



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

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. AGENDA APPROVAL –

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

Council Member Richardson removed Resolution No. 2017-188, Boards and Commission Appointment from the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Richardson added Resolution No. 2017-193, condemning the events of August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Council Member Murdock removed Resolution No. 2017-189, moving the polling location of Precinct 3-3 from the Consent Agenda.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Clerk McMullan, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Fiscal Service Director Marilou Uy, former Council Member Michael Bodary, and Park and Recreation Commissioner Delois Wilson.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Stacey DeAngelis and Rob DeAngelis, 6140 1st Rd, Superior Township, stated they are present to discuss the removal of the Pen Dam. There has not been much transparency to the neighbor of what might be happening with its removal. They spoke against the removal of the dam and there are many other options that can be implemented. They hope that they could have input into what happens with the Pen Dam because it will affect them.
2. Diane Mlinac, 6140 1st Rd, Superior Township, spoke against the removal of Pen Dam citing the wildlife currently living on the river would be adversely affected.
3. Deb Walker, 6180 1st St., Superior Township, spoke against the removal of the Pen Dam because of the negative impact on the environment and the homes along the river.
4. Laura Lien, 1366 N. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township, shared many concerns already stated regarding the removal of the Pen Dam. She asked that other options be examined beyond dam removal.
5. Benjamin Kuipers, 1366 N. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti Township, stated he understands the motivation for the removal of the dam is in three parts; economic development, improvement of Pen Park, and removing of the dam. However, if the dam is removed or repaired is independent of the other options.
6. Jason Branham, 36 E. Cross, stated he is the owner of Maize Cantina in Depot Town. Over the last couple of weeks there have been multiple safety issues occurring around his establishment. The issues happen between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. during bike night. He said the event brings a fantastic crowd with a lot of diversity. However, as the night progresses there is a lot of drinking in the streets, with “wheelie” contests and burnouts that create a great deal of smoke, which bothers his guests. The police have been called several times and have been very efficient in coming to the scene but the only solved issue is to stop bikes from being parked in the alley by Gold and Coin. Parking is now becoming an issue with the amount of bikes now blocking the entrance to his parking lot. He hopes there is something that can be done to work toward a solution that will work for everyone. This is also an issue during the car show.
7. Mike Dozey, 1620 Superior Rd, voiced concern regarding the removal of Pen Dam.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Stated she shared the concerns of those who spoke against the removal of Pen Dam. She said to do this properly will require a great deal of community engagement and a lot of staff time.

Chief DeGiusti stated the Police Department does patrol “Bike Night” and have had motorcycles moved. The department is sensitive to the business that this event brings to Depot Town. He suggested a street closure would be the best way to solve the problems that are created by this event. However, the business owners are not in favor of closing the streets for this event.

Mayor Edmonds asked who gives permission to park in the middle of the street during “Bike Night”. Chief DeGiusti responded no one has provided permission to park there, however, the department will only respond if there is a complaint. Council Member Murdock stated it has caused issues with the bus being able to get through that section of Cross. He said there tends to be an awful lot of noise caused by this event, which creates a lot of complaints. Ms. Edmonds asked what a suggested solution is. Chief DeGiusti replied there are several possible

solutions, however, it would depend on what the overall goal is. He said street parking could be reserved for motorcycles on Tuesdays, opposed to a street closure. Mr. Murdock stated the bikers currently monopolize the parking on Cross. Chief DeGiusti responded there are cars parked there at the beginning of the event causing bikes to be diverted elsewhere.

Council Member Bashert stated it seems this is a Downtown Development Authority issue not a police issue. Mayor Edmonds stated the DDA does not regulate parking. Ms. Bashert stated if the DDA feels that parking is at a tipping point then it can request parking to be enforced. Chief DeGiusti replied if that is the goal parking enforcement officer's hours can be adjusted. Council Member Robb stated this is not a balancing act, it is a matter of legality. If the parking is not legal it should be enforced, or the street needs to be closed. He said if the other businesses in Depot Town has an issue they can voice their objections.

1. Resolution No. 2017-193, condemning the events of August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti wishes to condemn the domestic terrorist attacks of August 12, 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia that included actions of extreme racist groups such as the, Alt Right, White Nationalists, Neo Nazis and Klu Klux Klan that led to the death of three persons and injury of over 34 people; and

WHEREAS, Hate crimes, racial injustice, and social inequity are the reason the City of Ypsilanti passed its Non-Discrimination Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti denounces the spread of hate, the needless loss of lives and injuries to others, the disunity promoted by fear and racism and the civil unrest created.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council stands united during these challenging times and will continue to work to protect all residents from forces of hate and discrimination.

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

Council Member Vogt stated when he recites the Pledge of Allegiance he is reminded how President Trump has not learned the Pledge. He said when the President spoke earlier today he reverted back to his comments from Saturday when he tried to defend hate groups. The President is defending ideas and behaviors that are amoral and unconstitutional. He said the Republican Party should begin to file the articles of impeachment for President Trump because he is clearly unfit for office. He greatly supported the passage of the resolution.

Council Member Murdock stated he never thought it would get to the point that Council had to pass a resolution against hate.

Council Member Bashert stated between Charlottesville and the likely hate crime in Jackson that destroyed the home of good people she was touched by staff generating this memo. She appreciates that staff as well Council stands united in protecting this City.

Mayor Edmonds thanked Council Member Richardson for making sure this was on the agenda. She said it has been interesting watching cable news channels that were all in agreement from all ideologies regarding this tragedy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated what is happening in Charlottesville is not surprising to many, however, it is very unfortunate. She stated her dear friend is the Vice Mayor of Charlottesville who initiated the removal of the statue causing the protest. She said it has been amazing hearing about the strength of the community who are coming together.

Council Member Richardson stated she was hoping to make a stronger statement than what was presented in the resolution. Considering the racial climate in the country she believes that there is not one city beyond this happening in its borders. It hurts her to see how far back the country has regressed and shortly after the election of President Trump she recalls hearing members of Congress say they are going to take the country back. The United States needs to begin to take ownership negatives of this country and call them out because these problems will erupt. She encouraged Council to be thoughtful and if anyone sees a problem that could erupt to say something.

Council Member Richardson moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to add "Alt Right" to the racist groups listed, change the one person who died to three, add domestic terror attack to the resolution, and change "recognize" to "condemn".

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-193 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

IX. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING -

Ordinance No. 1288

1. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti.

A. Resolution No. 2017-180, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Dwayne Harrigan Finance Director, Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, provided an overview regarding the three ordinance amendments.

B. Open public hearing

1. Sandy Ellinger, 915 Pleasant Drive, stated she has seen a lot of change in the City and for the most part citizens have been taxed to death. She would like to stay in the City because she enjoys its historic nature. She understands the increase sounds minor but when it is added to an already high surcharge on the water bill she finds it disgusting. It is very difficult to be a citizen here and anything that increases taxes or water is unacceptable. She

was sorry to hear the Water Street Debt Millage passed because of how much it will increase taxes.

2. Cassie Kozlowski, 207 Elm, asked why the water rate is so high in Ypsilanti, and the answer hasn't been clearly communicated.

C. Resolution No. 2017-181, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

Council Member Murdock asked how YCUA's rate structure differ from other communities, including Ann Arbor. He said in the past Council was provided comparisons and Ypsilanti's rates were on the low side. Mr. Harrigan stated he does not have Ann Arbor's specific rate structure but knows they are on a tier system that if you use more you pay more. He said Canton Township is approving a 3.2% increase and Northville is proposing a 6% increase.

Mayor Edmonds asked what percentage Ypsilanti pays compared to the other jurisdictions in YCUA. YCUA Board Member Michael Bodary stated the water rate is what YCUA pays for a unit of water which is provided by Great Lakes and increased the same amount. The surcharge should be considered a historical construction cost and the City has a much older system which creates a greater need for construction. Ms. Edmonds asked how the amount of piping needed for the Township is factored into the surcharge. Mr. Harrigan responded yes, it is a larger area but not all of it is serviced and the City replaced a majority of its pipes at one time. Also, the surcharge is decreasing and has for the last couple of years. Council Member Murdock stated the reason the rates are different between the rates and the township is because of the way YCUA is designed. It is not a unified system there are two separate units, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township and there is no comingling of assets. The City has stayed stagnate since YCUA's inception in the 1970's while the township has quadrupled in size, so the township has more people paying for the system. The township also has all the contracts with outside jurisdictions so that revenue goes to the township division. Mr. Harrigan explained those jurisdictions tie into the township lines. Mr. Murdock responded the township had the contracts in the beginning in the 1970's. Ms. Edmonds asked if this system is the norm in other communities. Mr. Harrigan responded no, YCUA is unusual because it has a wastewater plant.

Council Member Richardson asked who was on Council when YCUA was established. Council Member Murdock responded George Goodman was the mayor. Ms. Richardson asked if there is any chance of the City pulling out of YCUA. Mr. Bodary responded that would mean in entire new infrastructure the City would be responsible for building and maintaining, it would be very cost prohibitive.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the current surcharges are for each jurisdiction. Mr. Harrigan responded the township charges 5% with the communities it contracts with, and the participating communities charge their residents. Ms. Edmonds asked who YCUA contracts with. Mr. Harrigan responded Pittsfield, Augusta, Superior, Sumter, WTA, and York. Council Member Murdock asked if the City shares in the sewer revenue. Mr. Harrigan responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds stated there are several disadvantages in the urban core and there needs to be a conversation.

Mayor Edmonds asked what metrics are used to determine service area. Mr. Harrigan responded he can tell you how many customers there are in the City and in the township, however, the rates are based on consumption. Council Member Murdock stated the expenses are also contained in the rates.

Council Member Robb stated the City does not have an old system that was replaced in 2003, which is why the City has a surcharge. He asked that during the next presentation the amount paid per unit compared to other jurisdictions should be contained in the presentation. This information would solve a lot of confusion residents have toward water and sewer rates.

Mayor Edmonds asked how many customers the City has and how many customers does the township have. Mr. Harrigan responded 5,000 in the City and 17,000 in the township. Ms. Edmonds asked what the water uses are. Mr. Harrigan responded an average user uses twelve units in both the City and the township. Ms. Edmonds asked what would happen if city residents and Eastern Michigan University increased its conservation. Mr. Harrigan responded the rates would increase to pay for the cost of infrastructure. Ms. Edmonds asked how rates are structured in communities that encourage conservation. Mr. Harrigan responded rates would still increase, because it still cost the same to maintain the infrastructure. Ms. Edmonds responded unless YCUA invested in conservation methods which could create massive cost cuts that could be passed onto residents. Mr. Harrigan responded one way YCUA has been able to keep costs down is by reducing the cost of gas and electricity. Ms. Edmonds stated since Ypsilanti is a part of the authority it wants it to be on the leading edge of conservation efforts.

Mayor Edmonds asked what would happen if the Council was to not approve this ordinance. Mr. Harrigan responded if YCUA does not reach certain parameters the bonds become callable. Ms. Edmonds asked if Council even has a real choice in other wards. Mr. Bodary responded Council has a choice but if not approved it would put the City and the authority into a tight spot because both could be called in by the creditors.

Council Member Murdock stated there have been a few times rates were negotiated to decrease. He said the City issued the revenue bonds which were setup to have payments come out of the rates. If YCUA does not have the money from the rates they will not transfer the money to make payments on the bonds. Mayor Edmonds stated Council votes on this every year without a real choice to make. Mr. Bodary stated this is the second lowest increase since he has been on the board.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-180 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES:	5	NO:	1 (Edmonds)	ABSENT:	1 (Richardson)	VOTE:	Carried
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2. An ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, to increase sewage disposal service rates.
 - A. Resolution No. 2017-182, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 4% within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.

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

B. Open public hearing

1. Sandy Ellinger, 915 Pleasant Drive, asked if there is money in the General Fund now that the Water Street Millage passed, to assist in payment of the charges YCUA is imposing.

C. Resolution No. 2017-183, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 4% within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.

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

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

Council Member Bashert stated there is nothing available in the General Fund to assist in making payment to YCUA. Council Member Murdock added the City pays the same rates to YCUA as its residents. Mayor Edmonds added the Water Street Debt Millage is earmarked to pay for only that debt and will not be collected until 2018.

Council Member Murdock stated the sewer rates have to be uniform between the City and township. Mr. Harrigan responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Vogt moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to amend the resolution to read 4% rather than 5%.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-182 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

Ordinance No. 1290

3. An Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 of the Code of Ordinances to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills.

A. Resolution No. 2017-184, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

B. Open public hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2017-185, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

Mayor Edmonds asked when the debt will be retired and what the rates will be at that point. Mr. Harrigan responded because the debt will not be retired for four to six years he cannot provide estimates of those rates, but the surcharge will dramatically decrease.

Council Member Murdock stated every time YCUA requests ordinance amendments Council asks for a restructuring of the rates that incentives conservation. He has seen prototypes of a new formula and it seems it could be very positive for the City possible funneling the surcharge in the current rate. Mayor Edmonds asked what the timeline is for the new structure. Mr. Bodary responded hopefully by this fall.

Mayor Edmonds asked the impact of infrastructure investments on the sewer system. Mr. Bodary responded the sewage is treated at the plant, and subject to MDEQ. After it is treated it is disposed of into the Rouge River which flows into the Detroit River. Mr. Harrigan added the system has helped to improve the environmental quality of the Rouge River. Council Member Murdock interjected the question is more regarding storm water. Mr. Bodary responded some of the contract communities had more sewage coming in the water being purchased. Meters were put on the sewage output to charge for what was being produced. Ms. Edmonds asked how YCUA is working with the county to address conservation efforts. Mr. Harrigan responded those questions would be best addressed by the Director.

Council Member Richardson asked how much the surcharge will be reduced. Mr. Harrigan responded it is reduced by 1%. Ms. Richardson asked what the decrease would equal in dollars. Mr. Harrigan responded for an average user around \$120, or \$1.20 per billing period. Ms. Richardson asked how much the rate increases will amount in dollars. Mr. Harrigan responded \$3.20 and 4% for sewer.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-184 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

X. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2017-186

1. Resolution No. 2017 -187, approving the minutes of July 18 and August 1, 2017.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of July 18th and August 1st, 2017 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-187 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. 2017-188, approving appointment(s) to Boards and Commissions.~~ **(moved and heard during Section XI, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.)**
3. ~~Resolution No. 2017-189, approving Precinct 3-3 polling location change.~~ **(moved and heard during Section XI, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.)**

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2017-190, approving traffic control order(s).

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City Council of Ypsilanti passed an ordinance for the regulated use of certain roads by trucks in the city, and

WHEREAS, in order to enforce the ordinance there must be proper signage and approval of the Traffic Control Orders for those signs by the City Council

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves Traffic Control Order 2017-09.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-190 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. 2017-191, approving the authorization to redeem City of Ypsilanti General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 (Taxable) dated June 8, 2002 (\$200,000).

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, during the May 16, 2017 budget presentation, John Kaczor of Municipal Analytics recommended to pay off remaining principal balance of \$220,000 of the un-refunded portion of the 2006 Series of Water Street debt, saving \$117,000 interest over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2017, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) also recommended Paying off the Water Street debt; and

WHEREAS, staff made some inquiry with the Bank of New York Mellon (BNY), Paying Agent as to what would be the timing for paying off the debt to avoid the next interest payment, and what action would be needed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, BNY said if the resolution is approved on August 15, 2017 and the documents (Redemption letter, Facsimile/E-mail instruction letter, and the Incumbency Certificate) will be send on August 16, 2017, the redemption date is scheduled on September 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, with the passing of Water Street Debt Millage, for FY 2017-18 the City will commit \$376,000 only instead of \$1,800,000 for the series 2016 B LTGO Refunding Bonds, making the unassigned fund balance 23.50% of General Fund Expenditure, 13.50 % more than what the required unassigned fund balance of 10%; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council Approve to redeem the outstanding amount of \$220,000 and accrued interest through September 18, 2017 of the City of Ypsilanti General Obligation Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2006 (Taxable) dated June 8, 2006.

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

Fiscal Service Director Marilou Uy stated paying off the debt will save more than half of the principal.

Council Member Murdock asked if the request is to adjust the fund balance designations for 2017-2018 needs to be done now, or later in the year. Ms. Uy responded it would be completed during the next audit. Mr. Murdock stated this is the last piece in the debt puzzle, and this Council and this staff and past Councils and past staff laid out several years ago a plan to solve this problem. Many cuts needed to be made but the City has finally gotten control of the debt, but there is still a long way to go.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-191 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 - 188, approving appointment(s) 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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM</u> <u>EXPIRATION</u>
Kyle Hunter (new appt.) 109 Ferris, #4 Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Human Relations Commission (changed from Parks and Rec)	8/15/2020
Willow Carter (youth member appt.) 410 Maple Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Human Relations Commission	8/15/2018

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

Mayor Edmonds stated during the last Council meeting Kyle Hunter was nominated for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Since that meeting she had discussed with him about becoming a Human Relations Commissioner.

Council Member Bashert asked how many vacancies are on the Human Relations Commission. Mayor Edmonds responded there are two seats available, one of which she would like to fill with a member of the Latino immigrant community.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-188 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

4. Resolution No. 2017-189, approving Precinct 3-3 polling location change.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the current polling location for precinct 3-3, no longer wishes to act as a polling location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has a long standing relationship with Ypsilanti Community Schools and uses several school facilities as polling locations; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti International Elementary School currently acts as a polling location for precinct 3-2 and has ample parking and space to service a second precinct; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of 3-3, from Emmanuel Lutheran Church (201 N. River) to Ypsilanti International Elementary School (503 Oak).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the relocation of precinct 3-3 effective November 7th, 2017 and for all future elections.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

Council Member Murdock stated his concern with relocated precinct 3-3 to Ypsilanti International Elementary School is before the Freighthouse closed that precinct was located there. Combining Precinct 3-2 and Precinct 3-3 at Ypsilanti International Elementary School would place the two highest turnout precinct at the same location. Mayor Edmonds asked why it would not be easy to accommodate both precincts. Mr. Murdock responded there is not enough space. City Clerk McMullan responded the Freighthouse does not have enough parking to house a precinct. Mr. Murdock responded the majority of voters in precinct 3-3 walk to the polls. Ms. McMullan responded she spoke with the Planning Department about the uses of the Freighthouse. Their concern was parking, and voters would need to use the spaces currently used by the businesses. Also, the condition of the Freighthouse floor would need to have work done for safety reasons. Ypsilanti International Elementary School's gym has ample space to use in the gym for two precincts. Ms. Edmonds stated the Depot Town lot fills during the day and Tuesday's is a busy day with Bike Night.

Council Member Robb stated this is counter to what was done with Precinct 2-4 and Precinct 3-1, which moved the location closer to voters. This location is as far away for Precinct 3-3 as it can get and runs counter to the idea of moving polling locations closer to voters. Mr. Murdock stated Election Day should be a holiday and those businesses should be closed so people can vote. Mr. Robb stated the Freight House is centrally located in Precinct 3-3, and it is ridiculous that people going to vote would hurt Depot Town businesses. Mayor Edmonds responded the issue would be available parking, and she is not worried about hurting businesses. Mr. Robb stated there is four times as much parking in Depot Town than at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Ms. McMullan stated the parking at the church was specifically reserved for voters. She added the lot could not be monitored to ensure that certain spots were only for voters. Mr. Murdock stated normally the lot would need to be reserved only two days every two years. Council Member Bashert

stated parking would be unenforceable and would create more work to complete the same job. Mr. Robb stated the same argument can be made for making people cross Prospect in order to vote.

Council Member Richardson asked Ward 3 Council Members if they had other suggestions for polling locations other than the Freighthouse.

Mayor Edmonds stated it makes sense to move to a location that houses another precinct because staff has to go to fewer places to solve problems. Council Member Robb responded more work was created when Precinct 3-1 was moved out of the church.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to change the polling location the Freighthouse.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-189 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: 4 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Failed

Council Member Richardson stated she voted yes because the Council Members representing that ward should know their constituents best. If they feel the Freighthouse works she supports that. Mayor Edmonds disagreed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-189 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

XII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Richardson stated the Executive Committee will be meeting next Thursday, August 24th. It will include a bus tour that will go to three different locations in the area of SEMCOG.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Meeting is tomorrow, August 16th.
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Meeting is Thursday, August 17th.
- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – Meeting in September.
- F. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated she and Council Member Murdock have been working on developing something for the work session on August 22nd.
- G. Friends of Rutherford Pool – Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated the triathlon was on Saturday and went very well and raised over \$1,500.
- H. Housing Equity Leadership Team – Last meeting was canceled
- I. Economic Development Coordinating Committee - None

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Murdock

- Asked the status of installing the truck route signs.

Chief DeGiusti responded he isn't sure if they have been installed. Council Member Murdock stated there have been issues because of DTE closing down Forest and Huron. He said the trucks from R&L are still traveling on Prospect. Mayor Edmonds asked to follow up with DPS to see when those signs will be installed.

Bashert

- Stated there was issues with the Sustainability Commission location space for the last meeting. She asked that these issues be avoided in the future. She asked that they have name placards and printed agendas for the meetings.

- Stated the DDA officer was removed from the budget.

Council Member Murdock stated that was not removed from the budget. Council Member Robb stated there was no amendment removing that officer. Council Member Bashert stated there is not a DDA officer. Mr. Robb stated if that officer is not being provided the City Manager needs to explain why.

Vogt

- Asked about the hidden driver way sign that was removed on Hewitt.

Robb

- Asked about the evaluations of the City Manager and City Clerk.

Richardson

- There is a home on Second Ave. that is in violations of several ordinances and it creating a vermin problem. It has become a serious problem, and the owner has been cited several times. She asked what can be done to solve this problem.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nomination

Human Relations Commission (added)

Kyle Hunter (new appt.)

109 Ferris, #4

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- Asked that a proclamation be completed for The Citizens for Ypsi in recognition of their work on the passage of the millage.
- Asked for a database completed in order for Council Members to keep track of upcoming agenda items.
- Stated she would like to strategize how to get public input of how to allocate funding in the future.

- Provided Council will the packets for the evaluations of the City Clerk and City Manager.

Ms. McMullan asked if the City Manager had approved the tool, and explained his contract requires that he does. Mayor Edmonds responded he has not, and said the timeline might need to be adjusted.

- She is working with a teen group who have been working with teen refugees. They live in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and are mostly from Syria.
- Stated there is an issue with overflowing dumpsters.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Written report was submitted to Council.
- Goal status and progress reports are included in the packet.
- Apologized for the confusion of the Sustainability Commission and SPARK East Manager had to leave early and did not inform staff. She said the meetings will always be at City Hall unless the meeting falls before an election. She said the City Manager is the staff liaison and she will work with him to formulate agendas.
- The procurement policy should be before Council soon.
- YPD is working on the completion of a Bench Warrant report.
- The 220 North Park purchase agreement should be on the next agenda.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS –

Goals Status Report and Performance Measures
Unaudited Revenue and Expense Summary (as of June 30, 2017)
Revenue and Expense Summary (as of July, 2017)

XVII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2017 -192, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.