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CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
TUESDAY, July 18, 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	Present	Council Member Vogt	(7:09)	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds		Present
Council Member Richardson	Present			

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

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; City Manager Darwin McClary, City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, Community Development and DDA Director Joe Meyers, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Associate Planner Cynthia Kochanek, Director of Fiscal Services Marilou Uy, and Police Lt. Deric Gress.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL-

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Mayor Edmonds informed Council she would be discussing next steps in the City Manager and City Clerk evaluations.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Phil Volk, 97 Richard Run, stated a year ago he was asked by then Council Member Anne Brown and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell to be a community organizer for the Bell/Kramer community. At that time an association was formed and a president elected. The problem is the area is currently being tested for pollution and there has been a breakdown in communication between the neighborhood and city staff. The community does not feel comfortable with Economic Development Director Beth Ernat reporting what the results of the testing are. The neighborhood is requesting to have a meeting between stakeholders, Council Members, pro bono attorneys from University of Michigan, and environmental expert Jim Copeland. It is important to not displace this community to tear it down and build something with a higher tax base. The residents feel it is more an issue of gentrification then environmental contamination.

2. Cherissa Lamarr, 123 Bell St., stated testing was completed around a month ago and residents have not been made aware of the results. She requested an expert on the matter inform both the Council and residents of the results. She reminded Council the problem has been occurring for fifty years and is not the fault of the residents. She would be offended and opposed to any action taken on the residents as a result of the tests findings.

3. Michael Glass, 905 Hillside Ct., stated a possible Water Street Debt millage would be burdensome and almost punishing to some senior citizen residents. He understands Council is working to develop solutions to solve the City's financial problems, but the tax exempt properties must begin to pay their share to solve the problem. Another issue involving infrastructure will occur in this City and unless the tax exempt properties begin to pay their share the City will not be able to finance it. He said it has been done in other states and it can be done in Ypsilanti.

4. Clare Kosmalski, 628 N. Prospect, requested a stop sign be placed at Congress and Elm by the Rutherford Pool. She said her daughter was hit by a car there last year, and thankfully only sustained minor injuries. She assumed the temporary signs were a stop gap measure and not the solution because it requested a stop sign. It seems like a simple step to take in order to make that corner safer. That corner is the only one on that stretch of Congress without a stop sign.

5. Jen Thomason, 1205 Westmoorland, thanked everyone for their hard work and all they do. She requested a stop sign at the corner of Congress and Elm. She requested more parking at the pool or to allow people to park on the grass, which is one reason why there is so much traffic in that area.

6. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle Dr., stated Budget Towing is the best towing service this City has ever had. He hopes the Council will give Budget Towing the latitude they need to keep serving the City at the current level. He added he requested a meeting with the City Manager and one has not been scheduled. He said the same stop sign issue is happening in Ward 1 and asked Council Member Richardson and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown for a solution. He said the City should do whatever it takes to make people safe.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

— Mayor Edmonds thanked everyone who spoke. She asked for a clarification of the timing of the Bell/Kramer test results.

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat stated the test results have not been received by the City at this time. She expects they will be submitted sometime later this week. She stated the residents that participated in the test will receive the results first, and a meeting will be scheduled to release the results. Mayor Edmonds asked if the

results will be released to Council after that community meeting. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

— Mayor Edmonds stated she is glad the individuals who spoke regarding a stop sign at Congress and Elm are going through the process, and staff should look that process. Council Member Richardson stated Council has asked for a stop sign at that corner for some time.

Council Member Murdock stated that section of Congress is part of the repaving program, part of that program is to include traffic calming measures. He said Council should be receiving that report in August.

IX. PRESENTATIONS –

- Fiscal & Operational Improvement Report – SEMCOG Representatives Dave Boerger and Ray Riggs

City Manager McClary stated he requested SEMCOG complete an analysis of the City's organizational effectiveness. He said SEMCOG representatives Dave Boerger and Ray Riggs are here to present that report and at this time Council is not being asked for any action.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the goal of this report is to help Council understand versus asking for input about the recommendations. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

SEMCOG Representatives Dave Boerger and Ray Riggs provided a presentation regarding Ypsilanti's organizational effectiveness.

Council Member Murdock asked if the debt described in the report includes water and sewer. Mr. Boerger responded no.

Council Member Robb asked for an explanation for the $25 million in debt, stating the audit has the debt at $28.7 million. Mr. Boerger responded the data used was from FY 2016 and 2017 and the data used for the audit would have been from last year's budget. Mayor Edmonds stated that would not have an effect on the department organization. Mr. Boerger responded in the affirmative. Council Member Bashert stated the onetime pay down of the debt is skewing the data. Mr. Boerger responded the data can be calculated without the debt payment, but he isn't certain it is a major issue because it is used to pay down the City's debt and is explainable.

Mayor Edmonds asked for further clarification of the best practices listed in the report. Mr. Boerger responded the data used for Ypsilanti is from 2016 and 2017 while the other data used is not current. He said the City is most likely close to the best practice.

Council Member Bashert asked how problem solving was measured. Mr. Boerger responded it is a self-assessment made by department heads regarding the bureaucratic process.

Council Member Murdock asked if there are recommendations to reduce healthcare costs. Mr. Boerger stated remove pensions from new hires, provide health savings account, 401 Ks, have retirees sign up for Medicare.

Council Member Richardson stated the City has a large amount of rental property, and asked how best to move toward owner occupied. Mr. Boerger responded the City will need to work with the land owners and communicate a strategy, hold public forums, and put information in local newspapers. However, the City must be careful that it does not result those you rent lose their homes. Ms. Richardson stated 62% if the City is rental and many of the landlords do not live in the state making it difficult to hold a meeting. Mr. Boerger responded it is a philosophical

approach to get a message out, and over time it should transition into an owner occupied community.

Council Member Robb stated the data suggests the Police Department is clearing a lot of minor crimes but not that many major crimes. Mr. Riggs responded in the affirmative because the road officers can clear those crimes. Council Member Murdock stated Council was told the City has one of the best clearance rates in the County. Mr. Robb responded the City does but it's clearing minor crimes. Lt. Deric Gress stated the department is at a 54% clearance rate, and the state and national averages are around 30%. He said response time is around four minutes and two minutes for in progress crimes.

Council Member Murdock stated the report lists a staff level of forty-one personnel. Mr. Riggs responded in the affirmative, and explained that benchmark would match the state averages. Council Member Robb stated to get to the bench mark set be this report $5.5 million would need to be cut from the budget because of the suggested decrease in capital projects and increase in personnel. He asked what the strategy to achieve that goal is. Mr. Riggs responded that is the conundrum, the City does not have enough staff to responded to calls and it does not have the money to hire more. Mayor Edmonds stated she viewed the report as highlighting where the City can be more cost wise, and where the City needs to address service levels. Mr. Robb stated the report states there is 20% budgetary bloat based on efficiency. Mr. Riggs responded the problem is not in the Fire or Police Department it is in the debt load of the City.

Mayor Edmonds asked for the report to include an analysis of where the City would stand if the debt was completely eliminated. Mr. Boerger responded the City would be below average by around 15% to 20%. Council Member Murdock stated removing the debt does not create additional revenue, and the City could not provide additional services. Ms. Edmonds responded but it speaks towards if the City is operating efficiently. Council Member Robb stated there are different kinds of debt not just Water Street. Ms. Edmonds asked if only the Water Street debt could be removed. Mr. Boerger responded any debt in the General Fund is recorded in that debt category of the report, but he can run an analysis with that debt removed. Council Member Vogt asked if two analysis could be done; one without the Water Street debt and one without the legacy debt. Mr. Vogt stated the report should show the City is operating as efficient as possible and show the City is not wasting money.

Council Member Murdock stated the Fire Department receives twice as many calls outside the City as it does in the City. Mr. Riggs responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock added one reason the Insurance Service Office (ISO) ratings are high is recently the City replaced the water lines in the City. Mr. Riggs responded in the affirmative, and explained ratings are based on four factors; the department itself, water supply, dispatch and communications, and general city planning. Mr. Murdock stated the dispatch is structured in a way that fragments fire, ambulance, and police dispatch. Mr. Riggs responded in the affirmative, and explained it creates a safety issue when deploying what is necessary in an emergency.

Council Member Vogt moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to amend the agenda and hear the 800 Lowell update prior to the medical marijuana update.

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

- ~~Medical Marijuana Update – Bonnie Wessler, City Planner~~ **(moved and heard following the presentation on 800 Lowell)**

- 800 Lowell Update – Beth Ernat, Economic Development Director

Ms. Ernat provided an update regarding 800 Lowell, and introduced Ann Jameson representing Jameson Development Consulting, Louie Kramer representing Urban Campus Communities, representing Scott Bowers representing Bowers and Associates Architects, and John Belladonna ECT Environment who provided a presentation regarding the development.

Mayor Edmonds asked about sustainable programs in the development. Mr. Bowers responded they development would be committed to sustainability. The development would have all LED lighting, employ water control techniques including on demand boilers, which is one of the greatest energy users, building heating systems, and several other positive factors in regards to sustainability. Ms. Edmonds asked if the development would use solar power. Mr. Bowers responded the development would not be opposed to that possibility. Ms. Edmonds asked about ground management policies. Ms. Jameson responded underground detention for storm water management and a shared aboveground retention that would be shared between this project and the Firehouse project. Ms. Edmonds asked if the development would be pesticide free and would native plants by used. Ms. Bowers responded drought resistant plants would be used, and the basic landscape idea is not going to need to be sprayed with pesticides.

Council Member Bashert stated Ypsilanti is a "Bee City", which means the development should stay away from using pesticides as much as possible. She asked the next time the development presents sustainable practices should be included in the presentation.

Council Member Robb asked in order for the development to meet the 8.7% return on investment what will be asked in annual reduction in property taxes. Ms. Jameson responded the PA210 is similar to an OPRA with the exemption that it is up to a tem year tax abatement on local property taxes. The abatement does not include the option to include the school taxes for up to six years. The request to Council would be to consider a ten year an abatement for local property taxes. Mr. Robb stated the development would be given $180,000 per year for ten years. Ms. Jameson responded yes, roughly $180,000 per year. Mr. Robb asked what brownfield investment the developer would request. Ms. Jameson responded approximately $5.2 million with a payback timeframe of sixteen years. Mr. Robb stated the development would be asking for $7 million. Council Member Murdock stated the brownfield will begin with only state funding. Ms. Jameson responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb asked if the development in Detroit had to abide by its affordability guidelines. Ms. Jameson responded for the first development those guidelines were not in place, however the second phase required a 20% area median income requirement. Mr. Robb asked if the development would be opposed to offering that to Ypsilanti. Ms. Jameson responded this product is more difficult to fit into that box, however it could be examined for its feasibility.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the housing would be primarily for undergrad, graduate, or both. Mr. Kramer responded based on the unit count it will more likely be geared toward upper class.

Council Member Murdock stated Peninsular Place also uses a lease by bed model, which has had some issues. Mr. Kramer responded there will be non-students living together but it depends on how the system is managed to its success.

Council Member Murdock asked if St. John St. will be continued through to Huron. Mr. Kramer responded St. John St. is a one way street away from Huron and does not make logical sense, and he would like to have St. John extended.

Council Member Murdock asked if the development would be taking a part in the infrastructure improvements in the area. Ms. Jameson responded St. John has been budgeted along with other improvements. Mr. Kramer added the extension of St. John helps with the mitigation of the soil line site.

Council Member Murdock stated the City has a prevailing wage ordinance and would like the development to hire locally. Council Member Richardson added Council has decided to examine a community benefit program and wanted the developer to be aware.

Council Member Robb asked staff if there are any plans to reach out to current landlords to understand the affect this could have on the rental market. Mr. Kramer responded the current market within a two mile radius is 97% occupied. Ms. Ernat responded her plan is to hold a public presentation prior to a public meeting.

Mayor Edmonds stated there many holes in the types of housing the City has, and asked if this development would incentives owner occupied properties in some of the historic neighborhoods. This could possibly lead to more affordable situations as homes move back to owner occupied.

- Medical Marijuana Update – Bonnie Wessler, City Planner

City Planner Bonnie Wessler provided a presentation of state law regarding medical marijuana.

Council Member Murdock asked if the dispensaries in the core were non-conforming. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked what happens if a building used to house a school but no longer does. Ms. Wessler responded the ordinance assumes it is still a school because it could be used as one in the future.

Council Member Murdock asked if testing facilities could be linked to the other business types. Ms. Wessler responded they cannot be under the same ownership.

Mayor Edmonds asked why staff feels it is important to limit grow facilities. Ms. Wessler responded the City does not have many industrial facilities that could house those business types. Council Member Bashert asked if there is land for new construction to house a grow facility. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds stated she does not see a reason to limit grow facilities because they are self-contained. She said she has not heard from the police or the community about any issues that could arise from grow facilities.

Council Member Vogt stated his concern is the long term financial benefit to the City. He asked what would create more tax revenue, a traditional factory or a grow facility. Ms. Wessler responded she would not assume a difference between the two. Council Member Robb stated they are both buildings. Mr. Vogt responded one business type could affect the market value. Ms. Ernat responded the biggest concern is not the facility itself, but from an economic development perspective she does not want the City to become saturated and have rules change causing vacancy. The best principle from an economic standpoint is business diversity. Ms. Wessler added the City has not received any inquires about traditional factories in some time, however staff does receive calls on a regular basis of people interested in building a new structure for medical marijuana.

Council Member Murdock stated if the old Ford Factory could be used as a grow facility but if it were a traditional factory it would have the potential to create many more jobs. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds stated the City should not wait for manufacturing to come back. Ms. Ernat replied she both agrees and disagrees the City has had numerous light manufacturing inquiries the City just does not have the capacity.

Council Member Robb stated he is not entirely sure why the ordinance needs to be changed simply because a new law is going into effect. Ms. Wessler responded part of the reason to discuss this now is the City could lose the existing businesses unless a there is a change. Council Member Richardson agreed with Council Member Robb, and doesn't know why Council is so

anxious to make these changes. Council Member Murdock responded because the law goes into effect in five months. Ms. Richardson responded the City is okay with its current ordinance on medical marijuana. She added she isn't certain the law will not be changed again, and if the current businesses wish to leave as a result let them because others will take there place. Mayor Edmonds responded she does not want to lose existing business. Mr. Robb stated he isn't against changing the ordinance to suit the existing businesses, but not expand farther than that at this time. Ms. Richardson agreed, and explained she would prefer to expand the ordinance slowly. Ms. Edmonds stated all City license are being used and there is market demand for additional licenses, which considering economic development the City should increase the cap or expand the category. Ms. Wessler explained the state law allows 500 plants per grow facility, which the ordinance does not. If the ordinance is not changed the grow facility could lose its license or not be competitive in the market.

Council Member Murdock asked if Ypsilanti Township is going to allow medical marijuana facilities. Ms. Ernat responded no. Mr. Murdock stated that will add more demand for businesses to be located in the City. He added the City needs to do at least the minimum change to protect current businesses in the City.

Council Member Bashert stated she is open to allowing for additional licenses in the City. She stated in the history if the planet the demand for intoxicants has never decreased. She added the campaign to legalize for recreation seems to be strong and effective. There is a demand, the City is welcoming to medical marijuana businesses, and it does create a small revenue stream to the City. Council Member Richardson asked if Council wants Ypsilanti to be known as the medical marijuana capital of Southeast Michigan. She stated if it is a medicine it should go through pharmacies and be regulated. She is not opposed to medical marijuana but she is opposed to the current process.

Council Member Robb stated there are a lot of uses the City could create a demand for, but it is not necessarily a reason to do something.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Edmonds asked what impact legalization would have on the marijuana business. Ms. Wessler responded she would anticipate major changes in the industry; larger grow facilities and more boutique stores specializing in certain strains. She added there would be an expansion in the provisioning centers and processing. Council Member Murdock responded he is not certain there would be because there would not be a need for the bureaucracy.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is more concerned with increasing limits on provisioning centers because they are located in the business districts and their absence would be more noticed if the close.

Ms. Wessler asked what next steps Council would like to see. Council Member Murdock responded for staff to return with recommendations on how to protect the existing businesses.

X. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> – Resolution No. 2017-162

1. Resolution No. 2017-163, approving appointment to Boards and Commissions.

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
Adam Gainsley 409 N Adams Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (Reappointment)	**Downtown Development Authority**	**July 1, 2021**

2. Resolution No. 2017-164, approving minutes of June 6 and June 13, 2017.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   THAT the minutes of June 6 and June 13, 2017 be approved.

3. Resolution No. 2017-165, approving the Tie Michigan Teal campaign in the City of Ypsilanti.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, the *Tie Michigan Teal* campaign is sponsored by the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, and is an event held during the month of September to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms;

   WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers and a leading cause of cancer-related death in women. There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer; It is referred to as "The Silent Disease"; and

   WHEREAS, this is the 11th year of the campaign and the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance would like to tie teal ribbons throughout the city, post awareness posters at establishments, and distribute information cards; and

   WHEREAS, the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA), will cover all expenses incurred by this campaign and there will be no cost to the city.

   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council supports this national campaign and approves of teal ribbons being tied throughout the city September 1st - September 30, 2017, along with lawn signs, awareness posters and information cards being provided for establishments that are interested.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the Consent Agenda was approved.

XI. MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2017-166, approving assignment of audit from Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. to Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants, and approving consent letter that audit records be transferred to Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, that the certain engagement letter between the City of Ypsilanti and Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants, dated July 10, 2017, for the annual audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, is hereby approved, and;

WHEREAS, that the certain authorization to release files from Abraham & Gaffney to Yeo & Yeo dated July 6, 2017, is hereby approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the engagement letter for, and on behalf of, the City of Ypsilanti, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director is authorized to sign the authorization to release files for, and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti.

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

Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy stated staff was informed Abraham and Gaffney would no longer by providing audits. The principal auditor assigned to the City were hired by Yeo and Yeo with hopes the City will allow them to provide the City's audit. She suggested the City stay with Yeo and Yep this year and next year bid the auditing contract. She added Yeo and Yeo will honor the rates Abraham and Gaffney were charging the City.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-166 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	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: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2017-167, approving renewal of property and liability insurance coverage for 2017 with the Michigan Municipal League (MML).

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the premium for the Property and Liability insurance renewal for the City of Ypsilanti effective August 1, 2017-2018 with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool be approved in the amount of $285,266.00 be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to sign and approve payment of the invoice.

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

Council Member Bashert stated on the cover page the premium is listed to increase by 7.04% and on page three it stated it will decrease 3.5%. City Clerk McMullan responded that is an error and she would make that correction. Ms. Bashert asked if the City has a golf cart. Lt. Gress responded in the affirmative, it is used by the Police Department. Ms. Bashert asked how much the City pays in liability for the dam. Ms. McMullan responded she would provide Council the information on the premium.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-167 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	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: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2017-168, approving towing contract with Wall Street Towing, Inc.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: the certain towing contract with Wall Street Towing, Inc., copy attached, is hereby approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the same, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

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

Council Member Murdock asked if the contract is only for towing caused by the City. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb stated private tows are unregulated by this contract and Budget Towing can charge what it wants.

Council Member Vogt stated last year a client complained to him about their car being towed and stored and for that the person was charged an administrative fee. When the person asked what the fee was for they were informed it was a city authorized charge. Budget Towing owner Nabil Salamay responded private properties have an administrative fee of $30 is collected and any police initiated tow $40 is collected. If a vehicle is abandon or impounded the vehicle receives a Secretary of State which is $40. Mr. Vogt asked what is done that incurs that fee. Council Member Robb responded it is state regulation. Mr. Salamay replied Council Member Robb is correct. Mr. Vogt stated he does not see the fee in the contract. Mr. DuChene replied it is not in the contract, it is set by the Fee Schedule and the Secretary of the State. Lt. Gress added the administrative fees are in line with other municipalities if not less.

Ms. Ernat stated the City does not allow parking on Water Street because of the environmental condition, and the City would be liable. She has received numerous calls regarding parking on the Water Street site, and asked if no parking signs could be installed for the festival. Mr. DuChene stated signs would come from the Department of Public Services (DPS) and if there are violators they would be towed. Lt. Gress added meetings have been held with the Heritage festival informing them there is no parking on that site.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-168 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	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: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XIII. LIASON REPORTS –

A. SEMCOG Update - None
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
C. Urban County – Mayor Edmonds stated during the last meeting fair housing was discussed and she is looking forward to a presentation being made to Council in August or September.
D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Meeting July 20th
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 – Mayor Edmonds stated a presentation was given regarding fair housing. There is a federal rule banning landlords for using blanket denials based on criminal background. She asked what role housing inspectors could play in informing the community about the rule and raising awareness.
I. Economic Development Coordinating Committee – Next meeting in August

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

- Asked staff to reach out to DTE regarding pole maintenance.

- Asked if a meeting was ever scheduled with RNL Trucking about the Truck Route Ordinance. He added the truck traffic has decreased on Prospect but trucks are still using that road.

  Mr. McClary replied the Police Chief and DPS Director have not yet met with RNL, but he is following up with staff tomorrow to discuss it. Mr. Robb responded the solution is to meet with RNL.

Vogt

- Thanked staff for the installation of the streetlight on Hewitt.

- Asked about the missing hidden driveway signs on Hewitt.

  Mr. McClary stated the DPS Director is still looking into the matter.

Brown

- She spent the last week in San Francisco attending The People of the American Way Foundation's Young Elected Officials Network. She will share what she learned at the conference at a later date.

Bashert

- Stated there is peat gravel in many of the sandboxes in the tot lots around town. She asked for those more peat gravel to be added.

  Council Member Richardson asked if the children like the peat gravel. Council Member Bashert responded children play with it.

- Council has had incredible assistance for the community in placing a Water Street Debt Millage on the August ballot. She asked Council to step up their help in getting the word out about the millage.

Murdock

- DTE is installing new gas lines through the City and wanted to make sure all disturbed roads, lawns, and medians are returned to the state they were prior to the installation.

- Asked for a listing, or report of all vacant and dangerous buildings and there status.

  Ms. Ernat responded she would provide that to Council.

- Five years ago a resolution was passed in support of doing lane reductions on Huron, Hamilton, and Washington and asking for additional street parking. Another resolution was approved last year to reinforce Council's support for that program. He asked what the status is regarding the Huron and Cross intersection. He asked for updates on those projects. MDOT has resurfacing scheduled in 2021 for those roads and they will need to know what the City's plans are for lane reduction.

  Ms. Ernat stated she will provide a report to Council.

Richardson

- Thanked everyone for the hanging of the Black Lives Matter banner in Council chambers.

- There is a bush blocking sight of cars at the gas station on Washington and Cross.

- She has had several people contact her regarding staff courtesy. The complaints were directed at staff on the fourth floor.

- Stated during budget session in 2016 there was discussion of requesting County funds to help finance the Rutherford Pool and Senior Center. She said Anthony Williamson asked the County for funding for scholarships for Parkridge Center's Day Camp, which the County approved. The County allocated $10,000 but it went into the operating fund of Parkridge instead of the scholarship. She asked for that to be solved to ensure children are able to attend the day camp.

- She asked for a report on the diversity of staff.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- She is a Climate Mayor and is learning a great deal as a member of the organization.

- Asked for input for filling youth spots on City Boards and Commission.

- The County Solid Waste Master Plan is out for public input. The City will have a presentation during the fall. She is considering holding a work session to discuss these matters.

- The school district is holding a Jazz in the Parking Lot event on a Friday from 7 pm to 9 pm.

- Bob Tetens is retiring from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Department.

- The City Manager and City Clerk evaluation process has begun at the beginning of this month.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt, to extend the meeting until 11:15 am.

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

Mayor Edmonds proposed an updating of the tool used for the evaluations, and that she, Council Member Bashert, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown act as the evaluation committee, which it should rotate every year.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

None

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –

None

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2017-169, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.