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CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ONE SOUTH HURON STREET, YPSILANTI, MI 48197
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Special Meeting

The agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. PRESENTATION

Proclamation in recognition of Michael Bodary – Mayor Schreiber

Mr. Bodary commented it was a pleasure serving the city and said it was a very rewarding experience. He thanked everyone for the support he received while on Council.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Schreiber read the rules for audience participation.

There was no audience participation.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

IX. None

X. MINUTES

Resolution No. 2012-233, approving minutes of October 16, 2012.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of October 16, 2012 be approved.

On a voice vote the minutes were approved.

XI. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> – Resolution No. 2012-234

1. Resolution No. 2012-235, approving the National Resources Trust Fund agreement for the Ypsilanti Heritage Bridge development.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti, Michigan does hereby accept the terms of the Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the City of Ypsilanti does hereby specifically agreement but not by way of limitation as follows:

   1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide $300,000) dollars to match the grant authorized by the DEPARTMENT.

   2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records to make them available to the DEPARTMENT for auditing at reasonable times.

   3. To construct the project and provide such funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of said Agreement.

   4. To regulate the use of the facility constructed and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.

   5. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the attached contract with State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the development of the Ypsilanti Heritage Bridge.

2. Resolution No. 2012-236, approving the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance revision contract with ENP & Associates.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   WHEREAS, The Ypsilanti City Council has repeatedly identified the need to revise the City's Master Plan and zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County, in cooperation with the City, applied for and received the HUD Community Challenge grant with $180,000 designated for the City of Ypsilanti to revise the Master Plan and zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS: the city has undergone a formal RFP process; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission has unanimously recommended ENP & Associates to coordinate the Master Plan and Zoning ordinance revision process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve the attached contract between the City of Ypsilanti and ENP & Associates for development of Master Plan and zoning ordinance revision over 18 months; and

FURTHER, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract to approval by the City Attorney

3. Resolution No. 2012-237, approving Purchase of Service Agreement with Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the Purchase of Service agreement with Ann Arbor Transportation Authority for the term of service July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, in the amount of $~~326,337~~ $307,934 is hereby approved. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

4. Resolution No. 2012-238, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess unpaid special assessments on the December 2012 tax roll.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, that, the City Treasurer be authorized to levy and assess on the December 2012 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling $28,861.54

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti City Council approve these special assessments.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
CITY OF YPSILANTI
2012

109:	**Trash**	**3,545.00**
110:	**Weed**	**12,730.00**
112:	**Rental Inspection**	**3,521.00**
124:	**Dangerous Escrow**	**5,100.00**
125:	**Dangerous Inspection**	**1,575.00**

	116:	**Graffiti**	**150.00**
	8226:	**Owen**	**2,050.01**
	8260:	**Rec Park Drain**	**190.53**
**	**Total Specials**		**$28,861.54**

Special Assessment Roll on file in City Clerk's office.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

Council Member Murdock pointed out that the AATA purchase of service agreement had been revised.

Attorney John Barr stated the new amount is $307,934.

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

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution No. 2012-239, setting dangerous building show-cause hearing for 15 S. Washington.

Regarding the property located at: 15 South Washington
Tax ID# 11-11-39-101-017
Case # DB 12-0003

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that Ypsilanti City Council accepts the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's Order of Findings dated June 22, 2012 and Order of Noncompliance dated August 21, 2012; and

RESOLVES that a City Council Show Cause Hearing be set for Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

On a voice vote the motion carried.

2. Resolution No. 2012-240, setting dangerous building show-cause hearing for 875 Jefferson.

Regarding the property located at: 875 Jefferson

Tax ID# <u>11-11-37-155-009</u>
Case # <u>DB 12-0002</u>

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that Ypsilanti City Council accepts the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's Order of Findings dated June 22, 2012 and Order of Noncompliance dated September 20, 2012; and

RESOLVES that a City Council Show Cause Hearing be set for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 18, 2012</u>, at <u>7:00</u> p.m., at City Hall, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Bodary

On a voice vote the motion carried.

3. Resolution No. 2012-241, setting dangerous building show-cause hearing for 818 Monroe.

Regarding the property located at: <u>818 Monroe</u>
Tax ID# <u>11-11-37-128-003</u>
Case # <u>DB 12-0011</u>

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that Ypsilanti City Council accepts the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's Order of Findings dated June 22, 2012 and Order of Noncompliance dated September 20, 2012; and

RESOLVES that a City Council Show Cause Hearing be set for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 18, 2012</u>, at <u>7:00</u> p.m., at City Hall, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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

On a voice vote the motion carried.

4. Resolution No. 2012-242, setting dangerous building show-cause hearing for 910 Monroe.

Regarding the property located at: <u>910 Monroe</u>
Tax ID# <u>11-11-37-129-001</u>
Case # <u>DB 12-0006</u>

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that Ypsilanti City Council accepts the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer's Order of Findings dated June 22, 2012 and Order of Noncompliance dated September 20, 2012; and

RESOLVES that a City Council Show Cause Hearing be set for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 18, 2012</u>, at <u>7:00</u> p.m., at City Hall, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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

On a voice vote the motion carried.

5. Resolution No. 2012-243, approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Ypsilanti Township for the reconstruction of Grove Road.

Resolution approving intergovernmental Agreement with Ypsilanti Township for the reconstruction of Grove Road.

WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township is interested in having the improvement of Grove Road implemented as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS The City of Ypsilanti and the Township of Ypsilanti have agreed that the reconstruction schedule should be implemented as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS the parties have agreed that the City will do the actual bidding and construction, and the Township will help with the matter by advancing the funds; and

WHEREAS in order to make the project viable, an intergovernmental agreement is necessary, and the parties have agreed upon the terms of such agreement; now therefore:

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the attached Intergovernmental Agreement is approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Attorney John Barr gave the background and stated

City Manager Lange stated cost savings will be realized due to the advancement of the project. He said he feels the project is a good one, is an olive branch to the neighborhood and will help the city comply with EVIP requirements to receive state funds.

Council Member Robb asked if the city has reserve funds to pay for this.

Mr. Lange replied yes but said he recommends against using them. He said this arrangement is interest free and the township has agreed to receive the payment when we receive the funds.

Council Member Robb opposed the agreement and said it is subsidizing the city's pride. He said it is an awful idea and a political disaster.

Mr. Lange said the other option is doing the work on the original schedule in 2014. He said this agreement allows the projected to be moved up a year. He said the city is borrowing the money because the project is not in sync with the city's current budget.

Attorney John Barr explained this is an intergovernmental agreement, a city/township joint venture.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson recalled the Township Board came to city council a few months ago with a proposal and it was rejected because it wasn't complete construction and at the time council wanted to re-do the road completely. She commented the road is horrible and she thinks the city should take the money and work with the township. She said this agreement is an olive branch and shows the city is working with its neighbors.

Mr. Lange added that the coal patch is expensive that the city uses for routine maintenance of the road.

Council Member Bodary commented he received constant complaints about the road. He said the road is an open sore and affects commerce between the city and township because people don't want to come to the city to shop because of the road. He said the road is not pleasant and that is why he supported a temporary repair but a permanent one is even better. He said it is a good thing the project is being moved up and he supports it and doesn't feel the agreement is a black eye for the city.

Council Member Murdock explained that the city wasn't looking at a patch work job and during previous deliberations the city wasn't aware they could pre-fund projects and get WATS funds back. He said if he knew that the city could've prefunded and moved the project up a year which is what he prefers.

Council Member Vogt said he is in favor of the agreement because there are EVIP benefits with doing it this way and the costs are the same but the job gets done earlier.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-243 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 1 (Robb) Absent: 1 (Jefferson) Vote: Carried

XIII. INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected members of Ypsilanti City Council.

Ward 1 – Lois Richardson
Ward 2 – Susan Moeller
Ward 3 – Peter Murdock

XIV. INTRODUCATIONS

Council Members introduced themselves.

XV. AGENDA APPROVAL - Organizational Meeting

Council Member Robb moved, supported by Council Member Murdock to remove Resolutions No. 2012-250, setting the day, time and frequency of Council meetings and 2012-252, adopting policy for appointments to Boards and Commissions from the consent agenda.

On a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

XVI. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2012-244

1. Resolution No. 2012-245, adopting "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, 10TH EDITION".

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   That the Ypsilanti City Council adopts "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, 10TH EDITION" as the official rules of order for procedures of Ypsilanti City Council meetings.

2. Resolution No. 2012-246, setting the day, time and frequency of Council meetings.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   That regular Council meetings shall be held on the first Tuesdays of the month, and may be held on the third Tuesday of the month. When a Council meeting falls on a holiday or an Election Day, the next day after said holiday or Election Day will be the meeting day for the regular meeting, except when Council designates another day. Such a change will be given public notice.

   Further, that all regular meetings of the Ypsilanti City Council shall be held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at One South Huron Street, except when the Council designates another time and location. Such a change will be given public notice.

   Further, that all Council meetings end by 11:00 p.m., unless Council agrees by majority vote to extend the deadline.

3. Resolution No. 2012-247, approving the procedure for transaction of Council business.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   That the procedure for transaction of business shall be that business raised by at least one Council Member, supported by a second Council Member, under Council Proposed Business be referred to the next regular meeting for transaction. This procedure may be waived by the consent of two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council.

4. Resolution No. 2012-248, approving procedure for audience participation during Council meeting.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   With regard to audience participation, citizens are urged, but not required, to present requests or complaints in writing to the Administration before meetings, along with indications of desire to address Council. General audience participation normally shall be held to one hour maximum, with three (3) minutes granted to individuals.

A. Acceptable Conduct

a. Speakers shall not share, loan or borrow time.

b. Comments from speakers must be civil and respectful. Comments on physical appearance or character not related to job performance will not be tolerated. Infractions will result in the loss of remaining time, ~~admonishment by the Chair,~~ or ~~expulsion from the meeting~~ by order of the Chair, after one warning.

c. Members of the audience are expected to respect the views of others and not ~~interfere~~ interrupt or harass speakers. Persons not following this rule may be expelled from the building by order of the Ch~~air after~~r one warning.

B. Audience Participation. Audience participation shall be set at the beginning of the agenda, after Presentations.

a. In order to designate priority in speaking, citizens shall sign up in person prior to
the start of Audience Participation.

b. Each speaker may speak a maximum of three (3) minutes.

c. A maximum of sixty (60) minutes will be allowed for Audience Participation.

d. Following signed in speakers, others who wish to speak will be recognized by a
show of hands.

C. Public Hearings

a. Speakers' remarks are limited to the subject of the public hearing.

b. Speakers are allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes.

5. Resolution No. 2012-249, naming an official newspaper of record.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Ypsilanti Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ypsilanti, be designated as the official newspaper of the City of Ypsilanti, for placement of all required publication notices and display advertisements.

6. ~~Resolution No. 2012-250, setting meeting dates for 2013.~~ ***(Removed)***

7. Resolution No. 2012-251, adopting the Council Protocol for City staff.

RESOLVED, by the Ypsilanti City Council that the Council Protocol for City Staff shall be as follows.

COUNCIL PROTOCOL FOR CITY STAFF

Governance of a City relies on the cooperative efforts of elected officials, who set policy, and City staff, who analyze problems and issues, make recommendations, implement and administer the Council's policies. Therefore, every effort should be made to be cooperative and show mutual respect for the contributions made by each individual for the good of the community.

I. Conduct Toward Staff
Clear, honest communication that respects the abilities, experience, and dignity of each individual is expected. Poor behavior towards staff is not acceptable.

II. Channels of Communication
Questions of City staff and/or requests for additional background information should be directed only to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, or Department Heads. The City Manager should be copied on any request to Department Heads. Council Members should not set up meetings with department staff directly, but work through Department Heads, who will attend any meetings with Council Members. When in doubt about what staff contact is appropriate, Council Members should ask the City Manager for direction.

III. Equal Access to Information
Materials and information supplied to a Council Member in response to a request will be made available to all members of the Council so that all have equal access to information. The City Manager should ensure that such access is provided when appropriate.

IV. Public Criticism of Employees
Council should never express concerns about the performance of a City employee in public, to the employee directly, or to the employee's manager. Comments about staff performance should only be made to the City Manager through private correspondence or conversation.

Involvement in Administrative Functions
Do not get involved in administrative functions. Council Members must not attempt to influence City staff on the making of appointments, awarding of contracts, selecting of consultants, processing of development applications, or granting of City licenses and permits.

Attendance at Staff Meetings

Do not attend staff meetings unless requested by staff. Even if the Council Member does not say anything, the Council Member's presence may imply support, show partiality, intimidate staff, or hampers staff's ability to do its job objectively.

Requests for staff support.
It shall require two members of Council to request staff support through the City Manager, who is responsible for allocating City resources in order to maintain a professional, well-run City government. It is up to the City Manager to ensure that staff resources are allocated in accordance with overall Council priorities. Research or preparation of material by the City Attorney may be requested directly by the Mayor, or two Council Members.

Response to Citizen Complaints
Depend upon the staff to respond to citizen complaints and concerns. It is the role of Council Members to pass on concerns and complaints on behalf of their constituents. It is not, however, appropriate to pressure staff to solve a problem in a particular way. Refer citizen complaints to the City Manager, who will follow up with appropriate staff. The staff should respond to all approved requests for information in an agreed upon timeframe. It is appropriate for Council Members to follow up with the Manager to determine how the concerns were resolved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Moeller
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

On a voice vote the Consent Agenda was approved.

8. ~~Resolution No. 2012-252, adopting policy for appointments to Boards and Commissions.~~ ***(Removed)***

XVII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS – ***Added***

1. Resolution No. 2012-250, setting meeting dates for 2013.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

The Ypsilanti City Council will hold Regular Meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197, for the year 2013 on the following dates:

January 8 (2nd Tuesday)	**July 2**
February 5	**August 8 (Thursday)**
February 19	**September 17**
March 5	**September 3**
March 19	**October 1**
April 9	**October 15**
April 23	**November 5**
May 9 (Thursday)	**November 19**
May 21	**December 3**
June 4	**December 17**
June 18	

The City of Ypsilanti encourages persons with disabilities to participate and will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signed for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon two (2) days notice to the City. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City by writing or calling the following:

City Clerk's Office
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197-5420
(734) 483-1100

All persons are welcome to attend. Additional information may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office and written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office at the above listed address.

Council Member Robb moved, supported by Council Member Murdock to add January 22, July 16 and August 20 to the meeting schedule.

On a voice vote the amendment carried.

Resolution No. 2012-250 as approved reads as follows:

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June 18	**December 17**

2. Resolution No. 2012-252, adopting policy for appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Robb moved the following substitute resolution, supported by Council Member Murdock.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That City Council adopts the following City Council Boards and Commission Appointment Procedure:

NOTICE

That the City Clerk shall provide the City Council, monthly, a report consisting of all council appointees, their address and contact information, the committee or commission appointed to, and the date of the expiration of their term for all appointees who terms expire within the next sixty (60) days.

That the Mayor or any City Staff person shall notify the City Council and City Clerk of any vacancy or pending vacancy occurring in any committee or commission as soon as it becomes known.

Notice shall be posted to the City Web sites soliciting nominations for those positions mentioned above at the time of the report or notice to City Council

PROCEDURE

That any Mayoral nomination for appointment shall be submitted to City Council under the Mayor's reports at one Council meeting and held for action until the following Council meeting.

Nominations shall include a letter of interest from and resume of the nominee.

QUALIFICATIONS

Appointees to City Boards and Commission shall meet the requirements of the City Code, Section 2-111, 2-112 and 2-113 below, as well as any specific qualifications required by City Ordinance or State Statute.

Section 2-111. Applicability of section.

a) Members of boards and commissions shall be residents of the City of Ypsilanti. Residency is a condition for appointment and continuing in office.

b) Exception to this section shall only be permitted if it is determined by city council to be in the best interest of the city to appoint or continue a non-resident individual in office and such appointment requires a vote of five affirmative votes of city council.

(Ord. No. 1139, § 1, 12-21-2010)

Section 2-112. Vacancy in office.

An office shall become vacant by death, resignation, the end of the term, residence outside the city, or removal from office. No officer of any board or commission may serve past the end of the term of office without five affirmative votes of city council. There shall be no "defacto" officer of any board or commission.

(Ord. No. 1139, § 1, 12-21-2010)

Section 2-113. – Term of office.

a) Members of Boards and Commissions of the City shall serve for the terms specifically stated in the charter or in the law or ordinance creating the office.

b) With the consent of two-thirds of the Council, an appointee may continue provisionally, in office, after the expiration of their term of office, until a successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified for and assumed the duties of the office. No member of any board or commission shall be allowed to hold over for more than 60 days beyond the term of office fixed by ordinance whether or not a successor has been appointed.

(Ord. No. 1139, § 1, 12-21-2010)

Council Member Murdock explained that nothing was changed. He said the previous resolution made references to some ordinances before they were amended.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

XVIII. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Council Member Murdock nominated Council Member Lois Richardson for the Office of Mayor Pro-Tem. Ms. Richardson accepted and was appointed unanimously.

XIX. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

RICHARDSON

- Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson gave an overview of the MML MBC-LEO fundraiser and said the City Clerk attended and Council was invited.

MURDOCK

- Suggested the City pursue a fireworks ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson supported the request. Council Members Moeller and Vogt agreed that something should be added to the ordinance because the noise ordinance doesn't cover what is being experienced.

- Reported that Ann Arbor opted out of the 4-Party agreement and AATA is looking at options with other interested communities.

VOGT

- Expressed disappointment with Ann Arbor pulling out of the 4-Party agreement and said he hopes AATA can come up with something to serve the community.

XX. LIAISON REPORTS

1. SEMCOG – Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson reported on the General Assembly meeting she attended and said she was impressed with the speaker and what she learned about how Farmington has partnered with others to buy salt for their streets.

2 WATS – Council Member Murdock reported that WATS has stopped looking at becoming its own agency. He announced that the Smith/JJR Group will conduct the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor study.

3. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – No report

4. Freighthouse - Council Member Murdock said the plans are almost complete and ready to go to SHPO for approval. He said they have received cost estimates to open a portion of the building as planned.

5. Aerotropolis – No report. Membership is still the same.

XXI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- City Manager Lange reported that Police and Fire negotiations have restarted.

- He reported the city is giving the housing of animals to Washtenaw County.

- He explained the issue with the Charter question and said the first vote is always unofficial for a reason and said the Clerk is relentless and works hard to do the right thing. He said he will never hide or cover anything up but will not rush and blurt things out until he fully understands it and has something to report.

- He reported he attended the SEMCOG General Fall Assembly meeting last Thursday.

- The SEMCOG management audit is coming soon and he said he will merge it with the 5 year plan and incorporate the steps into the budget process. He said the plan includes a new model for service delivery and changes in Assessing office hours.

- He announced the commuter rail will come through Ypsilanti tomorrow at 9:30 p.m.

- Daily crime summary of police activities/crime coming. Joint venture with EMU on crime can be accessed on the website and is being updated regularly, every 24 hours.

XXII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Selection of Council Liaison to the following Boards and Commissions:

- SEMCOG, Member and Alternate – Richardson, Jefferson (alternate)
- Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) – Murdock, Vogt (alternate)
- Washtenaw Avenue Corridor Improvement Project – Schreiber, Gillotti (alternate)
- Washtenaw Metro Alliance - Robb
- Freight House - Murdock
- Aerotropolis, Member and Alternate – Richardson, Jefferson (alternate)
- Recreation Commission - Moeller

XXIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

XXIV. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Schreiber welcomed Susan Moeller.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2012-253, 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 Moeller

On a voice vote the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.