



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Council Member Vogt moved, supported by Council Member Bodary to excuse the absences.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

III. INVOCATION –

The Mayor asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson introduced Mr. Rod Jones, Work skills Member, John Barfield, Parkridge Advisory Board Member, Tommy Frye, Parkridge Advisory Board Member, and Teresa Gillotti, Senior Planner

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Robb moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to approve the agenda.

On a voice vote the agenda was approved.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

There was no audience participation.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution 2012-160, approving Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability and Property Pool insurance coverage beginning August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the invoice submitted for payment to the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for issuance of coverage beginning August 1, 2012 and ending July 31, 2013 in the amount of \$358,946 be approved;

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

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bodary
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

VOTE:

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

IX. WORK SESSION WITH RECREATION COMMISSION

Proposed Parkridge Park Expansion Project

Senior Planner, Teresa Gillotti, explained that the joint meeting was called to receive feedback on the Parkridge Expansion project.

Mr. Jones, of Workskills, explained that Parkridge has been raising money for the Parkridge expansion for approximately five years and the Parkridge board wants to make sure that Parkridge is sustainable in the future.

Mr. Jones said that Mr. John Barfield was helping to assist with monies and the fundraising efforts. He also said that Mr. Frye was very influential in getting the Parkridge expansion project started.

Recreation Commissioner Cathy Thorburn, asked what the plans for parking at Parkridge are.

Mr. Barfield replied that his expectation is that Perry school parking lot could be used for parking.

Ms. Gillotti commented that an easement would have to be granted for the parking lot.

Council Member Bodary asked were OPRA funds used for this project.

Ms. Gillotti answered that neighborhood stabilization funds were used.

Recreation Commissioner D'Real Graham asked what type of cultural enrichment, computer literacy, and writing skills will be offered and what will be the demographics.

Mr. Jones commented that an art studio will be opened and music, computer and writing skills will be offered.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson commented that part of the expansion of Parkridge is to expand all programs. She said there will be after school enrichment, performing arts, work skill classes, entrepreneurial classes, for all ages, and the demographics will be for the entire city.

For a copy of the presentation by the Parkridge Advisory Board, please visit our website at www.cityofypsilanti.com or contact the City Clerk's office.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Jessica Vivian of the Literacy Coalition asked about the operating cost and where the funds will come from. In addition she asked will the existing community center be renovated.

Singrid Melvin commented that the roof on Parkridge is flat and said that is a no, no in Michigan. She asked will any solar panels be used.

Mr. Jones responded to Jessica Vivian of the Literacy Coalition and said he has a projected revenue spread sheet.

Mr. Barfield responded to Ms. Singrid Melvin and said that Hobbs and Black Architecture firm was retained for the expansion and design of the building and they have a stellar reputation so the roof will comply with Michigan standards.

XI. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson thanked the Recreation Commission for joining the Special Meeting. In addition she thanked Mr. Barfield, Mr. Jones, Mr. Frye and Ms. Richards.

XII. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2012-161, adjourning the Special 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.

Council Member Vogt moved , supported by Council Member Bodary to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.