



Approved

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017
7:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

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

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

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

V. AGENDA APPROVAL -

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated the labor attorney needs to leave by 8:00 a.m. and asked if anyone would like to motion to move the Closed Session prior to Audience Participation.

Council Member Vogt moved to move the Closed Session prior to Audience Participation.

With lack of support the motion failed.

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

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

1. Ken Hobbs, Ypsilanti Fire Department Local 401 President, stated the Fire Union is willing to negotiate cost of healthcare, but they support the 80/20 over the hard cap option.

2. Nate Darling, Ypsilanti Fire Department, stated the increased cost would amount to a 14% decrease in pay, which no one in the union can afford.
3. Bruce Vangemert, Ypsilanti Fire Department, stated an increase in cost of healthcare make it difficult to support a family.
4. Jeff Shulz, Ypsilanti Fire Department, stated working for the Ypsilanti Fire Department is his dream job, but it makes it difficult to support a family. If healthcare costs increase \$1,200 a month he will lose his home.
5. Jameson Shultz, Ypsilanti Fire Department, stated he is in favor of the 80/20 over the hard cap option.
6. Elizabeth Hunt, Ypsilanti Police Department, stated she is in favor of the 80/20 over the hard cap option.
7. Annette Coppock, Ypsilanti Police Department, concerned about healthcare and wants it to be fair to employees. She feels the unions are being strong armed.
8. Jason Turner, Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative, stated the union members are interested in getting their best possible coverage for themselves and their families.
9. Dan Cain, Ypsilanti Fire Department, stated the Fire Department works an additional 800 straight hours a month. An increase in healthcare costs would essentially be a pay cut and the city might lose many good employees to other jurisdictions.
10. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, concerned about employees and hopes Council will not make a hasty decision. He said the City Manager does not care about the employees and asked Council to take care of the city.
11. Lt. Deric Gress, Ypsilanti Police Department, feels the negotiations have lacked cooperation from administration. He said the City Manager does not engage employees and asked for reasonable negotiations.
12. Ypsilanti Fire Department employee, stated the union is willing to work with Council but placing the onus on the employee is not reasonable. He said he will have physical problems for the rest of his life as a result of working for the Fire Department and asked Council to keep that sacrifice in mind when making a decision.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR PRO-TEM –

- Stated she values the work of the city's employees and Council will work diligently to do what is best.

IX. MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, DISCUSSIONS -

- Motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c).

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

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

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

VOTE:

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

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:32 a.m.

The meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XI. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2017-290, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Murdock to adjourn the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.