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CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
TUESDAY, June 20, 2017
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert, to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Brown.

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

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Edmonds 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 Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Attorney John Barr, City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Manager Darwin McClary, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy, and Accounting Supervisor Rheagan Basabica.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL-

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

Council Member Robb moved to move Resolution No. 2017-150 from the Consent Agenda to Section XI, Motions/Resolutions/Discussions.

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

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. William Armstead, 102 N. Hamilton, stated he is representing Ozone House and works to communicate its mission throughout the County. The property the Ozone House is looking to purchase will be used for the "Stay Safe" program. He stated he is eighteen

and has used Ozone House services which have been a benefit to him and friends he has in the community.

2. Austin Henderson, 102 W. Hamilton, stated the Ozone House has helped numerous people in the community, but needs more space in order to help more community youth.

3. Patrick Gaulier, 1613 Gregory St., stated his home is near the proposed site of the Ozone House and has been part of the Ypsilanti community around seven years. He chose to live in Ypsilanti because of its open and inclusive nature. Having a space to service youth in crisis is a reflection of the values, and the very reason he and his family moved to Ypsilanti. He said he is also employed by Ozone House as the clinical case manager to assist young people seeking housing.

4. Deb Walker, 6180 1st St, Superior Township, supports the Ozone House and her property is directly to the north of the proposed site. Since she does not live in the City and she only just found out about this process. While she supports the work of the Ozone House she is not certain it is the best location for them, and in order to gain support of residents of that neighborhood she asked the process to be slowed.

5. Kyle Hunter, 109 Ferris #4, stated he would like to see effort from City Council and any other Commission of the City to engage in a community hearing to see what can be down about the vacant building on the corner of Ferris and Washington. He said the building has been an eye sore for some time and if enough time passes it will be purchased by an outside corporation and turned into something the surrounding neighborhood might not want.

6. Adam Gainsley, 409 N. Adams, stated Citizens for Ypsi is continuing to campaign in support of the passage of the Water Street Debt Millage. The passage of this millage is still important regardless of the possible International Village proposed for Water Street. Citizensforypsilanti.com is active, which can be visited to request a yard sign.

7. Kerri Pepperman, 202 Wallace Blvd, stated she has been an Ypsilanti resident for ten years and a donor and volunteer of Ozone House. She supports the Ozone House because it gets results and three-fourths of the kids serviced are from this community.

8. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, stated the Ozone House is important without question and it must be kept safe, and if it cannot be protected there is no reason for it to exist. The residents of Ypsilanti are asking City Council to not decrease the current police contract and extend it until negotiations are finalized. He has worked very hard to get to the Police Department the City presently has. If the City ends up losing seasoned officers the department would lose its leadership base. The level of crime in this City cannot not be stopped if the department decreases, and it will only get worse if it does.

9. Naja Garnel, stated she began working for the Ozone House in September and has done a lot of work youth her age, and has turned her life around. It has taught her to love humanity and its differences, but at the same time understand deep down people are all the same.

10. Gail Wolkoff, 1728 Whittier, stated she understands the concern of having something new in a neighborhood, but as someone who purchased a property in Ypsilanti for teenagers to work toward scholastic achievement there has not been a problem with noise. As someone who knows the Ozone House she would fully without question support this moving into a neighborhood because it is simply teenagers trying to stay safe.

11. Erin Schaffer, 911 Woods, stated she moved to Ypsilanti around five years ago because she loves Ypsilanti. She feels Ozone House would be a phenomenal addition to this community. She is currently a family therapist working at Ozone House to help youth reunify with their families, and 97% of youth they work with reunite with their families. She hopes this is one more way Ypsilanti can help the youth of this community.

12. Kathy Doyle, 1113 Westmoreland, stated she is the Executive Director of Ozone House and they are looking to move to this community to provide services. They are thrilled to be a part of this community and contributing to it.

    Mayor Edmonds asked if the forty staff includes the outreach team and youth staff. Ms. Doyle responded it does not. Ms. Edmonds asked how many youth employees Ozone House has. Ms. Doyle responded this summer twelve youth will be employed and around fifty interns.

VIII. <u>REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR</u> –

- Mayor Edmonds thank all those who spoke, and looks forward to discussing the Ozone House later in the meeting.
- She understands the concerns of the neighbor, and there are many steps before this project is complete with time for public input.
- She noted and agreed the need for keeping the Police Department at an efficient level.
- She told the youth in the Audience about the openings for youth members on City Boards and Commissions. In order to be eligible the individual must be a citizen of the City of Ypsilanti.

IX. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> –

1. Approving a 15 year extension to the Smart Zone LDFA. The City does not lose any local tax revenue and has the opportunity to receive state captures to be spent on Economic Development activities. (Community Development)

   A. Resolution No. 2017 - 143, determination

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, in 2001, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) created eleven separate SmartZones throughout the state, including Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti; and

   WHEREAS, the purpose of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone (LDFA) is to provide capital needed for the facilitation of the commercialization of research products being developed at University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University and the development of private high technology enterprises that, but for this organization, would be deferred, or located outside of the SmartZone area; and

   WHEREAS, The proposed 15 year extension to the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA requires the approval of the City of Ypsilanti, City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti has been approved and is included for state-only tax capture in the proposed 15-year extension.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council hereby approves the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone Agreement Amendment Number 1 for 15 year extension of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat proposed the City move forward with this amendment because it is time sensitive. The City has been given MEDC approval for tax capture and in order to do so the extension must be approved. Both Phil Tepley and Tom Crawford are present from the LDFA to answer any questions Council might have.

B. Public Hearing

1. Phil Tepley, LDFA Board Member, stated he is very excited to have Beth Ernat on the Board, she brings a wealth of institutional knowledge of the City. He is on his second term and has not been able to spend TIF funds in Ypsilanti and with this change the City will have 10% of the budget. This is not taking money from the school fund, the school fund is reimbursed by the general fund.

C. Resolution No. 2017 – 144, close the public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone Agreement Amendment Number 1 for 15 year extension be officially closed.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Edmonds stated the City has been waiting for three years for MEDC approval. During that time the LDFA has been planning on how to invest the available funds. She said there is great support to improving the overall ecosystem to make it more supportive and attractive overall.

Ms. Ernat stated there is approximately $313,000 on the table, which cannot go into the City's General Fund. It can only be used for technology, including fiber optics, or infrastructure to support technology. She does not want any misconception the City could use these funds to balance its budget. Traditionally, 50% of these funds are earmarked for SPARK East Incubator.

Council Member Murdock stated the LDFA Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) overlaps the DDA's TIF. Ms. Ernat responded it overlaps the original DDA TIF, not the current downtown TIF District. Mr. Murdock asked how it would impact the DDA TIF revenue. Ms. Ernat responded it would not affect the DDA revenue, and explained an LDFA levies the school taxes from the state, not what is captured by the DDA.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-143 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. Granting an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for a period of 12 years for 400 N. River. (Community Development)

   A. Resolution No. 2017 - 145, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"), provides for a tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment of obsolete buildings through the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, the City of Ypsilanti is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit eligible to establish one or more Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti legally established an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District that includes parcel #11-11-04-495-024 (400 N. River St.) as part of a broader district including the three DDA districts on June 5, 2012 after a public hearing held on the same date as provided by section 3 of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the parcel at 400 N. River St has been certified functionally obsolete by the City Assessor per P.A. 146 in February 2017; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that is situated within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established in the City of Ypsilanti eligible under Public Act 146 of 2000 to establish such a district; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcels, The Original and Only Thompson Block, LLC has submitted an application for an obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of Public Act 146 of 2000 requesting an exemption for a period of 12 years as a function of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the application included all of the items described under "Instructions" (a) through (f) of the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, The Original and Only Thompson Block, LLC are not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcel have proposed the rehabilitation of a 2-3 story 33,470 square foot historic, functionally obsolete,

dangerous building situated on a contaminated parcel into a vibrant mixed use property.

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur before the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property already exempt under Public Act 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does not exceed 5% of the total taxable value of the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating approximately 100% of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(l) of Public Act 146 of 2000.

WHEREAS, the review committee met on May 18, 2017 and recommends approval of the application for a period of twelve years (2018-2029); and

WHEREAS, the application is not recommended for an extension; and

WHEREAS the completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, increase commercial activity, revitalize urban areas, and increase number of residents in the community in which the facility is situated.

WHEREAS, the application was approved at a public hearing as provided by section 4(2) of Public Act 146 of 2000 on July 20, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council herby grants an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for a period of 12 years beginning December 31, 2014 and ending December 30, 2026 for the real property, excluding land, located in the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District which include parcel #11-11-04-495-024 (400 N. River St) pursuant to the provisions of PA 146 of 2000, as amended, subject to completion of the renovations by within three years of final approval of exemption certificates by the State Tax Commission, and to the taxes on the property being paid on time.

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

Ms. Ernat asked Council to consider a friendly amendment to change "July 8, 2014" to "June 20, 2017" in the last "whereas" of the resolution.

Council Members Bashert and Vogt agreed with the friendly amendment.

Ms. Ernat stated this is the last piece to the Thompson Block redevelopment needing to come before Council. This OPRA was previously approved through the last development of the property which was canceled by act of Council. In order to move forward with the Brownfield Plan and Act 381 Plan in OPRA application and approval is required. The last step of this process is for the petitioner to go before the MEDC for the Brownfield Plan.

Mr. McClary asked if the dates of "December 31, 2014 through December 30, 2026" in the resolution are correct. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, and explained those dates refer to when the OPRA district was created.

B. Public Hearing

1. Sam Jones-Darling, The Village, EMU Campus, stated he is a resident of the City of Ypsilanti and a member of the Human Relations Commission and he is deeply concerned. This is a tax abatement and over the next couple of years the City will no longer assess the property. This is an incentive for a developer whom he met with two weeks ago at the County Board of Commissioners. He was told by the developers they would communicate with him but they never made attempts to do so. He asked what the prices would be per square foot of the twenty apartments. He asked why the developer is not present to answer questions posed by the public. Incentives need to be put into place for developers to attend meetings and talk about these issues with the public. He asked Council to communicate with the community about these issues.

C. Resolution No. 2017 – 146, close the public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for 400 N. River for a period of 12 years be officially closed.

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Ernat stated this is a tax incentive, and abatement would mean no taxes would be collected by the property. An OPRA property would still capture taxes and is located inside a DDA District so the City is not losing possible additional tax revenue. Marilyn Crowley of Kinkaid Henry is here representing the development throughout the process.

Council Member Murdock stated between an OPRA and the Brownfield plan no taxes would go to the City or the DDA for twenty-eight years. Ms. Ernat responded there would be a 5% reserve for the DDA throughout the duration of the twenty-eight years. Mr. Murdock stated there is a lot of pressure on Depot Town parking system, which will require public investment and resources. He said this project is asking for an exemption of parking requirements which will further stress the system. He said twenty-eight years seems ridiculous. Ms. Ernat replied the parcel could not achieve a higher valuation to reduce the number of years of exemption. She added shortly before the developer approached the City with plans for the property she was preparing to ask Council to demolish the building.

Mayor Edmonds stated she agrees with Council Member Murdock's concerns but Council understands the structures challenges. She would rather use this economic development tool to develop the building.

Ms. Ernat added additional jobs in the City will have a positive impact in the City regardless if they pay $13 or $9 an hour. Council Member Murdock asked if the project is successful no one will monitor if the jobs created pay what the developer is claiming, and there is no way to enforce it. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated there should be a way to monitor to ensure jobs created pay at those rates. Mayor Edmonds asked if there would be an ability for revocation if agreements were not kept. Ms. Ernat responded not through an OPRA, but legal counsel could review the possibility. She said the City could provide a way to monitor pay rates through the Brownfield Plan, put the City would need to ensure the staff was present for that task. Ms. Edmonds asked if the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority could be asked to monitor pay rates. Ms. Ernat responded she can bring that forward for discussion.

Council Member Vogt asked how long this building has been empty. Council Member Robb responded since 2009 when Fantasy Lighting left. Mr. Vogt stated it was greatly underused for decades prior to that. He understands the concerns but the only alternative is to have an empty lot which produces no taxes generating nothing for the City. Overall he is strongly in favor of this project and Council should approve this OPRA.

Council Member Robb stated the City has a policy that if taxes are not paid an OPRA can be revoked, which is not in the enabling legislation. He said because the City was able to add that it is possible it could add additional wording to monitor pay rates. He asked how many parking spots is the developer required for the commercial space. Ms. Ernat responded roughly eight spaces, but the developer will be providing covered bike parking. She added the variance is for twelve spaces. Mr. Robb asked if the City is waving that or is the developer paying the $600 per space. Ms. Ernat replied the Zoning Board of Appeals would make that decision.

Council Member Bashert stated this development will not be completed for a couple of years. Marilyn Crowley responded the development will be open by October of 2019. Ms. Bashert stated there is already a parking issue in Depot Town and this project will put additional stress on that system. She said this problem is going to need to be solved before this projects completion. Council Member Robb asked how this problem is going to be solved. Ms. Ernat responded she is currently seeking funding for a parking analysis study, and the discussions will need to happen in the future. Mr. Robb stated he is excited about this project, but Council is always told discussions need to happen in the future and they never happen. He said in order to build a parking structure parking would be removed from Depot Town to do build that structure. Mayor Edmonds invited Council Member Robb to attend a DDA meeting, which has been discussing parking in the districts. Mr. Robb stated the DDA can perform those studies and have discussions, but ultimately Council creates policy and must have these conversations. Ms. Edmonds responded Council could have a working session later in the year to have these discussions, but the DDA does have the bonding capacity to undertake these projects.

Council Member Richardson agreed with Council Member Murdock that parking is an issue. She assumed the jobs created by this development will be after construction. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson stated her concern is who will complete the construction because there are people in this City that need jobs and can perform that work. She asked what is being built into this to ensure Ypsilanti residents will get this work. City Attorney Barr responded he would have to look into the enabling legislation of OPRA to see if that is something that can be built into the agreement.

Council Member Murdock stated there will be considerable capital projects occurring in Depot Town and its TIF will not be able to finance all of these projects. He said the train stop and a parking structure will cost millions and would not have that capacity to pay for those projects completely. He added when a parking study is being completed be certain to include autonomous vehicles.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-145 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2017 - 147

1. Resolution No. 2017-148, approving the minutes of May 23, 2017. (Clerk)

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   THAT the minutes of May 23, 2017 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2017-149, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions. (Mayor)

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

NAME	BOARD	TERM EXPIRATION
Jake Albers **1533 Collegewood St** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197** **(Reappointment)**	**Zoning Board of Appeals**	**5/1/2020**
Francisco Garcia **26 N Huron St.** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197** **(Reappointment)**	**Zoning Board of Appeals**	**5/1/2020**
Jennifer Symanns **525 Fairview Cir** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197** **(New appointment)**	**Zoning Board of Appeals**	**5/1/2019**
John Bailey **514 Fairview** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197** **(Reappointment, Alternate)**	**Zoning Board of Appeals**	**5/1/2018**
Tom Roach **912 Pearl** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197** **(Reappointment, Alternate)**	**Zoning Board of Appeals**	**5/1/2019**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-147 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

3. ~~Resolution No. 2017-150, amending the agreement held with Urban County.~~ (Community Development) **(Moved and Heard During Section XI, Motions/Resolutions/Discussions)**

XI. MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, DISCUSSIONS -

1. Resolution No. 2017-151, approving purchase agreement for the Ozone House. (Community Development).

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has received a Purchase Agreement from Ozone House, LLC for the purchase and development of the 5 +/- acre property located at the northwest corner of Huron River Drive and Superior Road, Parcel Identification Number 11-11-05-240-003; and

   WHEREAS, the property has been vacant and undeveloped, marketed by the City through Swisher Commercial for the past 7 years, and has no other pending offers or known interest; and

   WHEREAS, Ozone House, LLC., is seeking to purchase the property for $230,000 and plans to develop the property for use as their administrative center, youth job training, short-term emergency placements, and transitional living centers for youth 17-21; and

   WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti has the authority to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of the said property and may impose conditions within said purchase agreement and the City attorney has read and reviewed the Purchase Agreement.

   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs it Mayor and Clerk to sign a Purchase Agreement for the sale of the property located at 11-11-05-240-003 with all the conditions identified in said agreement.

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legal description of the northern boundary of the easement described in paragraph 14 of the purchase agreement be expanded to include up to the middle line of the Huron River as it currently exists.

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

Council Member Murdock asked if sale of property is required to have a public hearing. Mr. DuChene responded the Charter provides that all City property must be sold by resolution with a public hearing, however, this property was sold by ordinance. Mr. Murdock stated he feels it would be wise to hold a public hearing on these type of issues. Council Member Richardson agreed.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is excited to welcome the Ozone House into the City at a greater capacity. She is very supportive of this and will be looking for the Ozone House outreach team to being doing door to door in the City.

Ms. Ernat provided an overview of the purchase agreement and past interest in the properties.

Mayor Edmonds asked if a Planned Unit Development (PUD) would involve a public hearing. Ms. Ernat responded it would involve three separate hearings; one for the Planning Commission and two at Council.

Ozone House Executive Director Kathy Doyle provided a presentation regarding the Ozone House purchase agreement.

Council Member Richardson stated she was once a volunteer at Ozone House and congratulated its success in the community. She asked if the house on Hamilton will still be maintained by Ozone House. Ms. Doyle responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson stated when she volunteered at Ozone House it has not a noisy place and does not see it as a concern for neighbors of the proposed site. She will be supporting the resolution and looks forward to seeing what else she can do to help the Ozone House.

Mayor Edmonds asked if some activities will be moved from the walk-in center to the new site. Ms. Doyle responded it does not move much because the job training is currently performed at EMU.

Council Member Bashert stated she will be supporting this because of the long steady track record of Ozone House. It is a cutting edge program that has serviced the youth of this community for years, and it should be kept in this City. Also, the proposed property has not been attractive to other developers and would be a perfect fit for Ozone House.

Council Member Robb stated a few weeks ago a proposition for an international village on Water Street was presented to Council. He stated this resolution is nothing like the one brought for that proposition. Council was asked to approve a letter of intent for the international village, for them to do their due diligence. For this property Council is first being brought a purchase agreement before the Ozone House performs its due diligence, and the property will be sold without additional input from Council. He asked why the normal process is not being followed for this proposition. Ms. Ernat responded she is following institutional history and asked for legal opinion throughout this process, and it is not her intent to create new processes. She added state statutes dictate when a public hearing is necessary and it would not be good practice to hold a public hearing when not required. Mr. Robb stated a letter of intent should proceed a purchase agreement since this is similar to the Water Street proposal, and asked why they are different. Ms. Ernat responded because Council established a different process for Water Street. Mr. Robb stated public hearings are held for the Property Disposition Policy. Ms. Ernat responded that is because staff is selling City property individually and Council should weigh in on that process. Mr. Robb stated the idea of Council holding additional public hearings was brought up at this meeting and the previous meeting. He said the idea of holding additional public hearings or adding an additional layer of a letter of intent is not out of the realm of being burdensome. Ms. Ernat stated she isn't against it but a change in the process would need to be established by Council. If that is done she will work with the Clerk's Office to do so, but she has followed the law and the advice of the Attorney's Office. Mayor Edmonds added Council setup a different process for Water Street because it is different. Council Member Murdock replied there were a couple of Water Street projects that involved less money than this project.

Council Member Murdock stated commercial properties were left out of the Property Disposition Policy to have a process that was more transparent, and would have liked to have a public hearing for this purchase agreement. He said the community would have not known this was on the agenda if he did not post it to Facebook. He asked if it is possible this project could begin prior to the 180 days. Ms. Doyle responded she does not believe the project will need all 180 days to perform due diligence.

> **Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson to add an additional Further Resolved stating "that the proceeds from this sale be used to pay off the remaining Water Street Debt that was not refinanced".**

Council Member Robb asked for clarification of the reasoning behind the amendment. Council Member Murdock responded there was one segment of the debt that was not refinanced and this purchase would allow the City to pay that off completely. Mr. Robb replied this is a cash flow issue that current segment of the debt is for $230,000 to be paid over fifteen years, which would amount to around $20,000 a year. He asked would it be more beneficial to keep that as a fund balance rather than pay the entirety of that debt segment. He added the resolution also states it should be used to pay the remaining balance, which is more than the City would receive for this purchase. Mr. Murdock responded he would like the City to pay the remainder of that balance. Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy stated a payment of $10,000 was recently made leaving a balance of $220,000. Council Member Bashert stated the City will receive around $213,000 net for this purchase. She stated she believes how the funds are allocated should be discussed as part of the budget section of this meeting. Mr. Robb stated it should take place when the property is sold, and the City receives payment. Mayor Edmonds stated as a part of goal sessions Council made a policy decision that revenue created by the sale of property would be used to pay down the Water Street Debt. She said it is an appropriate amendment and aligns with that policy, and asked the City Manager his opinion on the amendment. Mr. Clary responded he does not have concern with this amendment, and paying off this segment will save the City $140,000 over the next fourteen years in interest. Ms. Edmonds stated she will support the amendment.

Council Member Robb stated this decision should wait until the City receives the money. He said this resolution is a letter of intent masquerading as a purchase agreement and the City might not receive this money for six to seven months. Because of this when it is sold will be the time to discuss how to allocate the money. Council Member Murdock responded as was previously stated this will be the last time this is brought before Council. Mr. Robb responded once this money is paid Council can do a budget amendment. Council Member Bashert stated because this budget has required severe cuts this money could be used to reinstate one of the cuts. Council Member Vogt stated his concern is to allocate this to one priority rather than several other priorities, and agrees Council should wait until the funds are received. He added if the millage passes it will make a huge difference in the City's finances, and a better decision can be made on how to allocate those funds. Mr. Murdock responded it would make no difference because the millage does not cover this segment of the debt. He added this money will not provide the City to hire additional police officers because it is not reoccurring funds.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-151 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member Bashert	No		

VOTE:

YES: 2 NO: 4 (Murdock, Vogt, Robb, Bashert) ABSENT: 1 (Brown) VOTE: Failed

Council Member Robb stated the next regular scheduled meeting is July 18th can this be reconsidered at that meeting. City Attorney Barr stated he believes the entire resolution will need to be reconsidered not just the amendment.

Council Member Bashert stated she is not against the idea but believes it is the wrong point to make that decision.

Council Member Vogt stated if the Peninsular Dam is removed the river will shrink and asked what happens to the property uncovered by the river. He said he would like the City to retain its property rights. Ms. Ernat responded the purchase agreement provides an easement of twenty-five feet, which would prohibit the Ozone House from claiming that land and the City could approve another easement for the changed shoreline. Mr. Vogt disagreed and said it would depend on the property and where their property ends. He asked can this property be locked into the current metes and bounds and any change in the river goes back to the City. Council Member Bashert asked what the advantage to the City is. Mr. Vogt responded because then the City could decide if it would like to develop it into parkland, a part of the Border to Border Trail, or etcetera, but maintaining the power to make the decision. Mr. DuChene stated the Huron River is provided as one of the metes and bounds.

Mayor Edmonds asked if a change in the easement would occur during another point of this process. Ms. Ernat responded this could be addressed in two different ways; it could be added into the language of this resolution which would allow the City to alter the purchase agreement before being signed.

Council Member Bashert asked if this issue would impact the Ozone House from the purchase of the property in anyway. Ms. Doyle responded no.

Council Member Vogt move, seconded by Council Member Robb to amend the resolution by adding to "Be it further resolved that the legal description of the northern boundary of the easement described in paragraph 14 of the purchase agreement be expanded to include up to the middle line of the Huron River as it currently exists".

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-151 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-151 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2017-152, approving a social media policy. (City Manager)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CITY WIDE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti is interested in adopting a Social Media Policy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti currently has social media accounts but does not have a formal policy for the use, distribution, or editing of social media; and

WHEREAS, social media has become a dependable means of communication and is an important tool for the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI adopt the Social Media Policy as presented.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

City Manager Intern Courtney Marshall provided a presentation on updates made to the policy submitted to Council in May.

Council Member Bashert asked for clarification of the response time in the policy. Ms. Marshall responded the response time was amended from two days to within a business week to allow employees more time to respond. Ms. Bashert responded she believed two days was too slow, and said an initial response does not require a complete answer and should happen within a day except for weekends.

Council Member Robb stated this is a vastly improved policy than originally presented, however, he is concerned with removing Hootsuite because the issue is still automation. He does not want staff to need to make posts in three different places manually, and the point is to make the website the main center for information. He asked when the City would be soliciting commerce that would require the approval of the City Manager. Mayor Edmonds stated when promoting an event and the vendors at the event. Mr. Robb responded if that is the case the section promoting local businesses was removed from the policy previously submitted, specifically for that reason. Ms. Ernat stated the solicitation of commerce is for request of proposals (RFP) and request for quotation (RFQ) and, or soliciting business directly to the City. Mr. Robb stated the policy should be clarified because commerce is broader than those three examples.

Mayor Edmonds stated the policy is an excellent start but with twelve major social media platforms there are some misses. She said what is not addressed is how Facebook is used which must be done by an individual profile, and how that profile is developed.   She said the policy needs to set guidelines of how the City posts to outside its own page. Ms. Marshall responded the City has limited access to the neighborhood pages. Mayor Edmonds stated if people are individual members of that page they can post, and posting to those pages are how to get exposure.

Council Member Bashert stated she thinks policy is being confused with tactics. She also has an issue from changing from Hootsuite to Nextdoor, and sees it as less efficient. Ms. Marshall asked if it would be okay to use both Hootsuite and Nextdoor. Mayor Edmonds responded they are two different things.

Mayor Edmonds stated there is an Instagram icon on the front page of the City's website. Council Member Robb responded because the City does not have an Instagram account. Ms. Edmonds asked why the City does not have an Instagram account and mentioned it would be easier to connect with renters. Mr. Robb responded this is about getting information across. Ms. Edmonds responded she would like to get information to an expanded audience.

Mayor Edmonds suggested striking the section listing the City's used platforms. Council Member Robb replied he agrees with several of the suggested points of the Mayor, however, he believes they should be addressed through the Non-union Handbook. He added this is why he believes Hootsuite is important and Council needs to answer the question of how much staff time should be devoted to social media. He said he is not entirely sure that is how staff, a limited resource, should spend its time. He sees Nextdoor as a useful tool but it is another manual operation that will take staff time.

Mayor Edmonds proposed that all public hearings, meetings, job postings, RFPs, and planned and unplanned closures are always posted on social media. Council Member Bashert added holiday delays to City services and added the social media platforms do not need to be listed because that will change over time. She said the list of social media sites should be removed from the policy. Council Member Robb responded technically the City Manager can amend the policy and notify Council.

Council Member Robb stated the reason he felt it necessary to have a social media policy is copy write infringement and campaign finance policy violations. He simply wants to limit staff time as much as possible. Mayor Edmonds stated she does not agree that staff should not spend time on social media. She believes staff should work efficiently as possible and use tools to ensure that.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would like the City to use the same username across all platforms, and suggested "YpsiCity".

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to add to the policy "all public hearings, meetings, job postings, RFPs, and planned and unplanned closures, and holiday delays" are always posted on social media", remove all listed platforms and tools, set the response time as one business day, and use the same username across all platforms.

Council Member Richardson stated she understands the desire to have prompt answers, but what kind of pressure will this put on staff and who will do that. Mayor Edmonds asked what the expected turnaround for those other forms of query is. Mr. McClary responded the initial response is an acknowledgment of the question with the full response coming a couple of days later. He said the police dictates an employee will be set as a social media administrator, and will ensure staff is complying with the policy. Mr. McClary stated shortly after he began at this position he told staff he would like the response to be one business day.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-152 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Richardson, Robb) ABSENT: 1 (Brown) VOTE: Carried

Council Member Robb stated the question of how the social media accounts will be accessed has not been addressed. Mayor Edmonds asked if Facebook postings were mostly done by individual accounts or by on main account set be the City. Ms. Marshall stated through her experience administrators of the page are set who post from their individual accounts. Mr. McClary stated in some model policies contain language to address the concerns of the Mayor which can be implemented in Ypsilanti.

Mayor Edmonds stated Council can move forward with this policy and return with an amended section relating to how posts are made on the Facebook page.

Council Member Robb stated the way the social media policy is structured after the amendment he would not be able to support. Too much has been added into the policy when it could have simply been introducing RSS feeds. Different boards and commissions do not need their own Facebook page they can have a page on the website and an RSS feed can distribute what is on that page to all the social media sites administered by the City. This has become more time consuming for employees than it needs to be. Mayor Edmonds responded how this is operationalized is up to the City Manager. Mr. Robb stated this process has evolved into a manual process.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-152 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 2 (Richardson, Robb) ABSENT: 1 (Brown) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2017-153, approving a City procurement policy. (Attorney)

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the attached Procurement Policies and Procedures be adopted by the City of Ypsilanti and that staff are directed to implement its provisions in conjunction with the relevant provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ypsilanti and the laws and regulations of the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the procurement policy would return to Council in sixty days to approve potential amendments.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Mr. Barr stated the federal government dictates that if the City receives federal dollars it should create a procurement policy. A month ago the auditor sent a procurement policy to the Fiscal Service Department that was forwarded to the Attorney's Office. He suggested the policy be amended to mesh with current City Ordinances and pass this by the end of the month.

Mayor Edmonds what are the consequences if the policy is not adopted before the end of the month. Mr. Barr responded he is not exactly sure, but it can affect the way the City interacts with the federal government. He added the legislation did not include what the penalty would is. Ms. Edmonds stated she has many proposed amendments and would prefer not to move forward with this tonight, but if it must be approved tonight she would. She said procurement is important, and it is useful when putting the City's values into action in who is being rewarded with contracts. Mr. Barr asked that the policy be approved and allow staff to revisit any changes at a time to be determined.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert that the policy will be resubmitted to Council in sixty days to propose additional amendments.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-153 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Brown) ABSTAIN: 1 (Murdock) VOTE: Carried

Mayor Edmonds stated she will be suggesting an amendment that employees a tier system with Ypsilanti being first, followed by the 48197 & 48198 area codes, than Washtenaw County, Southeastern Michigan, and Michigan as a whole. Council Member Murdock asked if something has changed since the City Attorney's Office give its opinion that was prohibited. Mr. Barr responded no. Ms. Edmonds stated many municipalities have been using local preference across the country. Ms. Murdock replied Michigan is not across the country. Mr. Barr stated he would review the matter and forward the information to Council.

Council Member Richardson stated the City of Detroit recently adopted a Community Benefits Program, and she would like to sit down with the program director to understand how this can be achieved.

Mr. McClary stated in Section 5.A of the policy it identifies small purchase policy as $100,000 or less and in Section 8 it refers back to the City's purchasing which lists $25,000. Mr. Barr responded on amount covers federal purchases and the other is for local. Mayor Edmonds asked for the policy to be made clearer.

Council Member Richardson approved the friendly amendment.

Mr. McClary stated in Section 5.CV competitive procedures limits professional services to architectural and engineering. He asked if there is a specific reason for that limitation. Mr. Barr responded that is simply the language that was submitted, but architectural and engineering could be removed making it only professional services.

Council Member Richardson approved the friendly amendment.

Mayor Edmonds asked if under Section 6a3F, environmentally friendly, would carry forward in the bidding process. Mr. Barr responded it is not currently in the City's Ordinances. Ms. Edmonds said staff should begin to include that in the bidding process.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-153 as amended was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Absent	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 5 NO: 1 (Murdock) ABSENT: 1 (Brown) VOTE: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2017-154, approving the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Fee Schedule. (Finance)

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   That the FY 17-18 fee schedule is adopted pursuant to the Ypsilanti City Code, and all other fees relating to various sections of the City Code and activities of the City are hereby established and shall remain the same as the previous fiscal year, and the various City Departments are authorized to charge and collect such fees effective immediately.

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

Ms. Uy provided an overview of the proposed Fee Schedule.

Council Member Murdock asked if the proposed Fee Schedule includes the fees suggested by Council Member Robb. Council Member Robb responded no.

Mayor Edmonds stated there is a fee for trash pick-up but not one for recycling. She would like to include that to encourage people to recycle.

Council Member Murdock stated the parking fines on page sixteen have all been increased, and asked if those were not Council Member Robb's suggestions. City Clerk McMullan responded no. Mr. Murdock asked if they are included in the budget. Ms. McMullan responded no, and explained they only increases in the budget are for parking permits. Mr. Murdock stated if the Fee Schedule is adopted the City would have greater revenue. Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if there is an estimate in the impact the proposed schedule would have on the budget. Ms. McMullan responded there are not estimates on budgetary impact. Council Member Bashert asked if it was not included because it hasn't been passes. Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock stated the Fee Schedule increases major street closures from $160 to $1,000. With this any organization that would like to close done a street would cost $1,000, which would be prohibitive to many events. He asked for clarification of why the fee is proposed to increase to that degree. Ms. Ernat responded any regular attended events would be able to submit a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) for a set yearly fee. The purpose of the increase is the closure of a major street involves a great deal of the staff and community time. The current process would allow anyone the ability to close a major street if they submit a police department. This would require the notification of the DDA and all businesses that would be effected by the closure. With the reductions in staffing and for efficiency the current process is not ideal, and every time an event is held, aside from the regular events, many business say they do not want the closure. Mr. Murdock asked why the City has the Color Run in the City because it results in several complaints. Ms. Ernat responded each event must be evaluated for its purpose. She explained businesses will be against the closing of any street, which would result in zero street closures. This is why each closure must be properly evaluated. If the fee is increased it incentivizes people to use North Washington, which is deemed as an event space in the Master Plan. North Washington is also easier to close because it does not require the same amount of barriers and notifications. Mr. Murdock stated North Washington is a major street. Ms. Ernat disagreed. Council Member Robb interjected it is a major street, and it is on the snow route ordinance. Ms. Ernat stated the fee structure lists North Washington as a local street and Cross Street as a major street. The purpose of proposing this change is to reduce staff time, to address parking issues and accessibilities.

Mayor Edmonds stated she has concerns about an MOU process because it could result in an event referencing. If the community feels preferential treatment is occurring it could result in litigation increasing cost and staff time. Ms. Ernat responded that is already occurring, and does not see this as a perfect solution but something must be done to address it.

Council Member Bashert asked how many major street closures occur per year. Ms. Ernat responded the City receives a request of around a dozen closures outside of Depot Town and Washington St. Much of the closures have centric events that would be better suited in the parks. Council Member Murdock stated why not set the fee at $5,000 and completely solve the problem. Ms. Ernat responded she would not have an issue with that increase, but that increase would be drastic. Council Member Robb asked if she could provide proof the proposed increase is not drastic. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds stated she did not disagree with the premise of the increase.

Council Member Robb stated the City receives funds through property taxes, income taxes, millages, and fees. The majority of revenue developed by fees is through parking enforcement and building department. He does not understand why the City is not prioritizing updating its fees to match those in other communities and improve its financial situation. He stated the Water Street Debt millage alone will not save the City, which is why the fee schedule must be monitored and updated to be consistent with rates in other municipalities. Mayor Edmonds responded an amendment has not been made providing a different scenario.

Council Member Murdock stated a City audit from a couple of years ago to adjust building fees to pay for the cost, and he does not believe that was completed. Those permits are proposed to increase in this schedule, and in the past there was concerns if the fees were increased it would upset landlords. Council Member Robb responded he understands that, the SEMCOG reports received by the City advise the adjustment of fees and he isn't sure how to get to that point. Mayor Edmonds responded Council could give a policy directive to the City Manager to update fees. Mr. Robb stated there are many items on an agenda that were not policy directives but they are the right thing for the City to do. Ms. Edmonds asked the City Manager to provide a recommendation at the end of the year regarding process and timeline to update the fee schedule. Mr. McClary responded the City should be more active in adjusting fees in accordance to what costs are, and be reviewed each year. Council Member Vogt suggested selected to areas with high return in revenue and have a shorter timeframe for those changes to be made. Ms. Edmonds responded parking fines have already seen significant adjustments. Mr. Vogt felt they could go a little further.

Council Member Murdock stated he wants to understand if the proposed fees are in the budget, and if this is adopted will the budget change. Ms. Uy responded there is a spreadsheet that provides an overview of how the proposed fee schedule would affect the budget. Mayor Edmonds asked if all the proposed fee changes are included in the spreadsheet. Ms. Uy responded most are included except for what would be created through increased parking fines.

Council Member Robb stated he would like to increase $10 tickets to $15, $20 tickets to $25, $25 tickets to $30, $35 tickets to $40, $50 tickets to $60, $100 tickets to $125, and $125 tickets become $150. Remove the $5 incentive to pay an expired meter ticket by the next business day. The tier system would increase $15 after fourteen days and another $15 after thirty days. Mr. Robb stated he has not calculated what revenue would be generated by the Clerk's proposed changes.

Council Member Murdock asked if this would generate $168,000 in additional revenue. Council Member Robb responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb stated he will not make his amendment and the Fee Schedule can be approved with what is currently included, and he is not certain what additional revenue it would generate.

Council Member Murdock left the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Council Member Robb stated he thinks this resolution should be postponed until Council is provided with revenue projections. He said Council can vote on the Tax Levy, the agreement with Urban County, and then adjourn to Closed Session. He wants to approve a balanced budget which he does not believe can happen tonight.

Mayor Edmonds stated the budget and Fee Schedule must be passed by the end of June.

> **Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to increase $10 tickets to $15, $20 tickets to $25, $25 tickets to $30, $35 tickets to $40, $50 tickets to $60, $100 tickets to $125, and $125 tickets become $150.**

Council Member Robb stated he is not certain how this will affect the budget if the tier increases are different than how he calculated revenue.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-154 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Brown, Murdock, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-154 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Brown, Murdock, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

5. ~~Resolution No. 2017 - 155, approving Ordinance 1289 an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018".~~ ~~**(Second Reading)**~~ ~~(Finance)~~ **(Postponed until June 27th)**

6. Resolution No. 2017-156, approving Ordinance 1290 an ordinance entitled "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance". **(Second Reading)** (Finance)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-156 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Brown, Murdock, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

7. Resolution No. 2017-150, amending the agreement held with Urban County. (Community Development)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti is a participant in the Washtenaw County Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community and Economic Development for Washtenaw County is the fiduciary for all HUD related programs; and

WHEREAS, three amendments to Urban County agreements to include Emergency Solutions Grant language are required by HUD and must be received and approved by both OCED and the City of Ypsilanti to continue funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs the Mayor, the highest elected official) to sign the letter agreement with the Office of Community and Economic Development of Washtenaw County dated June 7, 2017, to accept the HUD proposed amendments.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Council Member Robb stated he pulled this off of the Consent Agenda is because it changes a contract and he wanted to know the attorney's position. Mr. Barr responded he feels the amendments are appropriate and has no objection to the approval of this resolution.

Ms. Ernat stated if this is not approved the City could lose its participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDGB).

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-150 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Brown, Murdock, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

Council scheduled a special meeting to approve the budget on June 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

XII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Sam Jones-Darling, EMU, stated it's unfortunate that there are only four Council members present because you are elected to be here and not walkout during a meeting. When individuals who provide a service to the community present their ideas to purchase City property and developers do not offer the same consideration it is a problem. He stated Council has the ability to form policy different than state law as long as it is not less restrictive. He encouraged Council to do that when it comes to development so community input is mandatory for any development.

XIII. LIASON REPORTS –

A. SEMCOG Update - None
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
C. Urban County - None
D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
F. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force - None
G. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
H. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None
I. Economic Development Coordinating Committee - None

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Bashert

- She has been receiving continued communication regarding garbage in the downtown.

Mayor Edmonds stated there was a long and productive conversation during the last DDA meeting. She encouraged everyone to take pictures of litter and report it on Ypsi Connect. Council Member Bashert stated she spoke with the City Manager to have the Department of Public Services to address litter before the next "First Friday" event. Mr. McClary responded he has voiced that to the DPS Director. Ms. Edmonds stated the pedestrian.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to extend the meeting until 12:30 a.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

None

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –

None

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XIV. CLOSED SESSION –

- Resolution No. 2017-157, adjourning to Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Strategy for AFSCME, POAM, COAM, and IAFF unions pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreements for all four of the City of Ypsilanti's bargaining units expire on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council and city administration to meet and confer periodically in closed session on collective bargaining strategy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the City Council does hereby approve convening into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, being MCL 15.268(c), for the purpose of strategy sessions connected with the negotiation of the AFSCME, POAM, COAM, and IAFF contracts.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-157 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Brown, Murdock, Richardson) VOTE: Carried

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session.

- Closed Session to discuss Attorney Opinion. *OMA 15.268(h)*

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2017-158, 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 Bashert
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.