



APPROVED

CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012
7:30 A.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

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 Schreiber introduced Amy Grettum, YHC Board Member nominee.

VI. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mayor Schreiber requested to add the following :

Add : **Remarks the Mayor** after the first Audience Participation

Add : **Resolution No. 2012-183 approving the YHC Recovery Agreement**

Council Members Robb and Murdock voiced objections to adding Resolution No. 2012-183 to the agenda.

Council Member Murdock said the recovery plan in the packet is not the same as the one distributed late yesterday and that is why he is objecting. He said the most recent recovery plan came from HUD and hasn't been approved by YHC yet.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she understood that the YHC Recovery Plan would be an item of business.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to add Resolution No. 2012-183 to the agenda.

Mayor Schreiber said he would like to start cooperating with HUD and approving the Recovery Plan would be a great place to start.

Council Member Murdock said action has been delayed on the Housing Commission for a long time. He said th Mayor has withheld information and continues to protect those who are responsible for mismanagment and holding the YHC down and there are other options and he would like to take a look at them.

Council Member Robb disapproved of adding the YHC Recovery Plan to the agenda.

Mayor Schreiber said he would entertain a motion to suspend the rules.

There was no motion.

On a roll call, the vote to add Resolution No. 2012-183 to the agenda was as follows :

Council Member Bodary	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Jefferson	No	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Schreiber	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes		

VOTE :

Yes : 4	No : 3	Absent : 0	Vote : Carried
	Jefferson		
	Murdock		
	Robb		

On a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended with Council Members Murdock and Robb dissenting.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Schreiber read the rules for audience participation.

Amy Grettum introduced herself to Council and said her background is in inspections, affordable housing and construction. She said she would like to lend her assistance and become more involved. She said she is available for phone calls from Council regarding her background and interest.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR (Added)

None

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution 2012-181, removing an Ypsilanti Housing Commissioner

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) is a Board of 5 members, nominated by the Mayor and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Housing Commission board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That YHC member Ma'Cheryl Jones is hereby removed from the position of board member on the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) effective immediately, on recommendation of the Mayor and approval of City Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution as notice to Ma'Cheryl Jones and copies to the Ypsilanti Housing Commission and Mr. Willie Garrett, HUD Public Housing Director.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Bodary

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Robb to add the following paragraph to the resolution:

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That City Council requests immediate resignation of the remaining Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) board members.

On roll call, the vote to approve the amendment was as follows:

Council Member Jefferson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Schreiber	No
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	No	Council Member Bodary	Yes
Council Member Robb	Yes		

VOTE:

Yes: 4	No: 3	Absent: 0	Vote: Carried
	Richardson		
	Vogt		
	Schreiber		

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson recalled a discussion that another Board Member was to be removed also.

Mayor Schreiber explained that three members are needed for a quorum. He said he received an email from Mr. Garrett which clarified that so that is why only one member is being removed at this time.

Council Member Bodary recalled the previous discussion was to remove two members and asked what keeps changing and why.

Mayor Schreiber explained that the previous resident commissioner is ill and unable to serve so one member of the two previously discussed have to remain in order to conduct business.

Council Member Bodary said a potential resident commissioner is present tonight.

Mayor Schreiber stated the only way to continue would be to suspend the rules to allow approval of the resident commissioner on tonight.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she has a recommendation for the resident commissioner also. She said her nominee is a public housing resident and is very active in her housing unit and their resident council,

and the learning center. She said the nominee's resume was distributed to Council tonight for review. She suggested that the resident commissioner be given precedent over adding any other member.

Mayor Schreiber said he is not prepared to make the nomination on tonight. He said he would like to speak to and meet with the nominee, Ms. Clark, before nominating her.

Council Member Murdock said it seems that some are more interested in saving bureaucracy more than saving the project. He said the Mayor has had the opportunity for a while to change things and hasn't. He said the existing Board has jeopardized rental payments and the Hamilton Crossing project and he can't defend their actions anymore. He said it is time to place people on the Board that will respond to the needs of the people and to Council and its time to look at other options.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added that a change in the Interim Director was also discussed in the meeting with Mr. Garrett from HUD and nothing has been mentioned about that. She said she feels changing the ID will make a difference. She said the interest of the people should be first and foremost.

Council Member Vogt said he voted in favor of replacing several members of the Board and his goal is nothing more than to protect the residents and the public housing program. He said he is ready to proceed with removing Ma'Cheryl Jones and then allowing time for other nominees to be introduced in order to find the right people who are competent. He said hopefully the Mayor will have another nominee at the next meeting.

Council Member Murdock stated that lack of action in making changes is why we are here today and Council is still being stumped by the Mayor. He said the Mayor has the authority and has promised to make changes before and didn't follow through so he is not sure where Council goes from here.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-181 as amended was as follows:

Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Schreiber	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Bodary	Yes
Council Member Robb	Yes	Council Member Jefferson	Yes
Council Member Vogt	No		

VOTE:

Yes:	6	No:	1	Absent:	0	Vote:	Carried
			Vogt				

Mayor Schreiber said he voted yes for the resolution but he doesn't agree with the amendment.

Council Member Vogt said he voted against the amendment not the resolution. He said he is in favor of the removal.

Resolution No. 2012-181 as adopted reads as follows:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) is a Board of 5 members, nominated by the Mayor and approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti Housing Commission board members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That YHC member Ma'Cheryl Jones is hereby removed from the position of board member on the Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) effective immediately, on recommendation of the Mayor and approval of City Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution as notice to Ma'Cheryl Jones and copies to the Ypsilanti Housing Commission and Mr. Willie Garrett, HUD Public Housing Director.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That City Council requests immediate resignation of the remaining Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) board members.

2. YHC Recovery Plan

Resolution No. 2012-183, approving the Recovery Agreement between Ypsilanti Housing Commission, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the Recovery Agreement between Ypsilanti Housing Commission, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Ypsilanti be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Council Member Robb pointed out that the current recovery plan version has eliminated the financial requirements that were in the original plan. He says the new plan is a joke and says nothing about an audit or questionable costs. He said he would like to see a full audit of the Section 8 program,

Mayor Schreiber encouraged Council to add anything they don't see and would like in the recovery plan.

Council Member Robb questioned what would Council do if they failed again. He said the new recovery plan makes no sense at all.

Council Member Murdock agreed with Council Member Robb and said he will not vote for it. He said City Council has no ability to do some of the things listed in the agreement because they are not the authority therefore YHC is unable to comply with the agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she would be voting no also because she would like an opportunity to review the plan since Council just received it on yesterday afternoon.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-183 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	No	Council Member Bodary	No
Council Member Robb	No	Council Member Jefferson	No
Council Member Vogt	No	Council Member Murdock	No
Mayor Schreiber	Yes		

VOTE:

Yes: 1 No: 6 Absent: 0 Vote: Failed
Schreiber

Mayor Schreiber suggested that each Council Member go through the Recovery Plan and make the desired changes they would like to see.

X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Nominations to Boards and Commissions:

Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Amy Grettum (replacing Ma'Cheryl Jones)
12 Oak Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Term ending 12/31/2012

Resident Ypsilanti Housing Commissioner nomination needed.
Previous nominee declined appointment.

XI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

XII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

None

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session to discuss union negotiations. (OMA 15.268, Section 8(c))

On roll call the vote to adjourn to closed session was as follows :

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

VOTE :

Yes : 7 No : 0 Absent : 0 Vote : Carried

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2012-182, 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.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:28 p.m.