



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Present		

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt, to excuse the absence of Mayor Edmonds.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the absence was excused.

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown 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. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert, to approve the agenda.

Council Member Robb moved to remove Resolution No. 2018-251 and Resolution No. 2018-252 from the Consent Agenda and add them to the beginning of Section XII, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. CLOSED SESSION – 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Closed session to discuss collective bargaining, Tentative Agreement from AFSCME, pursuant to OMA 15.268, Section (8)(c)

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt, to adjourn to Closed Session.

On a roll call, the vote to adjourn to Closed Session was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:38 p.m.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson to reconvene to Open Session.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting reconvened to Open Session.

The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m. followed by a brief recess until 7:00 p.m.

VII. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown introduced the following; Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, City Attorney John Barr, City Manager Darwin McClary, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, Housing Commission Director Zac Fosler, and many others.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS –

1. Presentation of Bronze Award from the Michigan Green Communities – Sustainability Commission

Council Member Bashert stated as the Council Liaison to the Sustainability Commission she has been very excited to see this commission come together as a body. This is the first major accomplishment of the commission and she is looking for more and more coming from that commission. The Michigan Municipal League (MML) is here to present a very exciting award to the city. Commissioner Emily Drennen is present to help accept the award.

MML Director of Policy Development Shannon Draheim presented the Bronze Level Award to the city. She provided an explanation of what the award is.

2. Budget Update – City Manager Darwin McClary

City Manager Darwin McClary provided a budget update in response to recent requests for appropriations for unanticipated items.

Council Member Vogt asked where the \$500,000 boost to the fund balance come from in general. Mr. McClary replied it came from several sources. He explained each year there is lag time when a position is vacated and when it is filled. He asked Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy if there were any projects originally budget that did not take place. Ms. Uy responded she does not have a report, but will prepare a summary for Council. Mr. McClary replied one thing that added to the surplus is \$35,000 was originally budgeted for the Bell-Kramer environmental testing, which not all was expended.

Council Member Bashert stated there have been changes that are saving the city money that are not reflected in the report. She mentioned \$25,000 in recycling center services. Mr. McClary responded those charges are allocated from the Rubbish Collection Fund, not the General Fund. He added the Intergovernmental Agreement will be expended from the General Fund. Ms. Bashert asked why the agreement costs would not be allocated from the Rubbish Collection Fund. Mr. McClary responded the General Fund has been subsidizing the Rubbish Collection Fund, at least for this year.

Council Member Robb asked if the city is going to accept the SAFER Grant, and if so when can the city expect to have those firefighters on staff. Mr. McClary responded the city will be accepting the grant, and the Fire Chief intends to fill those positions between November 1st and December 15th.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Beverly James, 968 Monroe, stated City Hall is the people’s house and she is upset by how she was treated at City Hall. There is something happening in her community and she would like information on, but she will follow up with city staff.
2. Zac Fosler, Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director, stated there is a nomination for an YHC Board Member, Loviesa Brown who is very closely tied to the Southside of Ypsilanti. However, the nomination is an Ypsilanti Township resident.
3. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, asked when the live streaming of public meetings going to begin and if people can bring their recycling to City Hall. She asked why the city is going to pay the Township \$25,000 if they are not providing recycling services to Ypsilanti City residents.
4. Anthony Williamson, 8157 Starling Ct., encouraged Council to appoint Loviesa Brown to the Ypsilanti Housing Commission. A month ago he asked about the status of speed bumps at the New Parkridge development. He asked if Parkridge could begin to have greater communication between city administration and his director.
5. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, is excited the city is looking to expand non family occupancy in the zoning code. However, she would like to see it expanded past the CN and CN-Mid zones.
6. Michael Simmons, 128 Bell, supported the nomination of Loviesa Brown to the YHC. The testing of the Bell-Kramer neighborhood has been satisfactory, but the neighbors do believe another year of testing would make them feel more secure. He asked Council to take that into consideration.
7. Nathanael Romero, Ward 3, supported the zoning text amendment but would like to see it expanded. He has concerns that landlords might attempt to increase population density in their buildings based on the change.
8. Larry Henkle, 1443 Collegewood, supported the proposed zoning change on the agenda.

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

Council Member Bashert stated the \$25,000 earmarked for the intergovernmental agreement for recycling would provide the city with passes it could supply residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked when Council can expect to have the live stream of meetings operational. Ms. McMullan replied Council approved the agreement with iCompass and now staff is working toward purchasing cameras.

Council Member Murdock asked if a non-resident would be eligible to serve on the Housing Commission. City Attorney John Barr replied he would review the matter and supply Council with his opinion. Mr. Murdock added he is not opposed to the nomination, but he wants to ensure it is legal. Council Member Richardson stated when this was reviewed in the past, the Commissioner in question served for many terms and was allowed to finish her term. At that time the commissioner was not reappointed but not based on her residency. She support Ms. Brown being appointed to the YHC, especially since she has been working locally and grown up in Parkridge.

Council Member Richardson apologized to Ms. James for how she was treated on her recent visit to City Hall. Council in the past stressed courtesy, and she has received complaints about staff in the Department of Public Services and at City Hall. She believes things have improved and will continue to improve. Beverly James, 968 Monroe, responded most employees are very pleasant and provide her information.

~~XI. **CONSENT AGENDA** Resolution No. 2018-250~~

- ~~1. Resolution No. 2018-251, approving minutes of September 11, 2018~~
- ~~2. Resolution No. 2018-252, approving Ordinance No. 1326, an ordinance to amend the Ypsilanti City Code as necessary to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, to make additions, insertions, and changes to the 2018 Edition of that Code, and to set forth the penalties. **(Second Reading)**~~

(Moved and Heard During Section XII, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions)

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

- 1. Resolution No. 2018-251, approving minutes of September 11, 2018

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of September 11, 2018 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-251 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

- 2. Resolution No. 2018-252, approving Ordinance No. 1326, an ordinance to amend the Ypsilanti City Code as necessary to adopt the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, to make additions, insertions, and changes to the 2018 Edition of that Code, and to set forth the penalties. **(Second Reading)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," BY AMENDING ARTICLE V, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE," SECTION 18-91 "ADOPTION," TO REPLACE THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE WITH THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 18-92 "ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES," BY DELETING THE PREVIOUS ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES AS NECESSARY AND

MAKING ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS AND CHANGES TO THE 2018 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND TO SET FORTH THE PENALTIES" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

City Attorney John Barr provided an overview of what will be changed in the Property Maintenance Code if this ordinance is adopted. He added a full report will be provided to Council at a later date.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-252 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2018-247, approving AFSCME 2017-2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement (***Tabled 9/25/18***)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Local 623, AFSCME Council 25, collective bargaining agreement with the city expired on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the city and the union have been engaged in contract negotiations for more than 16 months on a successor contract; and

WHEREAS, the city and the union have reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement for the term commencing on July 1, 2017, and terminating on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to approve the new contract as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby approve the new collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ypsilanti and the Local 623 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25, for the term commencing on July 1, 2017, and terminating on June 30, 2022, as presented and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the city after approval by the City Attorney as to form.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Council Member Murdock stated in the last sentence of the resolution it reads, "...and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Clerk to execute the agreement..." He asked if it should read "...and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement..." Mr. Barr agreed that should be removed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-247 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

- Resolution No. 2018-248, approving Bell-Kramer Budget Adjustment ***(Sent back to staff on 9/25/18)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti desired to provide a 12 month vapor intrusion assessment of the residential properties located in the Bell Kramer neighborhood north of the former City-owned landfill as recommended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti desires to have subsurface soil gas sampling and indoor air quality monitored for a year as recommended by DEQ to determine what, if any, mitigation may be required; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Ypsilanti to complete this study.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council appropriates funding in the amount of \$15,500 to complete the Bell Kramer Neighborhood Environmental Testing Study to be allocated from the Fund Balance.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Economic Development Director Joe Meyers provided an overview on options of where the funding for this resolution should come. He suggested Housing Trust Fund or the Water Street Professional Fund.

Council Member Murdock stated Council authorized the contract and the budget. Since the funds were not expended and not carried over to this Fiscal Year's budget they were moved to reserves. He suggested reserves be used to cover the \$15,500.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert, to amend the resolution and allocate the funds from the fund balance.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-248 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-248 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

5. Discussion on resolution from the Sustainability Commission regarding public recycling

Council Member Bashert read aloud the resolution approved by the Sustainability Commission regarding public recycling. She added it is imperative the city provide recycling to its residents, and needs to examine strategies to provide that service. She added the Sustainability Commission’s resolution is sensible and Council should adopt it. Council Member Vogt agreed, and commented that while traveling, he noticed cities without recycling had much more trash.

Mr. McClary requested the timeframe be extended into the next Fiscal Year, in order to budget implementation properly.

Council Member Murdock stated he is not particularly opposed to this, but there things that need to be examined. One of the issues with the city’s recycling program is it is a single stream program. People are under the impression everything is recyclable and much of what isn’t winds up in the trash. He mentioned the Department of Public Service will require a new recycling truck next year, and the type of truck is dependent on the city’s recycling strategy. He has twenty 96 gallon pull carts, which could be used to establish a program at the two high rises in the city. The City Manager rejected that idea on the basis the city needs a comprehensive plan.

Council Member Robb stated the Sustainability Commission is requested Council to take action without a study being completed. There is misleading information in the way the contract reads, the city does not necessarily saving money. He is not against implementing a pilot program, possibly at the bus depot, based on it being a high volume area.

Council Member Vogt stated were he has seen this type of program implemented successfully, the bins include detailed directions on what refuse goes in what bin.

Council Member Richardson agreed with Council Member Robb that it would take some preparing of city residents. A plan needs to be in place along with an education program in order for it to be effective.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she has no issue with this, but agrees it should begin as a pilot program. She added Council also must keep in line with the budget and not over extend the city’s finances.

Council Member Bashert stated she is hearing the timeline suggested by the commission does not fit, education of the public will be instrumental to the program’s success, and include a pilot program to study the program’s effectiveness. If that is an accurate reflection, would her next step be to bring a resolution to Council including those additions. Council Member Robb responded it is premature until there is an understanding of the cost of the program. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown suggested putting forth a resolution to study the program.

Interim DPS Director Brad Holman stated a study would be helpful to understand the programs potential effectiveness. However, when the actual bins are being unloaded they tend to contain more trash then recycling materials. Because of this the education aspect of the program is essential to its long term effectiveness. To fully implement this program prior to educate the public the city will essentially be providing more trash cans. Council Member Richardson agreed, and said when she drives around the neighborhood and trash day she doesn’t notice many recycling bins. She asked what

residential recycling practices, because if people are not recycling at home ultimately the new bins will most likely be used for trash.

Council Member Bashert stated Ypsilanti would not be inventing the wheel by implementing this program. Many cities have recycling and garbage side by side, and Ypsilanti is way behind on this practice. She sees it as a matter of discussing this with communities that have already implemented this policy, and mold it into a policy that fits Ypsilanti. Council Member Robb stated the issues is as a community Ypsilanti does not do a very good job at recycling, which is why the education aspect is essential to the success of this program. There are two worthy actions the city should be taking; encouraging more residential recycling and including on street recycling in the central business district. Council Member Murdock added it is not more recycling he is concerned, but better recycling. He explained that is the issues with most community's recycling programs.

6. Resolution No. 2018-253, directing staff to proceed with an application for a zoning text amendment to change the non-family occupancy caps in single-family homes in the CN and CN-Mid zoning districts.

Whereas Ypsilanti has a diverse housing population including approximately 65% of rental and apartment dwellings, and

Whereas Ypsilanti is seeking ways to address increasing demand and costs for housing, and

Whereas Rental Housing is at 95% or higher capacity for much of the year, and

Whereas, apartment tenants are limited to 3 unrelated adults in our current zoning, and

Whereas, this language is restrictive in some cases depending on the number of bedrooms to a dwelling, and

Whereas, changing that language to 1 heartbeat per bedroom plus two would allow more flexibility, and

Whereas, CN and CN-Mid zones are primarily rental properties and encompasses a wide range of numbers of bedrooms, and

Whereas CN and CN-Mid would gain the most benefit from this change allowing for more people in some apartments than is currently available,

Whereas this change does not allow an apartment to have more residents in one dwelling than is appropriate,

Therefore be it resolved that Ypsilanti City Council directs the Planning commission to consider changing the text from '3 unrelated adults' to 'one heartbeat per bedroom plus 2' in CN and CN-Mid.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert
SECONDED BY: Council Member Murdock

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Council Member Bashert thanked Mr. Henkel for bringing this idea to her. She explained this came out of her office hours she has been holding since taking office.

Council Member Vogt asked for clarification on the meaning of '1 heartbeat per bedroom plus 2'. Council Member Robb asked how many people would be included in a three bedroom home. Council Member Bashert responded five. Mr. Robb stated he supports the concept, but will not support the resolution as written. He explained using a heartbeat as a zoning category is crazy, and asked how many zoning codes use heartbeats as opposed to a more standard way to distinguish people. He encouraged Council to read the minutes from the December 16, 2014 meeting, when the Shape Ypsi Plan was adopted. There was a one hour discussion regarding unrelated people living in dwellings. He asked that this resolution be withdrawn and changed to and remove any reference to a heartbeat.

Council Member Murdock stated he likes to intent of the resolution, but some of the details he does not quite understand. He stated under poor economic conditions more people cohabitate, which occurs mostly among the student population.

Council Member Vogt stated there are also health and safety issues that need to be considered, but he is not opposed to reducing the restriction of the rule.

Council Member Bashert stated she ran the language by staff, which is how she structured the language. She is not wedded to the language, but her intent is clear and would like to make the code more sensible and increase flexibility. Council Member Robb responded what this resolution effectively does is down zoning based on the number of heartbeats. He added this resolution does not provide flexibility, and explained under the current zoning he can have nine people living in his two bedroom home, this would decrease. Ms. Bashert responded she chose the CN and CN-Mid districts to stay away from single family homes. Mr. Robb replied it is not the question of whether or not this is restrictive, this is a mathematical problem, and it equates to downzoning. He appreciates what Council Member Bashert is trying to do, but this is not the way to do it.

Council Member Murdock stated he believes the property maintenance code has requirements regarding room size and inhabitants. He added if a resident has Section 8 status there are additional requirements. He suggested following Council Member Robb's suggestion of reviewing the three unrelated persons requirement. Council Member Robb interjected the current resolution directs staff to consider the heartbeat proposal rather than examine other possible remedies.

Council Member Vogt moved to amend the last paragraph in the resolution to read "Therefore Be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti directs the Planning Commission to consider changing the 'three unrelated adult's requirement'" and to remove the sixth Whereas clause.

Council Member Bashert accepted the friendly amendment.

Council Member Murdock accepted the friendly amendment.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-253 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

XX. LIAISON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Richardson stated a Safe Campaign began on October 1, 2018 and brought materials for pickup at the Clerk Department. The materials are for safe walking, biking, and driving. SEMCOG now has a new app that will provide information on walkways, waterways, and other information on jurisdictions in Michigan.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
- E. Ypsilanti Youth Safety Collaboration - None
- F. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Council Member Bashert commended Economic Development Director Joe Meyers for how quickly he and his department transferred information to the Department of Natural Resources.
- G. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None

XXI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Murdock

- Last week he attended two meetings with MDOT regarding the road safety audit, which the final report should be completed in three weeks. The meeting touched on non-motorized improvements, road diets, and signalization changes. He would like to request MDOT review the timing of the traffic signal at Michigan and Huron, and interval timing at Michigan and Hamilton, Washington, and Adams.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson to request MDOT to review timing of traffic signal at Michigan and Huron and to install Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) timing at traffic signals at Michigan and Huron, Michigan and Washington, Michigan and Adams and Michigan and Hamilton.

Council Member Bashert stated this intersection has been brought up a number of times. Council Member Murdock replied MDOT informed him they have never been officially asked to review the timing. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown supported the review.

Mr. McClary stated to his understanding the City Planner put in a request for the intersection at Michigan and Huron. Council Member Murdock replied Ms. Wessler was at the meeting and did not mention it.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-255 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Absent
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Edmonds) VOTE: Carried

Council Member Richardson stated the dip at the Michigan and Huron intersection needs to be leveled.

- He asked the status of the Penn Dam study. Mr. McClary responded a work group meeting is scheduled for this month in which a draft copy of the report will be submitted. The study should be ready to present to Council shortly after that.

- He proposed a salary increase for legislative officials to match that what was given to administration. Council Member Richardson agreed.

Richardson

- She would like to see staff been trained in customer service, and how to answer the phone. She would like the person answering the phone to identify themselves.
- She asked what happened in downtown this morning. Mr. McClary replied the Chief of Police sent an email regarding what happened in the downtown. He said one of the raids was connected to a homicide in Pittsfield Township, and one of the medical marihuana facilities was raided by the DEA. Council Member Robb stated the raid of the medical marihuana facility was not caused by the facility functioning as a dispensary, it was for another matter. Council Member Murdock there were corollary raids around the city and in the townships, even in Belleville.
- Residents have contacted her this week regarding being turned away by the Ypsilanti Township Recycling Center even though they had passes. She spoke with Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo regarding recycling and was told there was not an agreement for residents to use the facility. Ms. Richardson stated Ms. Stumbo told her the facility performs composting not traditional recycling. She asked why the city is negotiating an agreement with the township when it does not offer recycling services. She asked why the city cannot get dumpsters to place in the community, and contract with Huron Township or Ann Arbor. Staff needs to work out these issues.
- A few weeks ago she asked for the racial composition of city staff and is still awaiting a response. The community is interested in this information, especially when there is turnover of city staff. She does not appreciate that when asked she does not have an answer to provide. Mr. McClary responded the Human Resources Manager is working on that report. Ms. Richardson replied it should not take that long to create that report, she asked a month ago and the city has less than a hundred employees.

Bashert

- LARA has issued a decree that any medical marihuana facility not licensed by the state will be shut down by the end of October. To date only 73 facilities have been licensed and there are over 700 statewide. Regardless of what individuals feel about medical marihuana, nine business will be affected by this in the city. Mr. Meyers replied the state provided a website to check the status of facilities, which is all they were able to provide. The city, as well as all jurisdictions in the state, are operating in the dark regarding the process. Ms. Bashert asked if the city has done everything required. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative.

XXII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR PRO-TEM—

Nomination:

Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Loviesa Brown (non-resident)
1235 Ruth Avenue
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

- The Attorney's Office will be providing an opinion regarding the nomination of a non-resident to the Housing Commission.

XXIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- He provided an update regarding the union contract negotiations.

- He provided a response to Council Member Robb’s question regarding the hiring of the firefighters funded by the SAFER Grant.
- The Civil Service Commission will be meeting October 3rd to approve the eligibility list of firefighters to be hired by the SAFER Grant.
- He noted Brad Holman will serve as Interim Department of Public Services Director.
- His report contained an update on recycling drop-off services. AKT Peerless has performed an environmental review of the site and is preparing a soil management plan. It is anticipated the structures will be demolished by the end of the calendar year.
- The city is working with Ann Arbor to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement for use of its recycling drop-off center. It does not appear the city will be able to negotiate an agreement with Ypsilanti Township, and he is happy to answer any questions Council might have about the negotiations.
- Director Meyers is working with the Police Chief to restore police services to the DDA Districts, and there are hopes that will be in place shortly in accordance with the agreement.
- The Washtenaw County IT services agreement will be on the November 13th Council Meeting Agenda. Andy Brush of County IT will be in attendance at that meeting to answer any questions Council might have.
- The Council Manager Meetings are scheduled for October 9th and October 11th.

XXIV. COMMUNICATIONS –

Council Member Bashert stated the city’s ordinance governing medical marihuana does not cover transportation. It seems like a gap in the ordinance needs to be addressed. Council Member Robb responded none of the new uses are addressed in the ordinance. When the updated in the ordinance it was to allow the currently operating businesses to exit.

Council Member Richardson stated since she has been on Council the practice to hire a Fire Chief has been to do so internally. She asked why the hiring of that position is being advertised externally when current employees had applied. She stated the Economic Development Director was promoted internally, and the Treasurer. She noted the Charter requires an ordinance amendment when creating new departments, which is being done by moving the Treasurer position to Fiscal Services. When the previous Fire Chief retired the new Chief was appointed prior to the retirement to provide time to shadow. She asked why there has not been a Chief appointed from internally to learn prior to the retirement. She stated when employees choose to live in the city, they should be given additional consideration when interviewing. She was displeased with the process of the Treasurer being moved to Fiscal Services without Council approval.

XX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Nathanael Romero, Ward 3, stated he is happy the consideration of changing the zoning code is being forwarded to the Planning Commission, but would like it to be expanded citywide.
2. Desirae Simmons, Ward 3, suggested the zoning change be expanded citywide. She will speak about this with the Planning Commission.

XXI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XXII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2018-254, adjourning the City Council meeting.

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: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.