,943) | 15,475,641 | (15,475,641) |
| 102 | Housing Fund | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 202 | Major Street | 3,110,634 | (3,110,634) | 1,601,744 | (1,082,367) |
| 203 | Local Street | 518,078 | (518,078) | 539,907 | (524,983) |
| 205 | Public Safety | 375,000 | (375,000) | 375,000 | (375,000) |
| 226 | Garbage and Rubbish Collection | 1,095,124 | (1,095,124) | 1,117,865 | (1,117,865) |
| 265 | Police Special Revenue | 574 | (444) | 641 | (452) |
| 275 | Depot Town Development | 252,181 | (224,211) | 257,394 | (224,079) |
| 304 | 2016 GOLT Bonds | 883,098 | (883,098) | 889,137 | (889,137) |
| 364 | 2002B W&S Debt | 31,125 | (31,125) | 30,375 | (30,375) |
| 413 | Down Town Authority | 344,394 | (301,631) | 357,767 | (292,861) |
| 414 | Capital Improvement | 472,608 | (472,608) | 234,608 | (234,608) |

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| 415 | Economic Development Authority | 2,497 | (550) | 2,422 | (567) |
| 469 | 2003D W&S | 338,125 | (338,125) | 335,313 | (335,313) |
| 471 | 2003C W&S | 49,188 | (49,188) | 48,063 | (48,063) |
| 473 | 2004A Ser DDA | 84,728 | (84,728) | 86,613 | (86,613) |
| 474 | 2004B W&S | 390,434 | (390,434) | 387,838 | (387,838) |
| 479 | 2007 W&W Rev | 17,682 | (17,682) | 17,363 | (17,363) |
| 480 | 2008 W&S Disp | 25,231 | (25,231) | 29,669 | (29,669) |
| 481 | 2008 W&S Disp | 12,101 | (12,101) | 11,851 | (11,851) |
| 482 | 2012 W&S Factory Pump | 185,228 | (182,750) | 186,174 | (184,438) |
| 483 | 2013 Rev Refunding Bond | 758,660 | (753,200) | 749,988 | (746,400) |
| 485 | 2013 Rev Refunding Bond | 27,116 | (27,116) | 26,616 | (26,616) |
| 486 | 2016 W&S Rev Ref Bond | 835,800 | (835,800) | 839,250 | (839,250) |
| 495 | Sidewalk Improvement | 134,725 | (131,001) | 134,939 | (131,306) |
| 514 | Parking Fund2 | 455,427 | (396,426) | 486,617 | (427,590) |
| 588 | Public Transit | 307,468 | 0 | 313,606 | 0 |
| 641 | Motorpool | 1,110,575 | (1,063,143) | 1,107,041 | (1,086,211) |
| 677 | Worker's Compensation Fund | 175,757 | (175,757) | 175,832 | (175,832) |
| 732 | Fire and Police Pension | 4,581,968 | (4,581,968) | 4,654,428 | (4,654,428) |
| 736 | Retiree Benefits | 1,780,803 | (1,446,695) | 1,820,322 | (1,475,532) |
| Grand Total | | 33,687,272 | (32,854,791) | 32,294,024 | (30,912,248) |

Further, that in accordance with Section 19(2) of Public Act 621 of 1978, also known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, parameters are hereby given to allow the City Managers' authority to approve budget transfers between programs within the same fund, and only Council may authorize transfers between funds. Department Heads may transfer funds between accounts within a specific program under their direction with the exception of personnel and capital expenditures, which must be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to allocate \$75,000 to Housing Fund (102) for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

Mayor Bashert requested to change her vote to be changed to the affirmative.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Nicole Brown |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Beth Bashert |

Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-092 as amended.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Resolution No. 2020-093, approving the Consent Agenda.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2020-094, approving the minutes of April 21, 2020.
2. Resolution No. 2020-095, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve the Resolution No. 2020-093.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Lois Richardson |

- b) Resolution No. 2020-094, approving the minutes of April 21, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of April 21, 2021 be approved.

- c) Resolution No. 2020-095, approving appointment of non-resident to boards and commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following **Non-Resident be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:**

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BOARD</u> | <u>EXPIRATION</u> |
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| Phil Tepley Reappointment 725 E. Grand Ypsilanti, MI 48198 | Smartzone | 6/30/2024 |

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- a) Resolution No. 2020-096, approving OHM proposal for construction engineering services for the E. Cross rehabilitation.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, funding has been allocated from the Washtenaw County Road Millage to complete a road rehabilitation project on E. Cross between River and Prospect; and,

Whereas, a contract is proposed to be awarded to Best Asphalt, Inc to complete the road rehabilitation; and,

Whereas, the City needs to have construction engineering services performed for this road project to ensure quality control measures; and,

Whereas, the City engineer OHM has prepared a proposal to provide such services;

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti approves the proposal from OHM for construction engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$28,200; and,

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this proposal, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and any change orders to facilitate the completion of this work is subject to review and approval by the City Manager.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-096.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- b) Resolution No. 2020-097, approving a contract with Best Asphalt, Inc to complete the road rehabilitation project on E. Cross.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has received funding from the Washtenaw County Road Millage; and,

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti has received bids for this project in which the scope of work includes a 1.75 inch mill and overlay of East Cross Street from River to Prospect and all other necessary related work; and,

Whereas, the lowest responsive qualified contractor for the project was Best Asphalt, Inc with a bid amount of \$174,901.00; and,

Now therefore be it resolved that that the City of Ypsilanti City Council approves the contract with Best Asphalt, Inc to complete the road rehabilitation project on E. Cross between River and Prospect for the bid amount of \$174,901.00; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney, to facilitate completion of this work and any change orders shall be approved by the City Manager.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-097.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- c) Resolution No. 2020-098, approving a budget amendment to allocate \$10,000 to the Senior Center as a result of COVID-19.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Senior Center operations are largely funded through donations, which has seen a significant decrease in funding as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti would like to assist the Ypsilanti Senior Center in its operations; and

WHEREAS this expenditure was not originally appropriated in our FY 19-20 budget and would need a budget amendment in our line item 101-7-7510-757-00 to allocate funds in the amount of \$10,000 for operations of the Ypsilanti Senior Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Council approve the budget amendment for \$10,000 for assistance for the operation of the Ypsilanti Senior Center

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to Call the Question on the amendment.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to allocate the funds from the awarded Department of Justice grant.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
| ABSTAINED: | Lois Richardson |

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:51 p.m.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Jennifer Symanns, to approve Resolution No. 2020-098 as amended.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Jennifer Symanns |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- d)** Resolution No. 2020-099, approving a budget amendment to create an expenditure for a rental, mortgage, and utility relief program as a result of COVID-19.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti would like to help our residents who have been negatively impacted financially as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS this expenditure was not originally appropriated in our FY 19-20 budget and would need a budget amendment in our line item 102-7-6900-965-00 to allocate funds for rental assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Council approve the budget amendment for _____ for rental, mortgage, and utility relief and direct the City Manager to develop a plan to allocate funds.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to Call the Question on the \$35,000 budget amendment.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to amend the amount allocated to \$35,000 with the option to renew.

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| MOVER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Anthony Morgan |
| NAYS: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Nicole Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to amend the amount allocated to \$75,000.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Nicole Brown |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lois Richardson, to extend the meeting until 12:00 a.m.

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to allocate the funds to Washtenaw County Barrier Busters.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Nicole Brown |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-099 as amended.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Nicole Brown |

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| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
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- e) Resolution No. 2020-100, approving the memorandum of understanding with Growing Hope for the operation of a Farmer's Market.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City owns the Freight House Plaza, located adjacent to the Ypsilanti Freight House 100 Market Place; and

WHEREAS, Growing Hope has operated a farmers market in the plaza since 2013 and has expressed interest in cooperating with the City to establish a long-term plan to continue the market; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in cooperating with Growing Hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the city enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Growing Hope for use of the Freighthouse Plaza for the Saturday Farmers Market.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to approve Resolution No. 2020-100.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- f) Discussion regarding the FY 2020-2021 through FY 2026-2027 Capital Improvements Plan.
- g) Resolution No. 2020-101, approving the ballot language for a Charter Amendment extending nomination power to the Mayor and Two Council Members for the Board of Ethics.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, Section 21(1) of the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), MCL 117.21(1), authorizes a city council to adopt a resolution proposing to amend the city charter by a three-fifths vote of its members-elect, and the resolution proposing to amend the city charter must set forth the exact wording of the proposed amendment to be submitted to the city voters for approval at a regular or special election, and;

WHEREAS, The resolution must set forth the ballot language for the proposed charter amendment—with each proposal being limited to a single subject, and if the subject of a proposal includes more than one related proposition, each proposition shall be separately stated as a ballot proposal to afford an opportunity for a separate vote of the city voters for or against each proposition, and

WHEREAS, Section 21(2) of the HRCA, MCL 117.21(2), requires that the ballot language for the submission to the city voters of each proposed amendment shall be limited to 100 words, exclusive of caption, shall be a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment, and shall not create prejudice for or against the proposed amendment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 9.01 (c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter shall be amended as follows:

The Board shall consist of five distinguished citizens nominated by the Mayor or two city Council Members and approved by the Council.

The current charter section(s) being altered by this amendment provides as follows:

9.01 (c). Board of Ethics.

The Board shall consist of five distinguished citizens nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot language for the proposed amendment shall be as follows:

Amend Article IX, Section 9.01 (c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter to expand nomination powers for the Board of Ethics from the Mayor, to the Mayor or two Council Members.

Article IX, Section 9.01 (c) provides the Mayor with sole authority to make nominations to the Board of Ethics. Shall Article IX, Section 9.01 (c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that nomination power to the Board of Ethics be expanded to the Mayor or two Council Members?

Yes ____ No ____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed amendment (MCL 117.22) and transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed ballot language for the proposed amendment (MCL 117.21).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Ypsilanti at the General Election to be held in the City on November 3, 2020, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election and notice of registration in a manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the Charter amendment to a vote of the electors as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed charter amendment shall be published in full, together with the existing charter provision amended as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed charter amendment must be posted, in full, in a conspicuous place in each polling location.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown, to approve Resolution No. 2020-101.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Nicole Brown |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- h) Resolution No. 2020-102, approving the ballot language for a Charter Amendment extending nomination power to the Mayor and Two Council Members for Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, Section 21(1) of the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), MCL 117.21(1), authorizes a city council to adopt a resolution proposing to amend the city charter by a three-fifths vote of its members-elect, and the resolution proposing to amend the city charter must set forth the exact wording of the proposed amendment to be submitted to the city voters for approval at a regular or special election, and;

WHEREAS, The resolution must set forth the ballot language for the proposed charter amendment—with each proposal being limited to a single subject, and if the subject of a proposal includes more than one related proposition, each proposition shall be separately stated as a ballot proposal to afford an opportunity for a separate vote of the city voters for or against each proposition, and

WHEREAS, Section 21(2) of the HRCA, MCL 117.21(2), requires that the ballot language for the submission to the city voters of each proposed amendment shall be limited to 100 words, exclusive of caption, shall be a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment, and shall not create prejudice for or against the proposed amendment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter shall be amended as follows:

All members of the City boards and commissions established under this Charter, by statute or otherwise, may be nominated for office by the Mayor, or by two Council Members, subject to the approval and confirmation by a majority vote of the City Council.

The current charter section(s) being altered by this amendment provides as follows:

9.03. Boards

All members of the City boards and commissions established under this Charter, by statute or otherwise, shall be appointed by the mayor, shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval and confirmation by a majority vote of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot language for the proposed amendment shall be as follows:

Amend Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter to expand nomination powers for boards and commissions from the Mayor, to the Mayor or two Council Members.

Article IX, Section 9.03 provides the Mayor with sole authority to make nominations to Boards and Commissions. Shall Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that nomination power to all boards and commissions be expanded to the Mayor or two Council Members?

Yes ____ No ____

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed amendment (MCL 117.22) and transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for approval of the proposed ballot language for the proposed amendment (MCL 117.21).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Ypsilanti at the General Election to be held in the City on November 3, 2020, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice of the election and notice of

registration in a manner prescribed by law and to do all things and to provide all supplies necessary to submit the Charter amendment to a vote of the electors as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed charter amendment shall be published in full, together with the existing charter provision amended as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposed charter amendment must be posted, in full, in a conspicuous place in each polling location.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-102.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| AYES: | Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
| NAYS: | Beth Bashert |

- i) Resolution No. 2020-103, directing the City Manager to apply for and program funds from the Department of Justice for COVID assistance packages.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the City of Ypsilanti wants to ensure health care workers and essential staff has the proper medical grade personal protection equipment, and

Whereas, the City has been notified that the city is eligible for the Department of Justice Grant Funding in the amount of \$44,937, and

Whereas, City residents lack access to essential products to keep family's safe in these uncertain times, and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to work with Eastern Michigan University to provide essential items for our residents, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council directs the City Manager to apply for and program funds from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$44,937 to supply and distribute COVID Assistance Care Packages to City residents.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Annie Somerville, to approve Resolution No. 2020-103.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Annie Somerville |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |

- j) Resolution No. 2020-104, authorizing the Fire Department to apply and accept grants if awarded. (added May 1, 2020)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti Fire Department is eligible for a FEMA grant under the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). The primary goal of this grant is to meet the

firefighting and emergency response needs to ensure safety of the public and department firefighters; and

Whereas, The Fire Department is requesting authorization to apply and accept the following 6 regional grants if awarded: 1. Extrication Equipment, 2. Turnout Gears, 3. Fire Hose, 4. Thermal Imaging Camera and 5. Air Monitors, and 6. Exhaust Capture system;

Whereas, The total estimated cost for the six grants combined is \$185,625.00 and the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department's financial participation of 10% share is \$17,555.93.

WHEREAS, There is an additional \$2,500.00 contingency included with the Exhaust Capture system.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the Fire Department to apply and accept these grants if awarded.

Council Member Steven Wilcoxon moved, seconded by Council Member Anthony Morgan, to approve Resolution No. 2020-104.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED. |
| MOVER: | Council Member Steven Wilcoxon |
| SECONDER: | Council Member Anthony Morgan |
| AYES: | Beth Bashert, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville |
| ABSENT: | Jennifer Symanns |

IX. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Wilcoxon

- Rutherford Pool meeting tomorrow regarding construction
- Friends of Penn Park inquired about the HRWC and EGLE grant. EGLE placed the grant in limbo until the Executive Order is resolved.

Somerville

- Suggested ensuring information that communicated to the press is accurate.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Inquired about additional suggested locations for the Ann Arbor Community Foundation services.
- Inquired about status of net zero and sustainability goals.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Clarified PPE grant question.
 - a) Multi-Family Curbside Recycling Options

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a) Resolution No. 2020-105, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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