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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012
6:00 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION
7:00 P.M. – OPEN SESSION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Jefferson	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Moeller	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. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Robb requested that Res. No. 2012-276 be moved from the consent agenda.

On a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining. OMA 15.268, Section 8(c)

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

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

VOTE:

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

The meeting adjourned to a closed session at 6:11 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

VII. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Schreiber introduced Attorney Jesse O'Jack, Building Manager Frank Daniels, Fire Chief Ichesco, Fire Fighter Max Anthroud and Building Inspector John Shores.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Redevelopment Ready Recertification – Jennifer Rigterink, MEDC RRC Program Manager

IX. SHOW-CAUSE HEARINGS

Planner Teresa Gillotti gave an introduction and refresher on the dangerous buildings ordinance and program. She answered questions from Council regarding timing and the process.

1. 910 Monroe- DB12-0006 Parcel ID # 11-11-37-129-001

- A. Open the show-cause hearing
- B. Close the show-cause hearing
- C. Resolution No. 2012-270, supporting the Order of Demolition.

Mayor Schreiber opened the show-cause hearing.

Pastor James Hendricks was present to speak and stated they plan to have the building demolished in the next two weeks. He said he has a quote from K&K that he is considering. He reported that there are funds a little over \$10,000 in escrow to cover the demolition.

Attorney Jesse O'Jack gave the background of the case and allowed testimony, evidence and exhibits to be presented.

Building Manager Frank Daniels confirmed that there is \$10,200 in escrow.

Attorney O'Jack stated that if the owner consents he will submit the additional exhibits and the Council resolution allows 60 days for action.

Fire Chief Ichesco was sworn in and identified exhibits.

Mr. O'Jack submitted the exhibits as part of the record.

Mr. Daniels was sworn in and identified exhibits which were submitted as part of the record.

Mayor Schreiber accepted the exhibits as part of the record.

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

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3. AN OWNER AGGRIEVED BY ANY FINAL DECISION OR ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY APPEAL THE DECISION OR ORDER TO THE CIRCUIT COURT BY FILING A PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF SUPERINTENDING CONTROL WITHIN 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS DECISION.

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

Council Member Murdock asked if the owner would have 60 days to demolish the building and how will the \$10,200 be distributed.

Mr. Daniels explained the money will be distributed to the owner after demolition.

On roll call, the vote on Resolution No. 2012-270 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. 818 Monroe - DB12-0011 Parcel ID # 11-11-37-128-003

- A. Open the show-cause hearing
- B. Close the show-cause hearing
- C. Resolution No. 2012-271, supporting the Order of Demolition.

Mayor Schreiber opened the show-cause hearing.

No one was present to speak.

Attorney Jesse O'Jack gave the background of the case and allowed testimony, evidence and exhibits to be presented.

Fire Chief Ichesco was sworn in and identified exhibits.

Mr. O'Jack submitted the exhibits as part of the record.

Mr. Daniels was sworn in and identified exhibits which were submitted as part of the record.

Mayor Schreiber accepted the exhibits as part of the record.

Regarding the property located at: 818 Monroe

Tax ID # 11-11-37-128-003

Case # DB 12-0011

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 - c. The owner or party in interest in whose name the property appears on the last local tax assessment records must be notified by the assessor of the amount of the cost of the demolition, of making the building safe, or of maintaining the exterior of the building or structure or grounds adjoining the building or structure by first class mail at the address shown on the records. If the owner or party in interest fails to pay the cost within 30 days after mailing by the assessor of the notice of the amount of the cost, the city shall thereupon place the entire sum, plus collection charge as set by resolution of the city council, on the tax rolls**

as an assessment against the parcel or lot, assessment to be collected as other taxes are levied and collected. Such charges must be added to the general city tax roll, and to the total of the taxes levied on such parcel or lot for the same year. The city shall have a lien for the cost incurred by the city to bring the property into conformance with the Dangerous Building provisions of the Ypsilanti City Code and for any charges imposed until the amounts have been fully paid. The lien will not take effect until notice of the lien has been filed or recorded as provided by law. The lien ordered herein does not have priority over previously filed or recorded liens and encumbrances. The lien for the cost must be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the General Property Tax Act, Act No. 206 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1893, being MCL 211.1 to 211.157, or the applicable sections of the Ypsilanti City Charter and Code.

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OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Council Member Murdock asked what happens after the 60 days and nothing has been done.

Planner Gillotti answered the city would do it by bidding out the demolition and placing the costs as a lien on the property.

On a roll call the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-271 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

4. 875 Jefferson- DB12-0002 Parcel ID # 11-11-37-155-009
- A. Open the show-cause hearing
 - B. Close the show-cause hearing
 - C. Resolution No. 2012-268, supporting the Order of Demolition

Mayor Schreiber opened the show-cause hearing.

No one was present to speak.

Attorney Jesse O'Jack gave the background of the case and allowed testimony, evidence and exhibits to be presented.

Fire Chief Ichesco was sworn in and identified exhibits.

Mr. O'Jack submitted the exhibits as part of the record.

Mr. Daniels was sworn in and identified exhibits which were submitted as part of the record.

Mayor Schreiber accepted the exhibits as part of the record.

Regarding the property located at: 875 Jefferson
Tax ID # 11-11-37-155-009
Case # DB 12-0002

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

Council Member Murdock commented it has taken five years to get this property demolished.

Chief Ichesco replied yes and said initially the owner was responsive and tried to work with the city but failed and subsequently the process started over again. He added that there was no insurance on the property.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-268 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

5. 15 S. Washington - DB12-0003 Parcel ID # 11-11-39-101-017

- A. Open the show-cause hearing
- B. Close the show-cause hearing
- C. Resolution No. 2012-269, supporting the Order of Demolition.

Mayor Schreiber opened the show-cause hearing.

No interested parties were present to speak.

Attorney Jesse O'Jack gave the background of the case and allowed testimony, evidence and exhibits to be presented.

Fire Chief Ichesco was sworn in and identified exhibits. He described the physical condition of the building and said if there is no action taken by the City the roof will collapse.

Mr. O'Jack submitted the exhibits as part of the record.

Mr. Daniels was sworn in and identified exhibits which were submitted as part of the record.

Mayor Schreiber accepted the exhibits as part of the record.

Council Member Robb commented the building is a significant one and has value to the city. He said the value was \$450,000 and now is \$375,000. He questioned why the owner has not been found.

Attorney John Barr said the city has used many methods to track down the owner. He said staff developed the Administrative Hearings Bureau and the Dangerous Buildings Hearings as a less expensive method that keeps the city in control of the process. Mr. Barr said the city can go to court if directed by Council.

Mr. O'Jack said this is an effort to secure the building not to demolish it.

Mr. Robb pointed out that the resolution includes demolition if the hearing officer's order is approved.

Mr. O'Jack said the hearing officer is not requesting demolition.

Council Member Moeller asked what happens if the structure is not fixed within 60 days.

Mr. O'Jack answered the city will fix it.

Ms. Gillotti explained that the city previously received cooperation from the building owner. She said after 60 days if nothing is done, staff will re-evaluate receivership or abatement and come back to Council for direction.

Mr. Lange said the building is valuable and the city would do everything it can to preserve it, however today's action is an important step to prevent it from falling over. He said demolition is the last resort but they must go through this process to keep things moving and not lose control.

Council Member Murdock asked what the options after 60 days are.

Mr. O'Jack replied 60 days is statutory and if nothing is done the city can secure the building or try other options.

Ms. Gillotti said staff will come back with Plan B if nothing is done within 60 days.

Mr. Robb said if a permit is pulled it buys them time.

Mayor Schreiber added that the owner has a history of letting the building just sit. He said hopefully Plan B will stir him to do the work.

Ms. Gillotti added that compliance with a sign was met in the past when the city applied pressure so they are hoping this works.

Mr. Robb said if this winter is heavy Plan B may be difficult to accomplish.

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

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OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the time frame could be moved up.

Mr. O'Jack replied you must allow 60 days for compliance.

Mr. Robb suggested the City Attorney approach Judge Shelton on the matter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if it is possible to expedite the matter.

Attorney Barr answered yes with proper testimony proving that it is a danger to the public. He said the city must file, pay the fee and serve notice. He said the respondent has 21 days to file an answer, resulting in a pre-trial within 60 days and a trial within 90 days. He said if imminent danger is shown an earlier hearing is possible. He said he can file a request with the Circuit Court at the request to start litigation from Council and the City Manager. He recommended that Council pass a resolution directing the City Attorney to go to court for further action.

Mayor Schreiber said the building is a public danger if there's a fire.

Attorney Barr said there could be other dangers as well. He said the premise is that the building shouldn't hurt neighbors. He said the current condition makes it a dangerous building. He said Judge Shelton looks at everything before making a decision.

Mr. Lange asked if this is a strong or weak case for litigation.

Attorney Barr answered we have to let the process proceed because it gives solid evidence and provides a stronger case.

Council Member Moeller said the building hasn't been fixed in years and that should make a strong case.

Attorney Barr said staff has followed the directions of the administration and that's why the case is here now.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-269 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 2 (Robb, Moeller) Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Andy LaBarre, VP of Government Relations, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber, stated that the A2Y Chamber is a separate entity and is not chartered through the Michigan or US Chambers. The A2Y Chamber is not a member of the US Chamber, but it is a member of the Michigan Chamber because it provides access to the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals. The A2Y Chamber does not contribute to the Michigan Chamber PAC and it does not have a PAC of its own.

He said the A2Y Chamber did not support Right to Work legislation. The A2Y Chamber did not issue a statement on it and wants to continue a productive relationship with their labor partners in the community. He said that the A2Y Chamber did not in any way oppose President Obama's re-election and did not endorse any candidate this August or November. He said the chamber values its relationship with the City and its community members.

XI. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Schreiber appreciated Mr. LaBarre's remarks.

Council recessed at 8:56 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

XII. MINUTES

Resolution No. 2012-273, approving the minutes of December 4, 2012.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of December 4, 2012 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

On a voice vote the minutes were approved as submitted.

City Manager Lange announced that this is Fire Chief Jon Ichesco's last meeting and thanked him for his service to the city.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2012-274

1. Resolution No. 2012-275, approving the recommended firms for legal services through 2014.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

**WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti requires legal services in various areas;
and**

**WHEREAS an extensive interview process was conducted in the year
2008 and City Council selected firms to represent the city at that time;
and**

**WHEREAS the City Manager is satisfied with the work of the present
firms and believes it in the best interest of the City that the present firms
be continued for a period of two years based on their qualifications and
cost; and**

**WHEREAS the City Manager is recommending to City Council that the
following firms be selected to represent the City for legal services:**

- **General Law: Barr, Anhut & Associates**
- **Prosecution: Barr, Anhut & Associates**
- **Litigation: Barr, Anhut & Associates, and Hafeli Staran Hallahan Christ & Dudek,
P.C.**
- **Labor: Keller Thoma**

IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI approves the recommendation of the City Manager and selects the aforementioned law firms, presently representing the city, to continue to represent the city and provide legal services, on the same terms and conditions, through 2014.

2. ~~Resolution No. 2012-276, approving the contract with Washtenaw County for computer technology, network infrastructure and telephone support services through June 30, 2016.~~
(Removed from Consent Agenda)
3. Resolution No. 2012-277, approving deficit elimination plan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS the City of Ypsilanti Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as of June 30, 2012 revealed that the 2003 General Obligation Unlimited Tax Bonds fund (341) has a deficit fund balance of \$23,938; and

WHEREAS Act 275 of the Public Acts of 1980 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the City of Ypsilanti and filed with the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS such a plan will be submitted on December 19, 2012 to the Department of Treasury, noting that it was presented to the Ypsilanti City Council for approval on December 18, 2012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City adopts the deficit elimination plan as submitted as required by the State of Michigan, Department of Treasury.

4. Resolution No. 2012-278, authorizing the Mayor to sign an amended Economic Development Grant Agreement between the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) and the City of Ypsilanti for the Water Street Redevelopment Project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Schreiber is authorized to sign an Amended Economic Development Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) and the City of Ypsilanti for the Water Street Redevelopment Project.

5. Resolution No. 2012-283, appreciating the Ypsilanti Charter Commission. *(Added)*

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the tireless effort and dedication of the Ypsilanti Charter Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Charter Commission was formed in November of 2010 to review the charter and make an informed decision concerning a charter revision; and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Charter Commission faithfully served the City of Ypsilanti with their time, knowledge and expertise as they diligently reviewed the charter and considered input from the City Manager, City Attorney, City Council Members, Planning Commissioners and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Ypsilanti City Council do hereby thank the Ypsilanti Charter Commission and commend

them for the service they rendered on behalf of the citizens of the City of Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Moeller
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote the motion carried and the Consent Agenda was approved.

XIV. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Resolution No. 2012-279, approving conditional rezoning of 311 S. Grove from B2 to Conditional B4 **(Second Reading) Ordinance No. 1182**

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the proposed Ordinance entitled "Conditional Rezoning 311 S. Grove St." be approved on Second and Final Reading.

**City of Ypsilanti
Ordinance No. 1182**

Conditional rezoning 311 S. Grove

B4, permitting as permitted uses only those uses held in common with the B2 zoning district, with the addition of auto sales as spelled out in 122-412(6), and permitting as special uses only those held in common with the B2 district, AS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING LISTS.

B4 conditional zone, PERMITTED uses
Adult drop-in centers
Antique, consignment, and resale stores.
Arts and crafts studios and schools.
Auction House, subject to the specific provisions in section 122-813.
Automobile sales: showrooms, salesrooms, or offices for new and used automobiles, trucks and tractors, boats, mobile homes, recreation vehicles and trailer sales, including automobile repair shops providing minor repair. Major repair is not permitted except as provided in subsection 122-413(5). The outdoor display of vehicles is regulated by subsection 122-413(11).
Bar/lounge, provided that all service occurs within a completely enclosed building.
Community garages and community parking lots, as defined in Section 122-2, subject to the provisions of Sections 122-781 and 122-782 respectively
Essential services.
Financial institutions, including banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. Drive-through facilities are permitted, subject to the specific provision in section 122-784.
Funeral and mortuary establishments, provided that adequate assembly area is provided off-street for vehicles to be used in funeral processions.
Hotels and motels.
Laundry and dry cleaning customer outlets (no dry cleaning is permitted on the premises), coin operated Laundromats, self-serve dry cleaning establishments, and similar operations, provided that all services performed on the premises shall be sold at retail on the same premises.
Medical or dental offices, clinics, or laboratories.
Medical Marijuana Dispensary, subject to the specific provisions in section 122-814.
Offices and showrooms of a plumber, electrician, upholsterer, caterer, decorator or similar trade, subject to the specific provisions in section 122-797.
Outdoor cafes, outdoor fast-food or sit-down restaurants, and beer gardens, subject to the specific provisions of section 122-799.

B4 conditional zone, PERMITTED uses
Personal service shops such as a tailor, barber, beauty, shoe repair, locksmith, photocopy services, photo processing, or similar personal service shop.
Private noncommercial recreational areas or social facilities, institutional or community recreational centers, and nonprofit swimming pool or tennis club, subject to the specific provisions in section 122-802.
Radio and television studios.
Private service clubs, lodges, banquet halls, and meeting halls.
Restaurants, including carry-out or delivery, sit-down, or fast-food, or any combination thereof. Drive-through facilities are permitted subject to the provisions in section 122-783.
Retail businesses which are intended to supply commodities on the premises for regional customers, such as: Food stores: grocery stores, food cooperatives, meats, dairy products, alcoholic beverages, baked goods, ice cream, and similar food products. The retail sale of poultry, fish, and game is permitted, provided that the slaughtering thereof is not allowed. The manufacture of food products, such as baked goods or ice cream, is permitted provided that 50 percent or more of the products are sold at retail from the same building, and all activities and storage occur within a completely enclosed building. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is prohibited.
Retail stores which sell personal use items such as drugs, dry goods, notions, hardware, books, magazines, periodicals, stationery and school supplies, artist's supplies, gifts, jewelry, records and video cassette sales, flowers, shoes, small household articles, tobacco products, toilet articles, wearing apparel and personal accessories, toys, and similar products.
Retail stores which offer comparison goods completely within a fully-enclosed building such as home appliances (including service and repair), camera and photography supplies, sporting goods, electronics, furniture, optical items, bicycle sales, home supply centers, paint and wallpaper stores, carpet, rug, and linoleum/tile stores, lawn care products and machinery, building materials, pets and pet supplies (provided that no animals are boarded except for sale and that all animals are boarded inside a building), hobby and craft stores, and similar specialty goods stores. The manufacture of sporting goods, small household items and crafts is permitted provided that 50 percent or more of the products are sold at retail from the same building and all activities and storage occur within a completely enclosed building.
Veterinary hospitals and clinics, subject to the specific provisions in section 122-809.
Video rental establishments.
Accessory uses customarily incidental and clearly ancillary to the above permitted uses when in accordance with article XI, division 2 of this chapter.

B4 Conditional Zone, SPECIAL uses
Any establishment intending to operate between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. during any 24-hour period.
Automotive service stations which provide minor repair only, as defined in Article 2, subject to the standards in Section 122-776, and located along a designated major thoroughfare; provided, however, that quick oil change facilities are not permitted.
Auto rental operations, including parking, storage, washing and repair facilities.
Coin-operated amusement arcades, and pool and billiard halls.
Emergency shelters for the homeless, subject to the Specific Provisions in Section 122-785.
Express and passenger terminals and express transfer facilities, subject to the Specific Provisions of Section 122-786.
Outdoor retail sales and display, subject to the specific provisions in Section 122-800.
Substance abuse treatment facilities subject to the Specific Provisions in Section 122-808.

Additional conditions for this approval are:

- Addition of trees and ornamental grass on south grove from property line (chain fence) adjacent to spring street to driveway on south grove
- Addition of wooden or rod iron fence adjacent to spring street
- Plant shrubs adjacent to fence near spring street
- **Work shall be completed by 12-31-2013**

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

Planner Gillotti explained that the text amendment has been modified to include a deadline of 12-31-13 for all conditions to be completed, if not, the zoning will revert back to B2.

She said there was also a question about area regulations, and whether the B2 or the B4 regulations will apply. Staff reviewed this, and the B4 base regulations will apply.

The chart below shows the differences between the two:

	B2 – 122.374...	B4
General	No building or structure nor any enlargement thereof in a B2 community business district shall be erected except in conformance with the following lot area, yard, and building coverage requirements:	No building or structure nor any enlargement thereof in a B4 general business district shall be hereafter erected except in conformance with the following lot area, yard, and building coverage requirements:
Lot area, width, and building coverage	The minimum lot area and width and the maximum percent of building coverage shall be determined by the use and the required off-street parking, loading, screening walls and yard setbacks as provided in this chapter for the respective uses and use districts.	The minimum lot area and width and the maximum percent of building coverage shall be determined by the use and the required off-street parking, loading, screening walls and yard setbacks as provided in this chapter for the respective uses and use districts.
Frontyard	Where all frontage on the same side of a street between two intersecting streets is located entirely within business zoning districts and where a setback has been established by 50 percent of such frontage, then this established setback shall determine the required front yard. In all other cases, there shall be a front yard of not less than 20 feet. In the B2 district, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, off-street parking may be permitted in any required or nonrequired yard areas, provided that such parking lot is located no closer than ten feet to any street right-of-way line and that a greenbelt is maintained between any parking lot and street right-of-way in accordance with subsection 122-835(11) b.	Where all frontage on the same side of a street between two intersecting streets is located entirely with business zoning districts and where a setback has been established by 50 percent of such frontage, then this established setback shall determine the required front yard. In all other cases, there shall be a front yard of not less than 30 feet. In the B4 district, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, off-street parking may be permitted in any required or nonrequired yard areas, provided that no parking lot is located closer than ten feet to any street right-of-way line and that a greenbelt is maintained between any parking lot and street right-of-way in accordance with subsection 122-835(11).
Side yards.	No side yards are required along the interior side lot lines if building walls are built of fire-retardant construction, except as otherwise specified in the building code. If walls of structures, facing such interior side lot lines, contain windows or other openings, side yards of not less than three feet shall be provided.	No side yards are required along the interior side lot lines if building walls are built of fire-retardant construction, except as otherwise specified in the building code. If walls of structures, facing such interior side lot lines, contain windows or other openings, side yards of not less than three feet shall be provided.

Street side yards.	On a corner lot, the street side yard setback shall conform to the requirements for a front yard in the B2 district. A minimum four-foot six inch wide greenbelt shall be maintained along a side yard street bordering a residential district in accordance with section 122-835 (11) b.	In the B4 general business district, the street side yard setback on a corner lot shall follow the requirements of subsection (2) of this section. A minimum four-foot six-inch wide greenbelt shall be maintained along a side yard street bordering a residential district in accordance with section 122-835 (11) b.
Courtyards	Courts starting at the ground floor level may be substituted for side yards opposite windows along an interior lot line, but not opposite exits, and shall be not less than five feet in depth for a one-story building, eight feet for a two-story building, plus two feet for each additional story.	Courts starting at the ground floor level may be substituted for side yards opposite windows along an interior lot line, but not opposite exits, and shall be not less than five feet in depth for a one-story building, eight feet for a two-story building, plus two feet for each additional story.
Rear Yards	There shall be a rear yard of not less than ten feet. If a building is used in part as a dwelling, a minimum rear yard of 25 feet plus five feet for each story in excess of two stories shall be provided, starting at the floor level first used as a dwelling. Rear yards abutting an alley may be measured from the centerline of an alley, provided no wall or fence is constructed along the rear property line.	There shall be a rear yard of not less than ten feet. If a building is used in part as a dwelling, a minimum rear yard of 25 feet plus five feet for each story in excess of two stories shall be provided, starting at the floor level first used as a dwelling. Rear yards abutting an alley may be measured from the centerline of an alley, provided no wall or fence is constructed along the rear property line.
Abutting a residential district	Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no principal building or accessory structure associated with a business use shall be located closer than 25 feet to any adjacent residential district. In addition, an obscuring fence or greenbelt shall be provided and maintained on those sides or rear of the property abutting land zoned residential, as provided by section 122-703.	Notwithstanding the above, no principal building or accessory structure associated with a business use shall be located closer than 25 feet to any adjacent residential district. In addition, an obscuring fence or greenbelt shall be provided and maintained on those sides or rear of the property abutting land zoned residential, as provided in section 122-703.
Height restrictions	Sec. 122-375 No building or structure in a B2 community business district shall exceed four stories or 50 feet in height, whichever is less. See section 122-640 for height exceptions	Sec. 122-415 No building or structure in the B4 general business district shall exceed six stories or 75 feet in height, whichever is less. See section 122-640 for height exceptions.
Development Standards	(a) Site plan review and approval are required for uses in the B2 district, in accordance with article IV of this chapter. (b) General standards. Buildings and uses in the B2 district shall be subject to all applicable standards and requirements set forth in this chapter, including nonconformities, general provisions, off-street parking requirements, signs, and flood damage prevention.	(a) Site plan review and approval are required for uses in the B4 district in accordance with article IV of this chapter. (b) General standards. Buildings and uses in the B4 district shall be subject to all applicable standards and requirements set forth in this chapter, including nonconformities, general provisions, off-street parking requirements, signs, and flood damage prevention.

The primary difference between the area regulations between the two districts is the height limit of 50 feet or 4 stories in the B2, or 75 feet or 6 stories (in both cases, whichever is less) in the B4.

Council Member Robb said he thinks it is bad to set a precedent like this and reminded Council of the future ramifications this could have.

Ms. Gillotti acknowledged a precedent is being set and said a policy can be created.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-279, Ordinance No. 1182 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2012-281, withdrawing from membership of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Ypsilanti City Council is a dues-paying member of the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has taken positions on issues important to the Council of the City of Ypsilanti as well as its residents. Specifically, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce supported passage of Right To Work legislation, opposed increasing the minimum wage, supports the elimination of personal property tax, opposed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and advocated for the loosening of DNR/DEQ regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has spent millions of dollars lobbying for these legislative changes; and

WHEREAS, these positions are counter to the beliefs of the majority of the citizens of the City of Ypsilanti;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Ypsilanti hereby renounces its members in the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce effective immediately.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Murdock

Council Member Murdock gave the background. He said over months the city has been subject to policies by the Chamber that the city does not support. He said he thinks city memberships should be limited to government organizations which are appropriate. He said the city can work with the chamber without being a member.

Mayor Schreiber said he agrees with the resolution except for the last resolved clause. He said dues are \$328.50 a year which is a small amount for what the chamber does for the region. He said the city gave

\$5,000 to SPARK to form a public/private partnership because it is not a governmental organization either. He thanked Mr. LaBarre for attending the meeting and said he will vote against the resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she feels membership should afford City Council a voice in anything the chamber does or supports. She said she feels Ypsilanti doesn't have a chamber anymore since moving to Ann Arbor. She said she would like to know how the chamber responded to the actions of the Michigan Chamber or if they did.

Mr. LaBarre again reiterated that the organizations are separate entities and the local chamber did not weigh in on the national efforts. He said the local chamber utilizes the Michigan chamber for training but they are unable to control the positions they take and support.

Tom Harrison, Chamber Chair, said the Ypsilanti Chamber is more vibrant now than ever and is doing a lot in the community. He said he was involved in the merger and sometimes everyone doesn't agree with what is supported, however members are listened to. He said the chamber has been instrumental in bringing people to Ypsilanti from Ann Arbor.

Council Member Vogt said he was conflicted about this issue and was on the fence, however he agrees with Council Member Murdock and Mayor Schreiber. He said he doesn't find the membership totally spoiled and he believes there is positive value in remaining a member. He said in the future he hopes the chamber will not support what the city openly opposes.

Council Member Moeller said not issuing a comment means you support something. She said she has an issue with this because she believes the chamber should stand up if you're against something.

Council Member Murdock said a resolution of opposition should go the Michigan chamber from the local chamber.

Mayor Schreiber said he hopes the chamber takes note of this and considers it in the future.

Council Member Robb said he feels that fundamentally the city shouldn't belong to clubs that are not municipally based.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-281 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 3 No: 4 (Schreiber, Jefferson, Richardson, Vogt) Absent: 0 Vote: Failed

3. Resolution No. 2012-280, adopting the "80/20 Cap" option for employee contributions to its medical benefits plan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 of 2011 (hereinafter "the Act") establishes new restrictions on how much public employers, including the City of Ypsilanti, can pay toward the medical benefit plans offered to employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has four (4) options as provided for in the Act under which compliance with all provisions of the Act can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by majority vote, may select an option under which it would pay no more than eighty percent (80%) of the "total annual costs" of the medical benefit plans it offers to employees; and

WHEREAS, the Act does not apply to medical benefit plans that include benefits provided to individuals retired from a public employer; and

WHEREAS, the Act applies to medical insurance (including prescription drugs) but does not apply to dental, vision or other insurance plans, such as life or disability insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Act states that groups of employees who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement or "other contract" which is in effect "on the effective date of the Act" are exempted from the "80/20 Cap" requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that no agreement "executed" after September 15, 2011 can include terms which are inconsistent with the requirements of the "80/20 Cap" option and that the collective bargaining agreement and "other contract" exemption last until the contract expires.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council does hereby approve and adopt the "80/20 Cap" option as provided for in Public Act 152 of 2011, to become effective January 1, 2012.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

City Manager Lange gave the background and pointed out that cost difference. He indicated that some of the changes are written in some of the union contracts. He said it is required annually by law to choose either 80/20, hard-cap or opt-out.

Council Member Robb expressed dissatisfaction with not receiving the information in a timely manner. He encouraged council to vote no and said he hasn't received the salary information he requested in October. He said one size doesn't fit all.

Council Member Moeller said she understands Mr. Robb's viewpoint. She said her issue is that she would like the unions to be able to negotiate for them and decide between 80/20 or hard cap.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-280 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 1 (Robb) Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

4. Resolution No. 2012-276, approving the contract with Washtenaw County for computer technology, network infrastructure and telephone support services through June 30, 2016.
(Added)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti's current support services contract with Washtenaw County expired on September 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County extended the contract to expire on December 15, 2012 while both parties re-evaluates the contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract pricing was included in the City of Ypsilanti's 2012-2013 budget approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the contract drawn up between the City of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County was approved by the Ypsilanti City Attorney as to form; and

WHEREAS, the contract specifies that the cost for all contracted services rendered will not exceed \$381,000 which will be paid over a three years and nine months period ending in June 30, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the contract for computer technology and network infrastructure and telephone support services to Washtenaw County.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

Mr. Lange said this is an inherited contract. He gave the background and said Mr. Andy Brush is here to answer questions.

Background

Washtenaw County has been providing technical support services to the City of Ypsilanti under contract since September 19, 2006. The benefits of this partnership have been many. To name a few: City employees have access to the Washtenaw County help desk and a standardized support system. We continue having access to a high speed network connection, network redundancy, email archiving, threat stop internet security and shared data Center. City employees are eligible to attend technical training in various software applications as provided by the County to its employees. All City PCs were replaced and standardized and the County has provided the City with wireless internet access as well as accessing data through Citrix from anywhere. The County has assisted the City in making sure that software licensing is kept current including allowing the City to buy necessary licenses in collaboration with the County. The County and the City has combined licenses for the GIS application currently being used by both. The County also assisted us implementing the document management system between the Clerk's office and the Finance Department digitizing their records. The County provided the necessary technical expertise for moving the telephone extensions from one office to another. The County maintains the voice mail messages for the Nortel Telephone System.

The County is a very important partner in the installation of the BS & A Software upgrade for the Assessing, Treasury and Building Departments. They provided the necessary technical expertise in speeding up the installation of the BS & A software upgrade.

The pricing included in the contract is consistent with the expense included in the City's five year Computer Equipment budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 presented to and approved by City Council in June 2012.

The contract that has been drawn up between the City and the County, which was approved as to form by the Ypsilanti City Attorney, states that services will be provided from December 16, 2012 to June 30, 2016. The benefits of such a long-term plan, in contrast to a shorter contract, will allow for greater stability and security in the City's networks as well as allow time for additional collaboration to take place between the City and County.

Mr. Brush said the County has a robust infrastructure, 20+ personnel and fiber connections at EMU thus they are able to extend a lot of services and expertise to the city. He said the County isn't making money off the contract.

Mr. Lange added that a recent audit was done and 10 personal computers were eliminated that we no longer need.

Mr. Brush said the contract allows the city to have access to 20+ expert staff members with broad skill sets and back-up.

Council Member Robb asked why the city isn't doing an evaluation of services before signing another contract.

Mr. Lange answered the services are the same price and his goal is to stabilize the price.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2012-276 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 1 (Robb) Absent: 0 Vote: Carried

XV. LIASON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update – SEMCOG is moving to a new location. No meeting until February, 2013
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Meeting tomorrow. Director Blackmore retired for a job in Colorado.
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance- No meeting
- D. Urban County – Public hearing notice for consolidation plan coming.
- E. Freight House – Quinn/Evans is doing the drawings to be submitted to SHPO. Should be done by February.

XVI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

RICHARDSON

- Send Newtown a letter of condolence from City Council
- Expressed satisfaction that the Governor didn't sign the gun bill.
- Said City Council should pressure Congress regarding gun laws in U.S.
- Annual Christmas Dinner at Corey's Chicken coming soon and volunteers are needed.
- Asked if Council ever completed the tasks suggested by the 20/20 Task Force
- Asked Ms. McMullan to arrange for a Council photo.

MURDOCK

- Inquired about the TAP Grant and if the city would apply. He said it could help with the handicap ramps.

Mr. Lange said there are thousands of ramps out there and we pledged to spend \$100,000 annually.

Mr. Murdock asked if there is an end game.

Mr. Lange said the city will use CDBG funds and Metro Act funds to continue to work towards completion. He said the city has about 5-7 more years.

ROBB

- Expressed dissatisfaction with Council materials not being received in a timely manner.

MOELLER

- Commented that the speed limit on Washtenaw is too fast for turning and is very noisy.
- She said the EMU Student Government wants to host a Leadership Dinner with the City in order to foster more cooperation and asked if City Council is interested.

Mayor Schreiber said he would contact the Student Government President.

VOGT

- Announced that he and his wife recently moved to Stadium Meadows condominiums on Hewitt Road across from the convocation center.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Reported on recent accomplishments of the Mayor's Against Illegal Guns who successfully advocated keeping background checks as a part of issuing gun permits. He praised the organization for their efforts and said they are involved in many other major issues in which he will keep Council abreast of.
- Announced he will be out of town for the January 22nd meeting.
- Appreciated the work of staff and said he understands City Council can be demanding.

Board and Commission Nominations:

Historic District Commission

Jane Schmiedeke (reappointment)
313 High
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Term Expires: 1/31/2016

Historic District Commission

Alex Pettit (reappointment)
945 Sheridan
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Term Expires: 1/31/2016

Property Tax Board of Review

Craig Hupy (reappointment)
1124 N. Congress
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Term Expires: 12/31/2014

Property Tax Board of Review

Eric Dotzauer (reappointment)
213 E. Forest
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Term Expires: 12/31/2014

Property Tax Board of Review

Andy Fanta (new appointment)
1221 Westmoorland
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Term Expires: 12/31/2014

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- Thanked Frank Daniels, Teresa Gillotti and Jesse O'Jack for their work on the show-cause hearings.
- Commented that the Kircher properties have been bought.
- Commented on the importance of having a Fire Marshal.
- Announced the Crown Victoria city vehicle is going and is in keeping with the SEMCOG study which recommended getting rid of unnecessary overhead.
- Said the city is expecting a \$72,000 refund check for overcharges on street lights.
- Dog license enforcement is going smoothly with the County Treasurer's office. It is possible that an animal inventory of the city will be conducted soon.
- Announced Mr. Barr recently conducted a new city council member orientation.
- Enforcement completed at 720 Cambridge.
- Reported he will be around over the holiday if anyone needs to contact him.
- Reported that YPD is working hard on the suspicious EMU student death and there isn't much to report on at this time.

Mr. Murdock asked why EMU didn't want YPD there.

Mr. Lange answered they were afraid it would be a media circus. He said he spoke with Mr. Leigh Greden and everyone has offered their 100% support and help.

- Announced he was recently approached by the Ypsilanti Credit Bureau about stepping up collection on delinquent matters and he is thinking over it.
- Reported that Goal Setting materials will be distributed soon.

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

None

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

A. Resolution No. 2012-282, 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 Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.