



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bodary	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Jefferson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Schreiber	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

III. INVOCATION –

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 Schreiber introduced Financial Manager for the Ypsilanti Housing Commission, Eric Temple; Washtenaw County Health Director, Charles Wilson; President of the Ypsilanti-Willow Run NAACP branch; Shoshanna DeMaria

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

City Attorney John Barr requested that Resolution No. 2012-070, be removed from the agenda.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, supported by Council Member Robb to add Resolution No. 2012-073, approving the expenditure of \$1,245.75 for the certified mailing for the creation of an OPRA District.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson to add Resolution No. 2012-074, appointing Evan Dority to the Ethics Board.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

1. Proclamation Honoring WEMU during April Jazz Appreciation Month.

Mayor Schreiber read the proclamation honoring WEMU for Jazz Month.

2. EMU Student Presentation on effects of Emergency Managers on communities.

EMU students gave a presentation on the effects of Emergency Managers. They discussed six main factors of a city being taken over by an Emergency Manager. The students also compared Ypsilanti to Pontiac, Benton Harbor and Flint. The students' main goal was to determine the effects of an Emergency Manager with population trends, union contracts, and unemployment before and after an Emergency Manager.

Council Member Vogt asked the students what their majors are in college.

The students answered they are economic, math and actuarial science majors.

Council Member Vogt asked if there were any indications of employees going to other municipalities.

Andrew, an EMU student, answered a noticeable drop in population movement was hard to find because of the downward economic slope in the state of Michigan as a whole.

Council Member Vogt asked what changed in the budgets of the cities that Ypsilanti was being compared to.

EMU Students answered a lot of outsourcing for the fire and police departments.

Andrew discussed the 9 million dollar fund balance that the city of Ypsilanti had. He said that the other cities did not have a big slush fund.

Council Member Murdock commented that the city's 9 million dollar fund balance is not actually that. He said after road improvements and other payouts, the fund would most likely total 165,000.00

Council Member Bodary commented that the city cannot run a deficit according to the city charter.

Council Member Bodary thanked the students for their work.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson thanked the students.

Council Member Vogt commented the students did an excellent job and had good, detailed research.

Mayor Schreiber commented that the previous city manager, for 15, years Ed Koryzno now works for the treasury, counseling cities on how to avoid an Emergency Manager. Additionally he thanked the EMU students for their presentation.

3. Washtenaw County Health Department Presentation on CHAP (Community Health Advocate Program), Charles Wilson, Director

Washtenaw County Health Director, Charles Wilson, gave an overview of the Community Health Advocate Program. He said that the program is a collaboration between the healthcare industry and community members. The program is located at Parkridge Community Center and the primary focus is the Southside area of Ypsilanti. The hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12-4. The program is dedicated to help African Americans who have been surveyed as being disproportionately represented in the local health agencies and the Latino community. Mr. Wilson said this is attributed to some social factors. The program educates the community about healthier food choices and the benefits of health education. The program has 12 CHA's who help program participants to navigate within the health system. Mr. Wilson said that Council Member Jefferson is a CHA.

Mayor Schreiber asked how the program was located at Parkridge.

Mr. Wilson answered Hope Clinic, Washtenaw Community College, Corner Health, and U of M Multicultural Health helped Washtenaw County write a grant.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Mr. Wilson to walk her thru the process.

Mr. Wilson commented that there is a four page form to complete, some counseling, and then the participant would get assistance with health care from local agencies.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Schreiber read the rules of audience participation.

Mr. Lee Tooson, Vice President of the NAACP Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch, commented that racism, discrimination, and gender attacking will not be tolerated. He said there is a forum at Parkridge on Monday April 23rd and Police Chief Amy Walker needs to address the community. He said he supports Amy Walker as Police Chief and the city needs to retain her services and expertise. Additionally he commented Interim City Manager McMullan has had positive feedback from the community about her in her current position. He said she is honest and has the best interest of the community and he likes to see good people in government.

Ms. Shoshanna DeMaria, President of the NAACP Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch, commented that the community is in support of Interim City Manager McMullan being the permanent City Manager. She said the community trusts her and wants to see her in that position.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

Mayor Schreiber commented that Chief Walker has spoken at most of the forums and informed the public that the police department will still be doing their jobs.

X. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2012-069, approving the minutes of April 3, 2012 and April 10, 2012.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of April 3, 2012 and April 10, 2012 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bodary

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt.

On a voice vote, the vote to approve Resolution 2012-069 was unanimous.

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. ~~Resolution No. 2012-070, approving the Wireless Ypsilanti's use of the city right-of-way for wireless receivers to replace MetriCom Ricochet devices.~~
(Removed)
2. Resolution No. 2012-071 approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>
Pete Murdock 504 N. River Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Steering (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	
Paul Schreiber 922 Pleasant Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Partnership & Funding (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	
Kelly Weger 110 N. Hamilton Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Architecture & Site Planning (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	
D'Real Graham 106 S. Grove, Apt #7 Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Architecture & Site Planning (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	
Bob Krzewinski 706 Dwight Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Greenway/ Border to Border (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	
Cheryl Zuellig 702 Collegewood Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Infrastructure & Environment (Water St. Recreation Center Committee)	

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

On a roll call vote, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-071 was as follows:

Vote:

Council Member Bodary	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Jefferson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Schreiber	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: (Jefferson) Vote: Carrie

3. Resolution No. 2012-073, approving the expenditure of \$1,245.75 for the certified mailing to residents for the creation of an OPRA district.

(Added)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following amount of \$1,245.75 be expenditure for a certified mailing to residents for the creation of an OPRA district.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Bodary

On a roll call vote, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-073 was as follows:

Council Member Jefferson	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Schreiber	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Bodary	Yes
Council Member Robb	Yes		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: (Jefferson) Vote: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2012-074, appointing Evan Dority to the Ethics Commission.

(Added)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individual be appointed to the Board and Commission as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>
Evan Dority 908 Pleasant Dr. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Ethics Commission	04/3/2017

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Bodary

On a roll call vote, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-074 was as follows:

Vote:

Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Schreiber	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Bodary	Yes
Council Member Robb	Yes	Council Member Jefferson	Absent
Council Member Vogt	Yes		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: (Jefferson) Vote: Carried

XII. LIASON REPORTS -

- A. SEMCOG Update – Nothing to report.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study- Meeting tomorrow.
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance- Nothing to report.
- D. Urban Counties- Meeting in May.
- E. Freight House- Council Member Murdock said the revised plan is going forward.

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson read an e-mail on behalf of Council Member Jefferson and herself that the Ypsilanti Housing Commission releases the investigative report into Eric Temple and the 2009 payroll check registry.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson commented about the smoothing out of Harriet Street and requested that funds be administered to do this as quickly as possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson commented about the MML hosting a rally in Lansing on 4-18-12 in protest of the Person Property Tax law.

Mayor Schreiber asked if any council Member was willing to support a resolution with Council Member Jefferson in regards to additional documents from the Ypsilanti Housing Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she is willing to support the resolution.

Council Member Murdock thanked Interim City Manager McMullan about the cleaning up of the lot at North and Lincoln. Additionally he said he is pleased about the recycle effort for computers and asked that a time be put on the notices.

Council Member Robb commented about 208 E. Cross and cars being parked at that location for five years.

Council Member Robb commented about the hours at Boggs gas station.

Council Member Robb commented about recycling bins for a multi unit house.

Council Member Robb asked for rental rates on all equipment.

Council Member Robb requested that when council goes over the budgets to move the motor pool to the very top of the list because it is going to change a lot of budget items.

Council Member Robb commented that he would like a presentation from the AHB head to talk about ordinance violations he said he receives the ordinance violation reports and the most violations are for garbage cans. He said ordinances have been written for violations and tickets should be written for other things so the city can be cleaned up.

Council Member Robb said at Green in the alley is graffiti that says "smoke weed everyday" and this should be cleaned up.

Council Member Robb asked how much it would cost for the city to buy into the MERS pension fund for public safety.

Council Member Robb asked for an update on the pension board meeting.

Council Member Bodary commented about the letter received from Tyrone Bridges and his group to clean up Candy Cane Park. He said he would like to expedite this and be on the fast track for adopting a park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson urged that the park clean-ups go thru DPW because of union contracts.

Council Member Vogt asked would the floodplains be back on the May 1st agenda.

Council Member Bodary asked about CBRE and the updates from them.

Interim City Manager McMullan commented to date she has not received anything from CBRE but they are aware that the city is requesting for them to provide updates.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Mayor Schreiber spoke about the nominations and said he feels the nominees would do a good job.

Council Member Murdock asked what the Economic Development Corporation is.

Council Member Robb asked if Ms. Gillotti can write a memo explaining what the Economic Development Corporation does.

Mayor Schreiber said that he received a call from MML Facilitator, Joyce Parker, and candidate #32 had dropped out of the interview process.

Mayor Schreiber asked if we wanted to stick with the five candidates or add an additional sixth candidate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she wanted to stick with the five.

Council Member Bodary said he wanted six. Additionally, he said he wanted to add candidate #18.

Council Member Robb commented there should be no stipend to candidate #18.

Council Member Vogt said he wanted six and would support candidate #18 being added.

Mayor Schreiber asked were there any objections to adding candidate #18 with no stipend for expenses incurred.

There were no objections.

NOMINATION

Cheryl Zuelling (Planning Commission-reappointment)
702 Collegewood
Ypsilanti, MI. 48197
Term to expire: 05/01/2015

Brett Lenart (Economic Development Corporation-replacing David Davis)
 98 Oakwood
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197
 Term to Expire: 05/01/2017

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

None.

XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Leonardo Christian does not support Tyrone Bridge's group cleaning up any parks.

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2012-072, 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

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Bodary

On a voice vote, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-072 adjourning the open session of the City Council meeting was unanimous.

Moved by Council Member Murdock, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson, to adjourn into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

On a roll call vote, the vote to go into closed session was as follows:

Vote:

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Bodary	Yes
Council Member Robb	Yes	Council Member Jefferson	Absent
Council Member Vogt	Yes	Council Member Murdock	Yes
Mayor Schreiber	Yes		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: (Jefferson) Vote: Carried

XIX. REPORTS SUBMITTED-

1. Ypsilanti Housing Commission updated Sustainability Report.