APPROVED

CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER –

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

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Brown	Present	Council Member Symanns	Present
Council Member Morgan	Present	Council Member Wilcoxen	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Bashert	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Bashert 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 Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns to approve the agenda.

Mayor Bashert added Resolution No. 2018-327, authorizing $64, 000 from the YFD Capital Improvement Budget to the YFD Motorpool ($40, 000) and Turnout Gear ($24,000) accounts to cover the cost of Engine 3 and Tower 1 repairs, turnout gear and replacement of a turnout gear washer, to Section XIII, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Bashert introduced the following individuals; Non-motorized Committee Member Bob Krzewinski, Fiscal Service Director Marilou Uy, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Community Development/DDA Director Christopher Jacobs, Economic Development Director Joe Meyers, City Attorney John Barr, City Clerk Frances McMullan, members of the Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Chair Evan Sweet, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ashanti Harris, former Fire Chief Jim Roberts.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

- 2018 Fire & Police actuarial valuation report - Jeff Tebeau, GRS Retirement Consulting

GRS Retirement Consulting Jeff Tebeau provided an overview of the Fire and Police actuarial valuation report.

Council Member Murdock stated the last Pension Board made a recommendation for an additional $400,000, which would result in another 1 mil. He asked what this all means in terms of funding. Mr. Tebeau responded the city has been running roughly -11% which is not sustainable, and the Board took that action to stabilize the fund.

Mayor Bashert asked what will happen as a result of the city falling under the 60% funded threshold. City Manager Darwin McClary stated that is one benchmark used to determine if the city needs to develop a plan to stabilize the fund. He added the Pension Board has reduced the timeframe for catching up on the pension system from the twenty-seven years to the twenty years, increasing the contributions by $500,000. As of July 1st Council will need to levy an additional 1 mil, making it roughly 10 mils. Ms. Bashert asked for an explanation to why this is in the best interest of the city. Mr. McClary responded that is a question for the Pension Board, although generally the shorter timeframe to close the gap the better of the pension would be. Council Member Murdock asked for the memo given to the Pension Board, the millage also pays for Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB). He asked if that will decrease. Mr. McClary responded over the long term it would be reduced as a result of the tier two employees who would not be eligible. Mr. Murdock stated the reduction is not expected to transpire next year. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative. Ms. Bashert asked again what the benefit is to reduce the timeframe. Mr. Tebeau replied essentially it maintains the health of the fund, and explained pension funds are long term investments. Meaning that it can be paid for now or in the future.

Council Member Wilcoxen stated the city is in this position because the number of retirees is greater than the number of employees. Mr. Tebeau responded yes, that is one of the reasons. Mr. Wilcoxen asked what will the ratio of retirees and employees be in twenty years. He asked if it is possible this would fluctuate. Mr. Tebeau responded there are many assumption made when developing this forecasts. However, the city should assume a 7% rate on average, but there will be fluctuation from year to year. The more funding going into the system can be invested in order to increase the return to rebuild the trust.

Council Member Morgan asked how many retirees will be drawing from the fund in the next ten years. Mr. Tebeau responded generally hires are done in cohorts, or recruiting classes, causing waves of retirement classes. Currently there are seventeen employees that have zero to four years of service, the remaining employees are between ten and nineteen years. Meaning Ypsilanti has a very young force and it will be some time prior to the next wave of retirements.

Council Member Wilcoxen assumed the health of this fund will allow the city to be able to recruit, and retain employees. Mr. Tebeau responded in the affirmative.

- Audit presentation - Mark Kettner and Daniel Clark, Rehmann Robson

Rehmann Robson Representatives Mark Kettner and Daniel Clark provided a presentation regarding the audit.

Council Member Morgan stated the other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability grew $2.3 million from last year. He asked if that growth is standard. Mr. Kettner responded the OPEB Actuarial would be best suited to answer that question. Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy responded the OPEB Actuarial will provide a presentation to Council in January. Mr. Kettner stated it is difficult to understand the trends.

Council Member Murdock stated a GASB rule mention tax abatements, and asked what exactly that would include. Mr. Kettner responded generally it would include industrial, commercial facilities, and brownfields. He added it would not include OPRAs because the city is not requiring anything from the entities it is awarded to. Mr. Murdock replied the city does require those entities do something. Mr. Kettner replied those would not be included under GASB.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Bob Krzewinski, 706 Dwight, urged support for the county parks proposal to build the Border to Border Trail on Grove Rd. and Frog Island. It is a well-designed project and hopes it will have unanimous support. He added it would be nice to have snow maintenance on the trail during the winter months. He asked for the city to begin thinking about parking near trail heads, so the downtown districts do not become saturated.
2. James Roberts, 1191 Ellis, stated he is the former Fire Chief and had worked thirty-eight years for the city. He supported Lt. Ken Hobbs for promotion to the Fire Chief upon Chief Anthouard's retirement.
3. Ken Hobbs, Ypsi Firefighter, stated Council received a letter of support from the Fire Union for his appointment to the position of Fire Fighter. He read aloud that letter.
4. Jameson Schults, Ypsi Fire Department, stated it is beneficial to the pension system to increase staff. One of the contributing factors to the pension system is for employees to receive full pay. It is easier to fund investment if employees are able to pay for into the fund.
5. Lee Tooson, 107 Middle, congratulated Council Member Brown for nominating Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson for Mayor Pro-Tem. It proves she is the bigger person and he appreciates that. He encouraged the promotion of Lt. Hobbs to be the position of Fire Chief.
6. Bryan Foley, 425 Ainsworth, stated his support for Lt. Hobbs promotion to the position of Fire Chief. He added if would be a disservice to the city to not promote him.
7. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester, asked what items that were budget for were not expended. It would be great to plow the Border to Border Trail, but she still would not be able to get there if the sidewalks are not plowed.
8. Ben Joffee, 106 N. Fourth Ave, asked City Council not to end the 2018 waitlist for Medical Marihuana Facilities and continue it into 2019.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Stated per the City Charter Council does not hire the Fire Chief, and doesn't allow Council to become involved in the hiring of certain personnel.
- She thanked those for speaking in support of Lt. Hobbs and wished him luck.

  Council Member Symanns asked for clarification on the resetting of the waitlist for Medical Marihuana Facilities. City Attorney John Barr responded city staff forwarded his office the original notice that stated applications would remain sealed until a permit became available. At the end of the year the applications would be discarded and a new waitlist would begin, and he has shared that information with Mr. Joffee. Council Member Symanns asked if the waitlist would be restarted. Mr. Barr responded that is the policy of staff. Council Member Wilcoxen asked if that policy is set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Barr responded no. Mayor Bashert asked if Council would like to influence this process at this time. She encouraged Council not to influence the process set forth by staff.

- Wished everyone best of holidays no matter what this city residents celebrate, and a happy New Year.

XI. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING –

Ordinance No. 1329

1. An ordinance entitled, "Private Frontage Design for Single-Story Commercial and Large Single-Story Commercial Building Types to create an additional commercial frontage designation for Large Single Story Commercial and Single Story Commercial building types in the form-based districts, called Thoroughfare Commercial, numbered 122-485.

   A. Resolution No. 2018-313, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the walkability and health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in promoting and supporting local businesses and their growth; and

WHEREAS, Planning Commission has found that the strict requirements of §122-484 to be not well-suited to certain locations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance change that would provide flexibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the ordinance entitled Private Frontage Design for Single Story Commercial and Large Single-Story Commercial building types.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Symanns
SECONDED BY: Council Member Wilcoxen

City Planner Bonnie Wessler provided an overview to why this is being submitted for approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked for clarification of what is being asked of Council to approve. Ms. Wessler responded this would not require any existing frontages to be changed, this would only be for future developments. The purpose for having both windows and entrances on the front of buildings is to encourage walkability. Ms. Richardson asked if this would require building owners to change their frontage. Ms. Wessler responded no, this would only be for new construction, rebuilds, or expansion.

Council Member Symanns asked if this would apply to residential buildings. Ms. Wessler responded no, and explained it will only mostly apply to single story large building types. The ordinances is also designed to allow, based on certain requirements, a building to not need to abide by these standards.

Council Member Morgan asked if there are any incentives for existing buildings to make these changes, to be in line with the Master Plan. Ms. Wessler responded no, but their buildings would be non-conforming which would add pressure.

B. Open public hearing

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, stated this reminds her of the Family Dollar development. The structure was built with windows along the front of the building, but then were covered with signs. This ordinance would not create walkability in the city.
2. Frank Stanton, 19 S. Grove, stated there is an incredible amount of garbage outside of the Family Dollar. He stated he received a ticket for putting his garbage out to early. He proposed a program called Coffee with the Mayor.

   Mayor Bashert stated she has monthly office hours and is more than happy to meet with Mr. Stanton.

C. Resolution No. 2018-314, close public hearing

That the Public Hearing for An ordinance entitled, "Private Frontage Design for Single-Story Commercial and Large Single-Story Commercial Building Types to create an

additional commercial frontage designation for Large Single Story Commercial and Single Story Commercial building types in the form-based districts, called Thoroughfare Commercial, numbered 122-485 be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Symanns
SECONDED BY: Council Member Morgan

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

Council Member Symanns stated this ordinance would be a minimal change for small sections of the city. She voiced her support for the adoption of the ordinance.

Council Member Wilcoxen stated this ordinance amendment came about after two buildings applied for variances. The changes being proposed will not create additional walkability in the city. Having windows on the front side of the building provide the possibility of being able to see out and in of the building. What the building owner does with the windows after is not the point of the ordinance.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-313 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Ordinance No. 1330

2. An ordinance to permit accessory structures in the form-based districts (CN, CN-Mid, CN-SF, etc) to be a maximum of 25' in height or to match the height of the primary structure, whichever is lesser.

A. Resolution No. 2018-315, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting the historic fabric of the community and in providing housing opportunities for its residents; and

WHEREAS, two-story outbuildings were common historically prior to the dominance of the automobile; and

WHEREAS, two-story outbuildings are well-situated to accommodate accessory dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the ordinance entitled Accessory Building Height Increase in the Form-Based Districts.

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

Ms. Wessler provided an overview to why this has been submitted for approval.

Council Member Symanns asked what zoning district this would effect. Ms. Wessler replied they are residential neighborhoods, but they are toward the center of the city. Ms. Symanns stated the downtown neighborhoods. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated there was an issue in Ward 2 when a property owner built a very large accessory structure creating problems for the neighbors. She asked if approving this will allow for that same type of scenario to occur. Ms. Wessler responded this would not change those regulations, however, it would permit accessory buildings to be taller. She added that the primary structure must be two stories in order to add a second story to the accessory structure.

Council Member Symanns stated this would allow residents in the downtown district to build a higher structure, yet stay with the character of the neighborhood. Ms. Wessler responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock stated this will only apply to districts that allow Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). The height will apply to all districts, but only districts that allow ADUs will be able to build one.

Council Member Morgan asked when a property owner builds an accessory structure, or increases the size of an accessory structure will it affect the taxable value of properties around it. Ms. Wessler responded she is not qualified to answer that question.

Council Member Wilcoxen asked if square footage is a factor in this ordinance amendment. Ms. Wessler responded an accessory building's square footage is set by the size of the lot it sits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if a property owner wanted to build a structure that is larger than the primary structure it could. Ms. Wessler responded the accessory structure would not be able to be higher than the primary structure. Ms. Richardson asked if the width could be greater. Ms. Wessler responded yes, in theory, and that would not be a change from the existing circumstances.

B. Open public hearing

1. George Estabrook, 720 N River, stated he is the reason this is being discussed. He does not have a garage on his property and was interested in building one, and considered building housing in that structure. He added this proposition was more in line with what occurred historically in that area of the city.

C. Resolution No. 2018-316, close public hearing

That the Public Hearing for An ordinance to permit accessory structures in the form-based districts (CN, CN-Mid, CN-SF, etc) to be a maximum of 25' in height or to match the height of the primary structure, whichever is lesser be officially closed.

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

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

Council Member Wilcoxen stated he is in favor of the passage of this ordinance. He said beyond housing accessory space can be used for studios and other activities.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-316 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	No	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

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

XII. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2018-317

1. Resolution No. 2018-318, approving minutes December 3, 2018.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:
   THAT the minutes of December 3, 2018 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2018-319, 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**	**EXPIRATION**
Heidi Franknehauser (reappointment) **810 N. Congress** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**Housing Commission**	**12/18/2023**
Tom Roach (new appointment) **912 Pearl St.** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**ZBA**	**5/1/2021**
Jason Ringholz (new appointment) **1219 Westmoorland** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**ZBA**	**5/1/2021**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Wilcoxen
SECONDED BY: Council Member Morgan

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

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2018-320, approving partnership agreement with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission for the Border to Border Trail and authorizing an expenditure of $20,000 from the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, the Border to Border Trail is an important recreational asset to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Border to Border Trail is a project championed by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission desires to improve significant portions of the Border to Border Trail in partnership with the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approves as to form the attached partnership agreement with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to all proper legal review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council authorizes the requested $20,000 expenditure to be drawn from monies set aside for non-motorized projects in the Local Streets Fund established for FY 2018/19.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Brown

Ms. Wessler provided an overview to why this resolution has been submitted for approval.

Council Member Murdock stated filling in the gaps of the trail have been discussed for an awful long time. He asked who would sign the contract. City Attorney John Barr responded the Mayor and City Clerk. Mr. Murdock stated he does have question about the source of funding proposed. He explained the city has designated $50,000 a year from the Local Street Fund for non-motorized projects and this project would be eligible. He would prefer to maintain the park capital fund intact for the projects outlined in a previous meeting.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson to amend the resolution to have the $20,000 expenditure to be drawn from monies set aside for non-motorized projects in the Local Streets Fund established for FY 2018/19.

Mayor Bashert asked from what line item staff was thinking these funds would come. City Manager stated there are funds set aside for park capital improvements, but Council Member Murdock is referring to the Act 51 Funds the city must allocate each year.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-320 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Morgan stated if the connections are made to the trail does the city have a plan in place to ensure the trail is maintained. Ms. Wessler replied she would have to defer to the Department of Public Services.

Mayor Bashert stated this is a great opportunity for the city and the Border to Border Trail. She is very pleased to have this opportunity and she will be supporting it.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-320 as amended was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. ~~Resolution No. 2018-321, approving contract with Michigan Office Supply (MOS) for managed print services.~~ **(Removed)**

3. ~~Resolution No. 2018-322, awarding contract to A&R Cement and Construction for the grate project and authorizing additional funding of $7,686 to cover the cost of the project.~~ **(Removed)**

4. Resolution No. 2018-325, supporting increase in funding for the Fire Protection Grant Program and Supporting House Bill 6348. **(added)**

Resolution Supporting Full Funding for the State Fire Protection Mandate

Whereas, Public Act 289 provide for payments to municipalities for fire protection services received by state facilities, and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti provides 100% of the funding and resources for the required training, education, and apparatus to provide fire protection and fire education for Eastern Michigan University and its population; and

Whereas, The amount due to municipalities shall be determined by dividing the estimated equalized value of the state facilities located in the municipality by the sum of the state equalized valuation of the municipality and the estimated equalized value of the facilities, and multiplying the result by the fire protection expenditures of the municipality; and

Whereas, the protection of these assets is a statutory duty recognized by the law of the State Act 289, and it is a duty which should be paid first, before new programs or enhancements of discretionary programs are considered; and

Whereas; the intent of this Act has never been met since its conception in 1977, and Whereas, Eastern Michigan University occupies 25% of Ypsilanti and its student population exceeds the City's population; and

Whereas, Eastern Michigan asset and the expense of protecting that asset should be fully borne by the State.

Whereas, the State's reliance on local communities to fund the State's shortfall is in essence an unfunded mandate; and

Whereas, full funding of Fire Protection Grants could be accomplished with little impact on the State's total budget.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Ypsilanti City Council encourages support to increase funding to the Fire Protection Grant Program and Supports House Bill 6348. Be it further resolved, that the City of Ypsilanti supports any and all amendments to HB 6348 that may be considered currently or in the future to increase funding for this important program.

Be it further resolved, that the City Clerk forward certified copies of the approved resolution to Governor Snyder, State Senator Warren, and State Representative Peterson, State Representative Jeff Irwin, Senator Yousef Rabhi, and Consultant Kirk Profit.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Brown
SECONDED BY: Council Member Wilcoxen

Mayor Bashert explained why this resolution is being submitted for approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Symanns that this resolution be amended to include the names of all Council Members.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2018-325 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES:	7	NO:	0	ABSENT:	0	VOTE:	Carried

Council Member Murdock moved a friendly amendment add Kirk Profit, Representative Yousef Rabhi, and Senator Elect Jeff Irwin.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated when the city is fully reimbursed the public safety millage funds be replaced. She asked if those funds could be used for the pension fund. Mr. Barr responded in the affirmative. Council Member Murdock agreed, but it would be a first.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-325 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES:	7	NO:	0	ABSENT:	0	VOTE:	Carried

5. Discussion of Property Disposition and Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Programs.

Community Development/Downtown Development Director Christopher Jacobs provided a synopsis of the NEZ and Property Disposition Programs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked how many lots are remaining in the Property Disposition Program. Mr. Jacobs responded only one, 314 Parsons.

Council Member Murdock asked if the two Neighborhood Enterprise Zone projects were on city owned lots. Economic Development Director Joe Meyers responded the project on Madison was. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added the owner of the Franklin Property came to Council. She stated it is her understanding those that purchase the lots under this program are required to live on the property. She asked if that is still the case. Mr. Meyers replied that provision has not been changed, and added there is a deed restriction on the lot. Ms. Richardson asked if structures will be built on the other lots that have been sold. Mr. Meyers replied in the affirmative, and explained if the owner were to sell it the deed restriction stays with the property. Ms. Richardson stated it was her understanding the person who bought the lot could not sell it, and they would be required to live there. Mr. Meyers replied the properties can be sold, but if there is a structure on the property it must be owner occupied.

Council Member Murdock asked if the two NEZ homes are occupied. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if the city is aware of what happened to all of the lots sold through the Property Disposition Policy. Mr. Meyers responded in the affirmative and staff is in contact with several of the owners to use the NEZ to build a home.

6. Resolution No. 2018-326, establishing the dates and times for the conduct of the City Council's Fiscal Year 2019-20 goal setting and budget prioritization work sessions. **(added)**

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti FY 2019-20 budget preparation process will commence in December 2018; and

   WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a budget preparation schedule to assist in maintaining an appropriate schedule to ensure that all tasks related to the preparation and adoption of the budget are completed timely and in compliance with city charter and state law; and

   WHEREAS, it is also necessary for the city council to schedule its 2019-20 goal setting and budget priority work sessions;

   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the city council does hereby adopt the FY 2019-20 Budget Preparation Calendar as prepared and presented by the City Manager; and

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city council does hereby establish the following dates and times for the conduct of the city council's FY 2019-20 goal setting and budget prioritization work sessions.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Morgan
SECONDED BY: Council Member Symanns

Mayor Bashert asked if it is possible to decide the Goal Setting Dates based on an online poll. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Symanns asked if the goal is to hold two Goal Setting sessions. Mayor Bashert responded it is an overarching process; goal setting begins in January and March and April Council begins to make its budgetary decisions.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-326 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

7. Resolution No. 2018-327, authorizing $64,000 from the YFD Capital Improvement Budget to the YFD Motorpool ($40, 000) and Turnout Gear ($24,000) accounts to cover the cost of Engine 3 and Tower 1 repairs, turnout gear and replacement of a turnout gear washer. **(added)**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the YFD has insufficient funds in the Motorpool account, line item 641-7-9340-818-00 to cover the cost of Engine 3 and Tower 1 repairs. Line item 641-7-9340-818-00 is currently $12,783 underfunded; and

WHEREAS, the YFD has insufficient funds in the Turnout Gear account 101-7-3390-768-03 to cover the cost of 4 sets of turnout gear and the replacement of a turnout gear washer. This line item is currently $3,655 over budget; and

WHEREAS, a total of $64, 000 is being requested to cover the expenses for Engine 3 and Tower 1 repairs, turnout gear and replacement of a turnout gear washer. The funds to cover these expenses will come from the $90, 000 YFD Capital Improvement Budget, line item 414-7-3070-818-00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council authorize $64, 000 from the YFD Capital Improvement Budget to the YFD Motorpool ($40,000) and Turnout Gear ($24,000) accounts to cover the cost of Engine 3 and Tower 1 repairs, turnout gear and replacement of a turnout gear washer.

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

Mr. McClary provided an overview to why this has been submitted for approval.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2018-327 was as follows:

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS –

A. SEMCOG Update - None
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – None. Council Member Murdock stated he would like to continue to serve as the city representative, but will need an alternate. Mr. Murdock stated Council Member Symanns has expressed interest. Mayor Bashert encouraged Council Member Symanns to begin attending meetings.
C. Urban County - None
D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – None
E. Ypsilanti Youth Safety Collaboration – Council Member Morgan stated after reviewing the state of this group he believes it should be reconstituted.
F. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
G. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Richardson

- Asked for a report on staff diversity and how it matches the city's demographics.

  Mr. McClary responded the report was provided some time ago by the Human Resources Director. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she has not received it. Mr. McClary stated he would resend the report.

- Stated in the past there have been issues with policing in this city. At one point the city had a community policing program that worked very effectively. At some point the Chief and Deputy Chief of Police were no longer in favor of community policing and the program ceased. The current Chief is also not sold on community policing. She has been told that community policing cost money and Ypsilanti does not have the funding to provide that service. She explained community policing is a state of heart and mind, it does not matter how much money the department has if the heart and mind are not behind the program.

- There will be a screening of "Walking While Black" at Mt. Olive Church at 436 Hawkins on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. She invited Council to attend.

Murdock

- Asked if the lights in Recreation Park have been fixed.

  Council Member Wilcoxen responded they had not.

- He asked if the SAFER Grant can be used to fund the city's portion of the pension costs.

  Fire Chief Max Anthouard responded in the affirmative.

- There have been a lot of complaints regarding the condition of the city alleys. He asked if there is something that can be done to remedy that.

- Asked for an update regarding the development of 220 N Park. He mentioned the developer was scheduled to provide a proposal some time in December. He asked if the city had received anything.

  Mr. Meyers responded the city has not heard from the developer in some time. He has sent an email asking for an update, and has not received one. He should be providing an update by the first of the year.

— There has been an increase in gun violence over the last six months. He expects most of the guns are illegal and asked what can be done to crack down on illegal guns.

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

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

Symanns

— Council Member Symanns stated it might not be the case that the guns used in violent activity are illegal.

— The majority of her police career has involved in community policing. She agreed community policing can be a state of mind and heart, but when a force is going from call to call there is little to support that program. It will be a challenge to implement a program until the department has increased staff levels.

— She encouraged all that would like to understand policing more to go on a ride along, or possibly a citizen's police academy.

Brown
- Mentioned the gun lock program and asked for an update for that program.
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XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nomination - **Added**

Downtown Development Authority
Jennifer Eastridge
1144 Roosevelt
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- Roughly 240 Recycling Cards have been distributed. Around 60% of the cards were for Ward 2, 25% were from Ward 3, and 15% from Ward 1. She encouraged Council to take leadership of promoting this program in their Wards.

- There has been discussion about the concerns of the homeless population in this community. She will be participating in the overnight count, which is a nationwide effort. She expects by the end of the night she will understand the homeless issue in this community.

- She encouraged Council to attend the dedication of the universal play structure in Riverside Park.

- Ypsilanti is a Bee City and has just renewed its membership in 'Bee City'.

Council Member Murdock stated he recently read a report stating the homeless issue is increasing. Mayor Bashert agreed.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS –

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, stated she specifically asked the Police Advisory Commission to attend a showing of Walking While Black. She asked when Council's email addresses will be fixed.

2. Ben Joffee recommend reviewing the policy about restarting the waitlist for the medical. He believes the city is not enforcing the city ordinance.

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

X. CLOSED SESSION –

Resolution No. 2018-323, convening into closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategies 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 session connected with the negotiation of the IAFF contract.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement for the city's IAFF bargaining unit expired 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 session connected with the negotiation of the IAFF contract.

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

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

Council Member Brown	Yes	Council Member Symanns	Yes
Council Member Morgan	Yes	Mayor Bashert	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Council Member Wilcoxen	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

XXI. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2018-324, 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 three (3) members of Council.

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

One a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.