



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
[Launch Meeting - Zoom](#)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS**
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 60 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)**
- VI. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month
 - B. Proclamation for Provider Appreciation Day
 - C. Proclamation for National Public Works Week
 - D. Budget Presentation
- VII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING**
 - A. Ordinance No. 1463 – “The 2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance.”
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-106, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-105, determination.
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Resolution No. 2026-107 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.
 - B. Resolution No. 2026-108 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council.
 - C. Resolution No. 2026-109 Declaring 326 E. Michigan Blighted, in accordance with Act 381, and recommending that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners make a similar determination, to allow the Youth Arts Alliance to be eligible to apply for a Local Brownfield Revolving Fund grant from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority.
- IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

- A. Resolution No. 2026-110 Approving traffic control orders as listed and adopting Ordinance No. 1462, entitled "2026 Spring Traffic Control Orders" upon second and final reading.
- B. Tabled Resolution No. 2026-102 Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years.
- C. Resolution No. 2026-097, A resolution directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and requesting County buy-in.
- D. Discussion Item - Water Street clear cutting.
- E. Discussion Item - Gas Leaf Blower Ban.

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Police Advisory Commission
- B. Human Relations Commission
- C. Parks and Arts Commission
- D. Sustainability Commission
- E. Historic District Commission
- F. Planning Commission
- G. Zoning Board of Appeals

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
- C. Urban County
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority
- E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.



PROCLAMATION
May 5, 2026

Mental Health Awareness Month 2026

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the overall health and well-being of every individual, and all residents experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

WHEREAS, prevention and early intervention are effective strategies to reduce the burden of mental health conditions, and there are practical tools available to improve mental health and increase resilience; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are prevalent, with 1 in 5 adults experiencing a mental health condition in a given year, and 1 in 6 youth aged 6–17 experiencing a mental health disorder each year; and

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Mental Health America, and other organizations observe Mental Health Awareness Month in May to increase awareness and promote recovery; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to promote mental well-being, support those in need, and foster community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month theme is **“More Good Days, Together”**, reflecting the importance of valuing and supporting mental health for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NICOLE BROWN, MAYOR of the City of Ypsilanti hereby proclaim May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Ypsilanti, in recognition of the importance of mental health and the need for collective action to improve well-being for all residents.

Be it Further Resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council:

1. **Encourages all departments, agencies, schools, and community partners** to increase awareness of mental health, mental wellness, and available resources.
2. **Supports community outreach and education** through events such as mental health screenings, advocacy town halls, and partnerships with local organizations, healthcare providers, and schools.
3. **Promotes the use of the official awareness color (green)** in public spaces, events, and communications to symbolize mental health awareness .
4. **Advocates for policy and funding priorities** that strengthen mental health services, including crisis response, early intervention, and prevention programs.
5. **Encourages self-care and community support** as part of daily life, recognizing that mental health is as important as physical health.
6. **Calls on all residents, businesses, and institutions** to participate in creating a culture where mental health is valued and supported.

Given under my hand and seal of the
City of Ypsilanti May 5, 2026.
Nicole Brown, Mayor



PROCLAMATION
May 5, 2026

Provider Appreciation Day – May 8, 2026

WHEREAS, Child Care Aware® of America and organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, the childcare system supports children’s growth, development, and educational advancement while creating positive economic impacts for families and communities; and

WHEREAS, childcare providers are essential to the health of our communities by fostering safe and welcoming spaces, supporting working families, and creating enriching environments where children develop lifelong skills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that childcare has been and continues to be a lifeline for families, communities, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti recognizes that our community benefits from comprehensive, well-resourced Child Care Resource & Referral organizations, which build the supply and quality of childcare and support childcare providers through coaching, mentoring, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, support for affordable, accessible, high-quality childcare represents a worthy commitment to help families work, support children’s healthy development and learning, and keep our economy growing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NICOLE BROWN, MAYOR of the City of Ypsilanti hereby proclaim May 8, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day in the City of Ypsilanti and urge all citizens to recognize childcare providers for their important work and how valuable they are to our communities.

Given under my hand and seal of the
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Nicole Brown, Mayor

Me’Chelle King, City Council Member



PROCLAMATION
May 5, 2026

National Public Works Week - May 17–23, 2026

“Rooted in Service, Powered by Community”

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the City of Ypsilanti; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in the City of Ypsilanti to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, be it now,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NICOLE BROWN, MAYOR of the City of Ypsilanti hereby proclaim the week of May 17–23, 2026, as National Public Works Week. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

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AMENDED BUDGET 25-26; ORIGINAL BUDGET 26-27 AND ORIGINAL BUDGET 27-28

Management Proposed Budget

Area Covered	Presented by
Budget Overview(4/21)	Andrew Hellenga-City Manager
Operating Budget(4/21)	Rheagan Basabica-Finance Director
Capital Budget(Next Meeting 5/14)	Bonnie Wessler-DPW Director
Department Budget(Next Meeting 5/14)	Department Directors

Outline

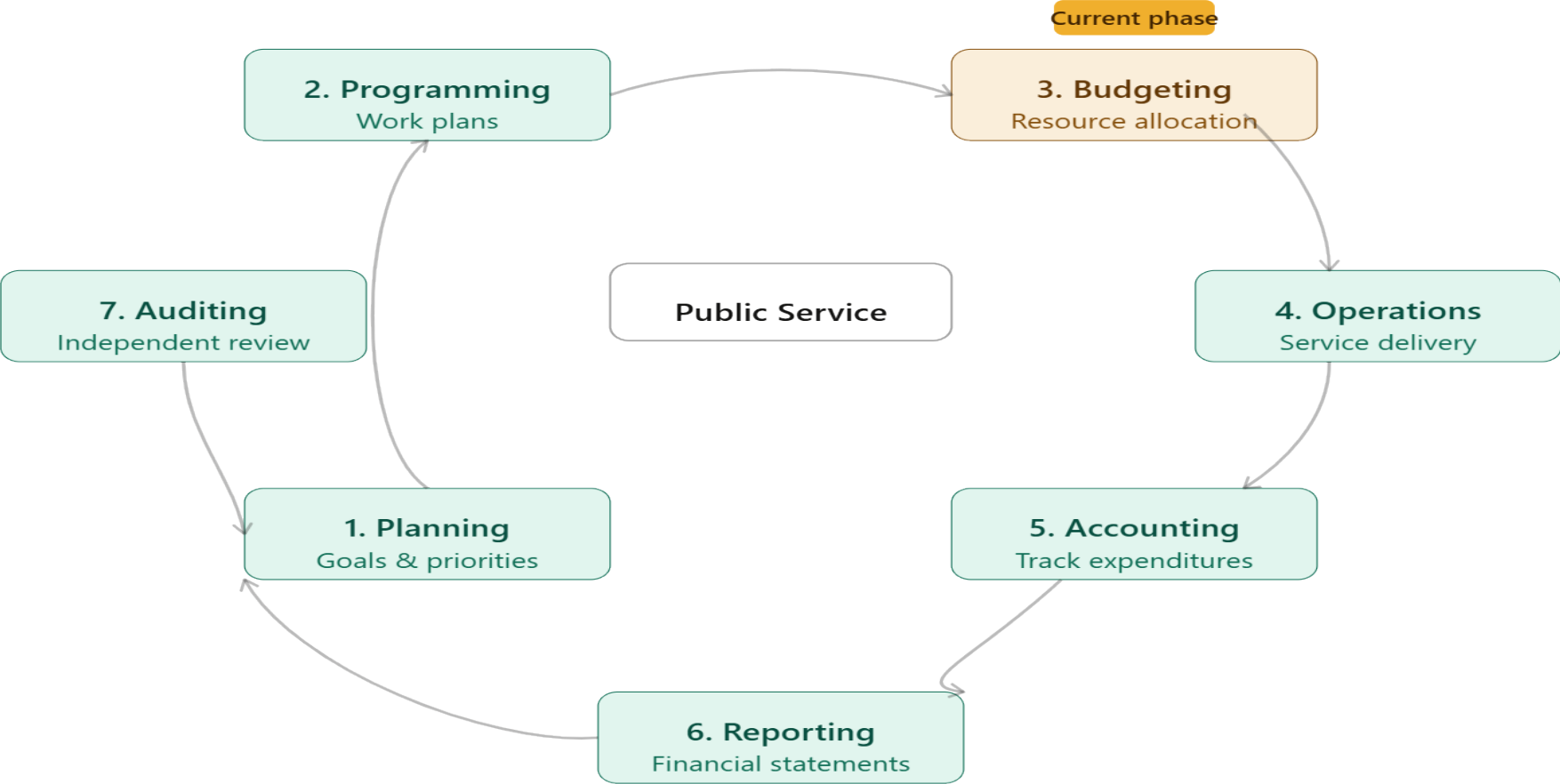
1. Important Dates
2. Budget Overview
3. Operating Budget
4. Capital Budget (Presented During Department Presentations)
5. Questions, Recommendations and Council Amendments

Important Dates

- April 16, 2026
 - Publish Public Notice(Sec 5.05 and 5.12 of City Charter)
- April 30, 2026
 - Submit Management Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
- May 5, 2026
 - Hold public hearing on Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Plan(Sec 5.05 and 5.12 of City Charter)
- May 12, 2026
 - Departmental Presentations
- May 19 or June 2 2026 (before June 7)
 - Adopt Budget pursuant to Sec 5.05 of City Charter
 - Adopt Capital Improvement Program pursuant to Sec. 5.12 of City Charter
- July 1, 2026
 - Budget takes effect

Management Cycle

Public Service



2025-2026 Budget Priority

- **1. Public Infrastructure, Buildings, and Roads**
Investing in critical infrastructure remains our top priority. Upgrades and maintenance of public facilities, roads, and essential buildings will ensure long-term sustainability, accessibility, and efficiency in service delivery.
- **2. Water Street Property**
Focused attention will be given to the Water Street area as a key area for economic revitalization, public use, and community engagement. This includes infrastructure improvements, and use of local residents and businesses.
- **3. Public Safety and Public Health**
Sustaining and enhancing public safety services and public health initiatives is essential for community well-being. Strategic investments will support emergency response and mental health services.
- **4. Shelter and Housing**
Addressing housing insecurity and expanding shelter capacity are critical. The budget will support initiatives aimed at increasing affordable housing options and improving access to emergency and transitional shelters.
- **5. Staffing Capacity**
Recruitment, retention, and development of staff across departments are necessary to maintain high-quality services. This includes investing in training, competitive compensation, and organizational resilience.

2026-2027 Budget Priority

- **Budget Priority 1: Water Street**
- **Budget Priority 2: Public Infrastructure: Roads, Walks, Bridges**
- **Budget Priority 3: Public Spaces (Parks, Restrooms)**
- **Budget Priority 4: Youth Engagement/Development**
- **Budget Priority 5: Unarmed Response Strategy**
- **Budget Priority 6: Shelter/Housing**

Challenges

1. Structural Budget Deficits

- The city is experiencing ongoing infrastructure needs that require substantial funding, which has resulted in a declining fund balance.

2. Asset Management

- The condition of municipal buildings is deteriorating, presenting significant challenges for maintenance and the expansion of operational capabilities.
- Infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and park systems, require improvements ranging from complete reconstruction to enhancements in maintenance practices.
- There may be a necessity for debt services to support asset rehabilitation efforts.

3. Revenue Growth

- The city's development has largely reached its capacity, limiting opportunities for infill development. It is imperative for the city to attract skilled developers to diversify housing options.

4. Underfunded Core Services

- Certain service funds, such as those for waste collection and capital projects, rely heavily on subsidies from the General Fund.
- There is increasing pressure to maintain or enhance service delivery without corresponding increases in revenue.

5. Staffing

- Even with planned staffing levels, capacity remains limited, potentially leading to employee burnout and decreased morale. Management must adopt innovative approaches to cross-training and provide growth opportunities for staff.
- While significant investments have been made in the tools utilized by staff, there is a need for further identification of more efficient methods for completing routine tasks.
- Opportunities for cross-training should be maximized to enhance human capital and support succession planning.
- Salary compression issues need to be addressed.

6. Environmental Concerns

- Continued efforts are necessary at the Water Street site for the removal of PCBs and subsequent redevelopment.
- Improvements in stormwater management are critical as adverse weather patterns intensify.

7. Housing Needs

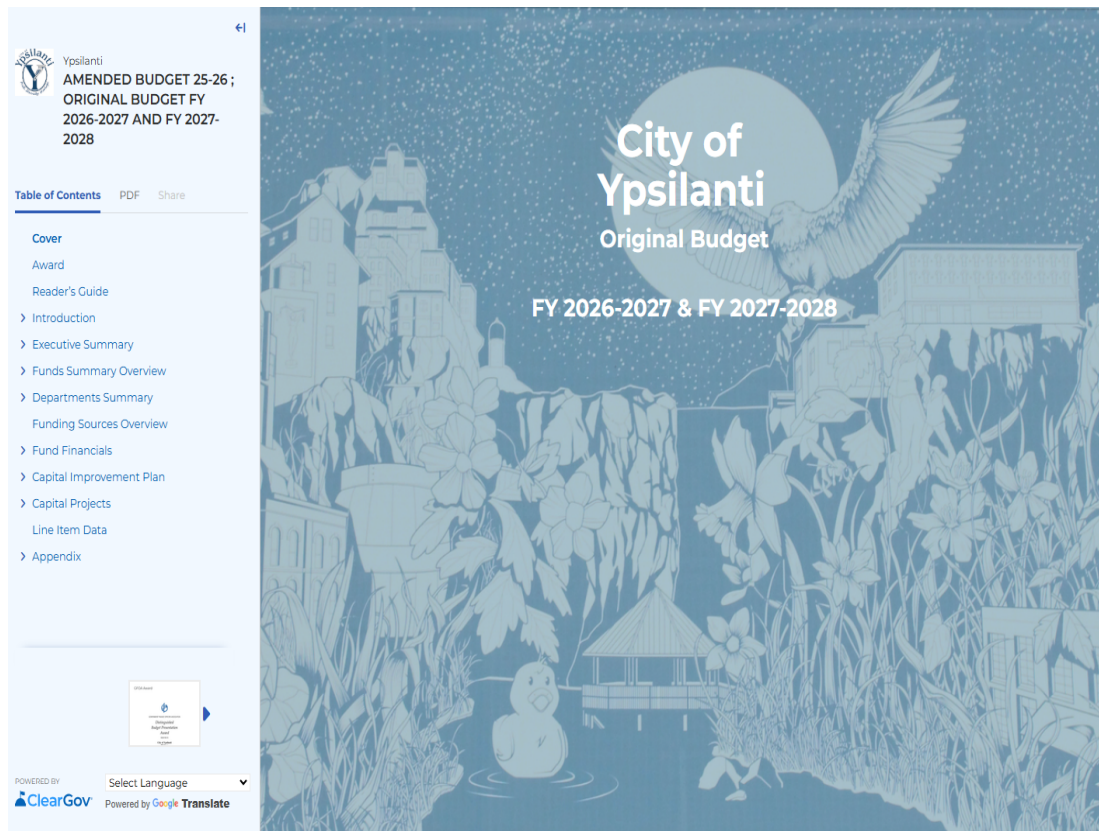
- There is a critical demand for both affordable and market-rate housing units to ensure operational sustainability and stabilize the local economy.
- Housing opportunities for the most vulnerable populations must be prioritized.

Management Proposed Budget

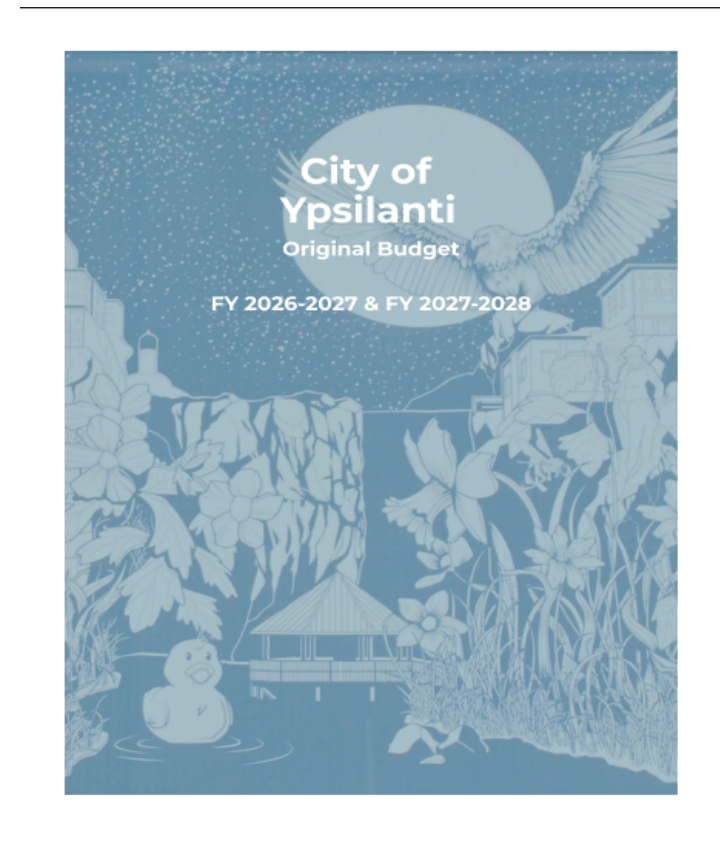
Last Year	Current Year	Next Year
FY 2024-2025 Amended Budget		
FY 2025-2026 Amended Budget	2nd Amended Budget FY 2025-2026	
	FY 2026-2027 Original Budget	Amend FY 2026-2027
	FY 2027-2028 Original Budget	Amend FY 2027-2028

Reference(available @ city website)

- Digital Budget Book



- PDF Version(Print version @chambers)



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Citizen's Guide to Finances

Explore the City of Ypsilanti's financial data, including revenues, expenditures, and debt provided to promote transparency and help residents understand how public funds are used.

Resources




- [Transparency Center](#)
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TRANSPARENCY CENTER

CITY OF
Ypsilanti
Washtenaw County, MI MAYOR: NICOLE BROWN

Overview Revenues Expenditures Demographics Debt






Demographic Snapshot

 POPULATION 19,857 ▲ 957% Higher than state median	 MEDIAN HOME VALUE \$232,700 ▲ .5% Higher than state median	 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$46,588 ▼ 36% Lower than state median
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* Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimates

[View More Demographics](#)

Operating Budget

1. ✂ Amendments in the General Fund
2. 2 Year Original General Fund 2 Year Budget
3.  Revenue & Economic Drivers
4.  Personnel & Operations
5.  Fund Movements-Transfers
6. Other Funds
7.  Long-Term Commitments (Debt)
8.  Financial Position
9. Questions and Discussions

General Fund Amended Budget 25-26

Beginning Fund Balance	25-26 Amended Budget	Ending Fund Balance
12,393,718.78	(3,406,835.00)	8,986,883.78

Original Approved Budget Shortfall
Projected Shortfall after Amendment
Improvement

(\$3.73 M)
(\$3.40 M)
\$326K

What Changed?

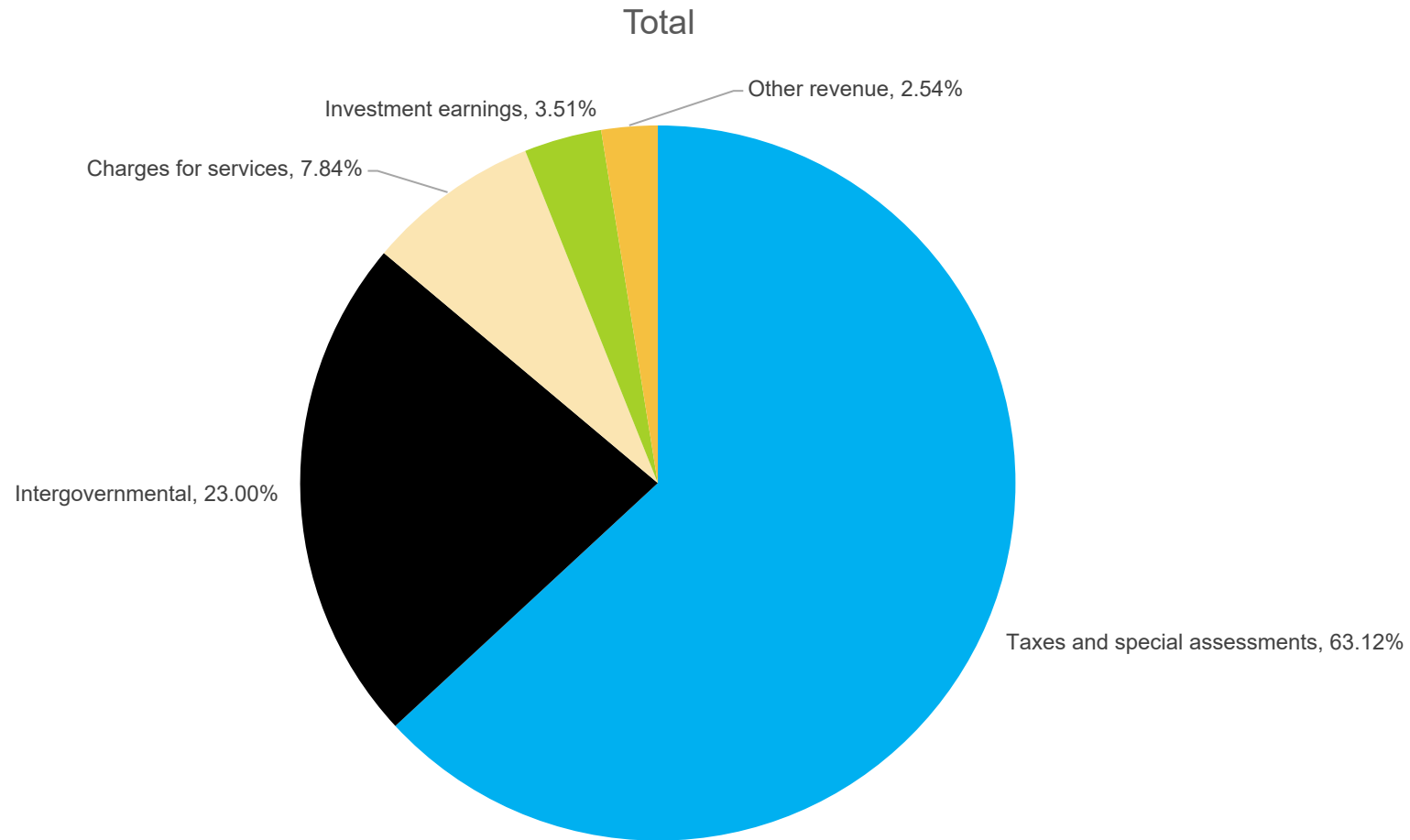
Fund		101		
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	25-26 Amendment
Revenue				
⊕ Taxes and special assessments		11,230,724	11,280,945	50,221
⊕ Charges for services		1,083,950	1,365,760	281,810
⊕ Fines and forfeits		105,000	228,624	123,624
⊕ Intergovernmental		4,039,257	4,315,185	275,928
⊕ Investment earnings		608,192	608,192	0
⊕ Licenses and permits		309,875	328,794	18,919
⊕ Other revenue		204,102	344,025	139,923
Revenue Total		17,581,100	18,471,525	890,425
Expenditure				
⊕ Salaries and Benefits		(13,251,219)	(13,532,293)	(281,074)
⊕ Operating Expenses		(4,928,411)	(5,211,586)	(283,175)
⊕ Transfers		(3,084,481)	(3,084,481)	0
⊕ Water Street Fee		(50,000)	(50,000)	0
Expenditure Total		(21,314,111)	(21,878,360)	(564,249)
Grand Total		(3,733,011)	(3,406,835)	326,176

Original Budget 26-27 and 27-28

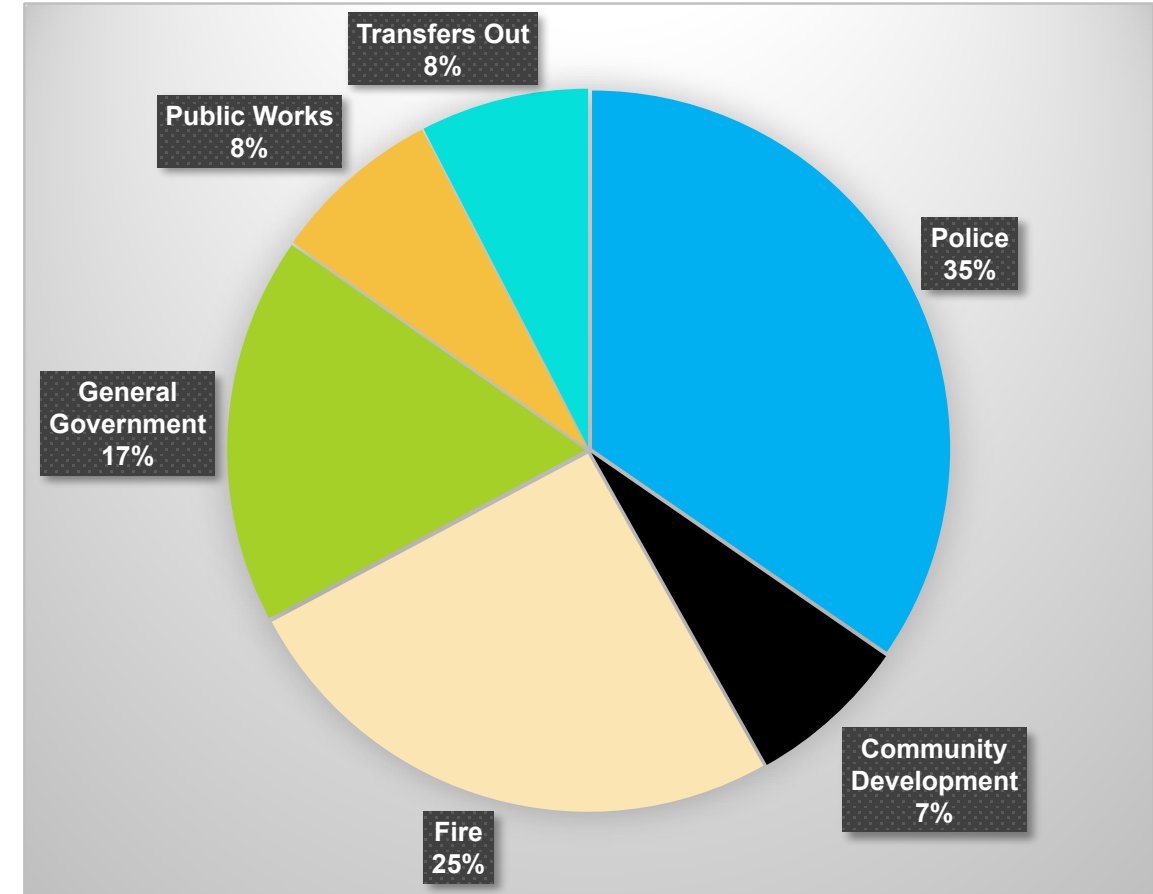
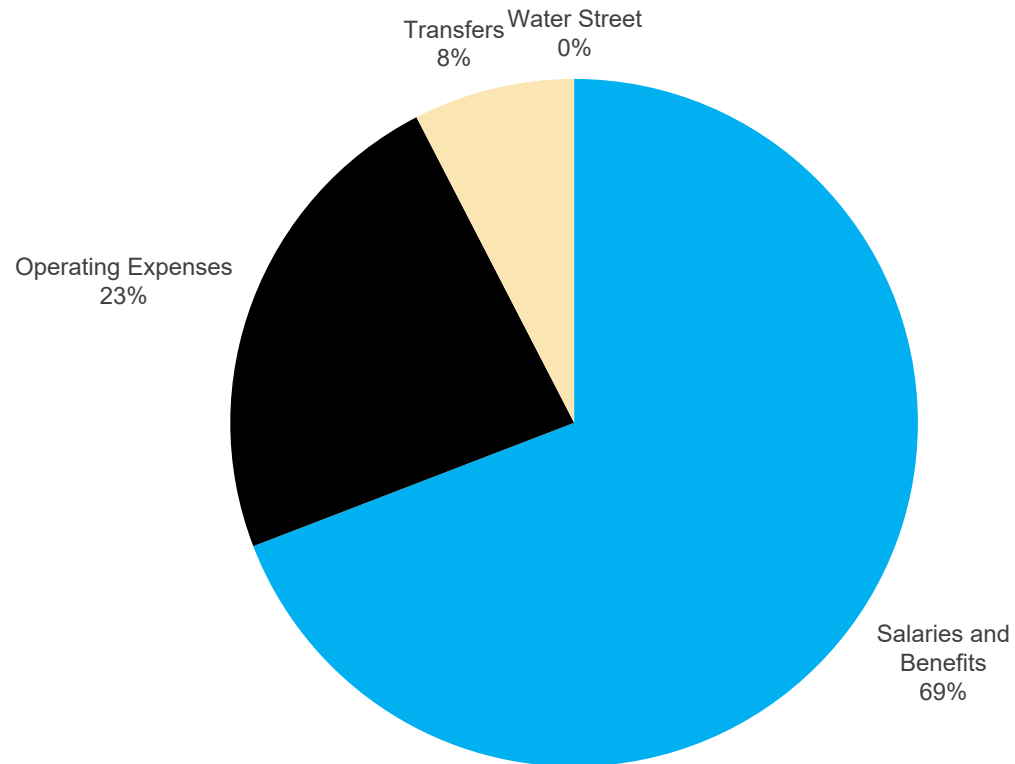
Budget Assumptions

Category	Summary
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stable outlook; inflation elevated;• State Shared Revenue steady
Revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modest tax growth;• stable collections;• no reliance on one-time revenue
Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel-driven and based on CBA;• Vacancy savings continue on Police Dept Only• Inflation impacts operations• Priority based capital spending
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain service levels
Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology, asset management, staff development focus
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic uncertainty; rising costs; aging infrastructure; grant variability

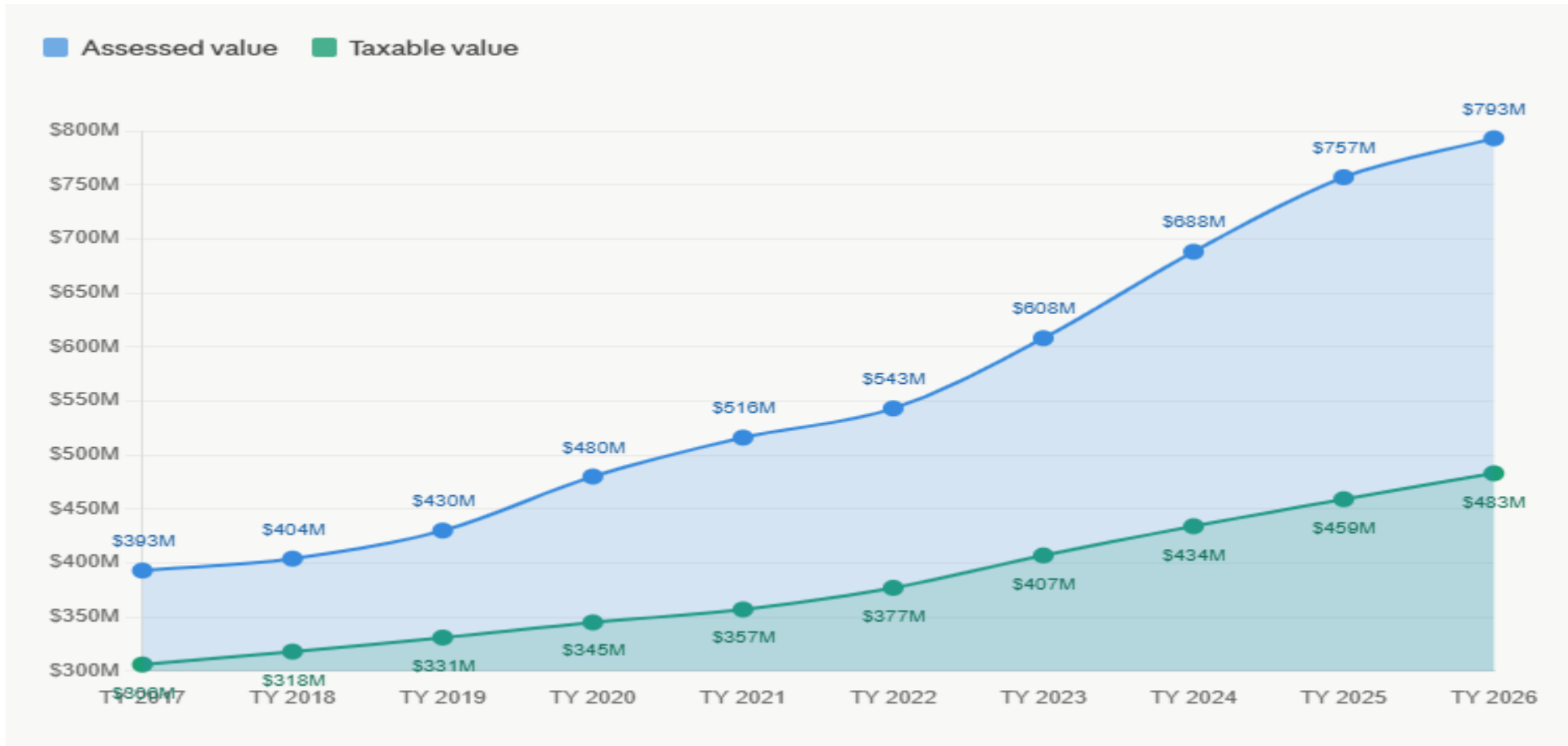
General Fund Revenue by source



General Fund Expense Category



Property Value Trends and Revenue Impacts












Property Tax Breakdown



Where Your \$1 in Property Taxes Goes



	City	\$0.46
	Washtenaw County	\$0.12
	Ypsi Schools	\$0.11
	State Education	\$0.10
	WISD	\$0.09
	WCC	\$0.05
	AAATA (Transit)	\$0.04
	Library	\$0.04
	HCMA	\$0.04

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2025 Taxable Value and Millage Rates

- 2026 Taxable Value \$482,996,072; 2025 Taxable Value \$ 458,505,720 (5.34% ↑)
- 2026 Inflation Rate Multiplier **2.7%**,
- 2026 Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction .9821

Millage Description	Maximum	2025 Millage	2026 Millage	Net Decrease
General Operating	20.0000	16.7690	16.4688	.3002
Police & Fire Pension & OPEB	By Need	7.5475	7.0657	.4818
Sanitation	3.0000	2.4516	2.4077	.0439
Public Transit	.9789	.8626	.8471	.0155
Water St. LTGO Rfdg Bonds 2016A	Debt	1.5846	1.5178	.0668
TOTAL		29.2153	28.3071	.9082

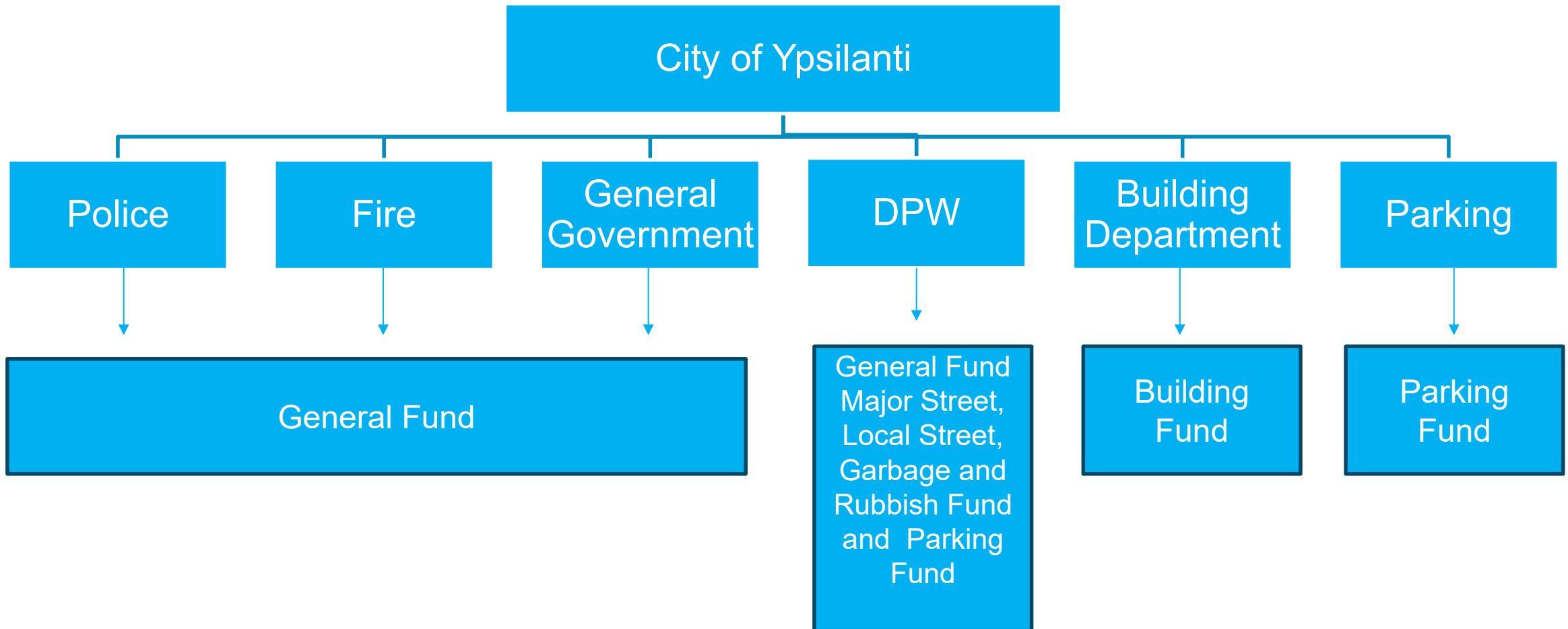
Personnel

Department	2025-2026	2026-2027	Inc/Dec
Legislative	7	7	
General Government	31.34	31.47	0.13
Police	42.70	42.70	
Fire	24	24	
Public Works	34.25	34	-0.25
Building	5.33	6.33	1.00
Parking	2	2	
Total	146.62	147.50	.88

Additional Position
1 Housing Inspector

Vacant Positions
5 Police Department
2 Crossing Guards
4 Public Works

How are personnel funded?



Balanced Budget

Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act
Act 2 of 1968

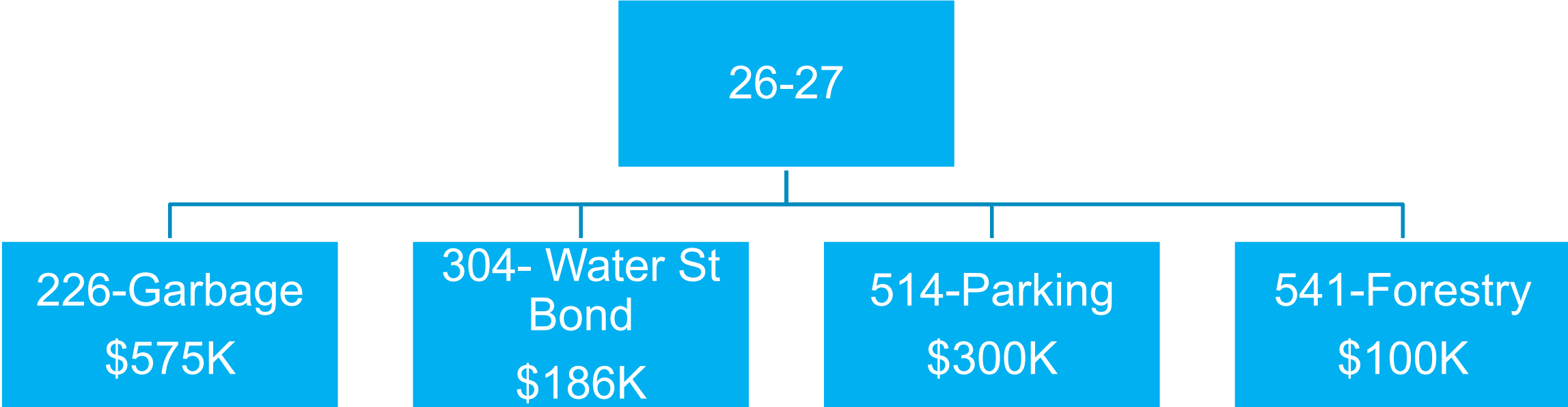
“Prohibit deficit spending by a local unit of government

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Revenue	Equal	Higher	Lower
Expenditure	Equal	Lower	Higher
Use of Fund Balance	No	No	Yes
	Balanced	Favorable	Structural Gap

General Fund Budget

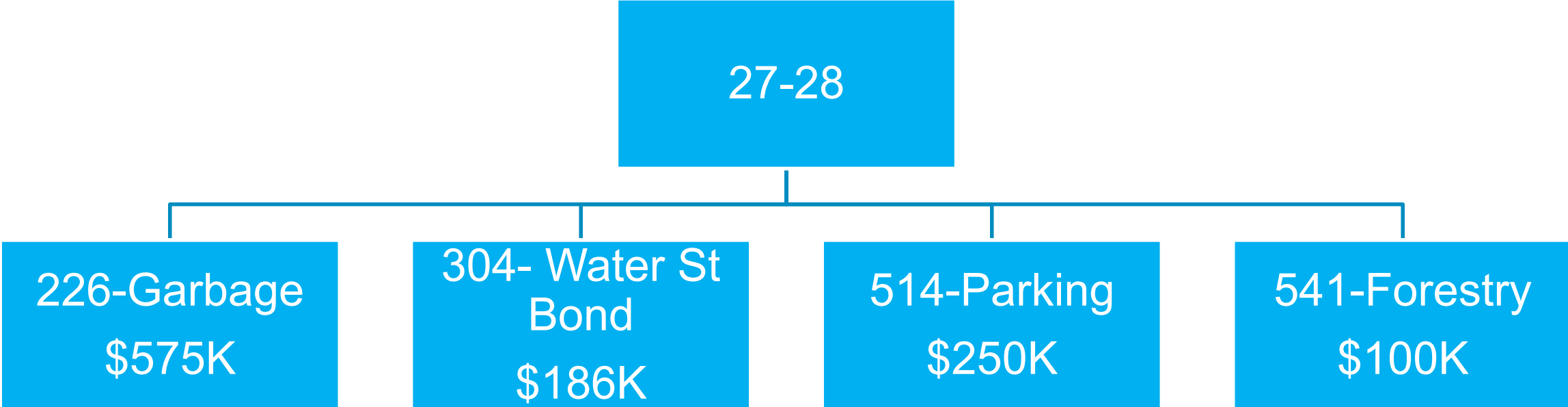
GENERAL FUND					
101					
	Fund Balance Beginning	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End
	\$ 12,393,718.78	\$ (3,406,835.00)	\$ (1,984,570.00)	\$ (2,105,786.00)	\$ 4,896,527.78
Fund	101				
Revenues	Description	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	26-27/25-26
[-] Revenue					
⊕ Taxes		11,280,945	11,343,780	11,575,879	100.56%
⊕ Charges for services		1,365,760	1,408,789	1,408,839	103.15%
⊕ Intergovernmental		4,315,185	4,134,470	4,134,470	95.81%
⊕ Investment earnings		608,192	630,000	630,000	103.59%
⊕ Other Revenue		901,443	456,050	461,150	50.59%
Revenue Total		18,471,525	17,973,089	18,210,338	97.30%
[-] Expenditure					
⊕ Salaries and Benefits		(13,532,293)	(14,043,584)	(14,488,957)	103.78%
⊕ Operating Expenses		(5,261,586)	(4,724,322)	(4,685,447)	89.79%
⊕ Transfers		(3,084,481)	(1,189,753)	(1,141,720)	38.57%
Expenditure Total		(21,878,360)	(19,957,659)	(20,316,124)	91.22%
Grand Total		(3,406,835)	(1,984,570)	(2,105,786)	58.25%

General Fund Transfers 26-27



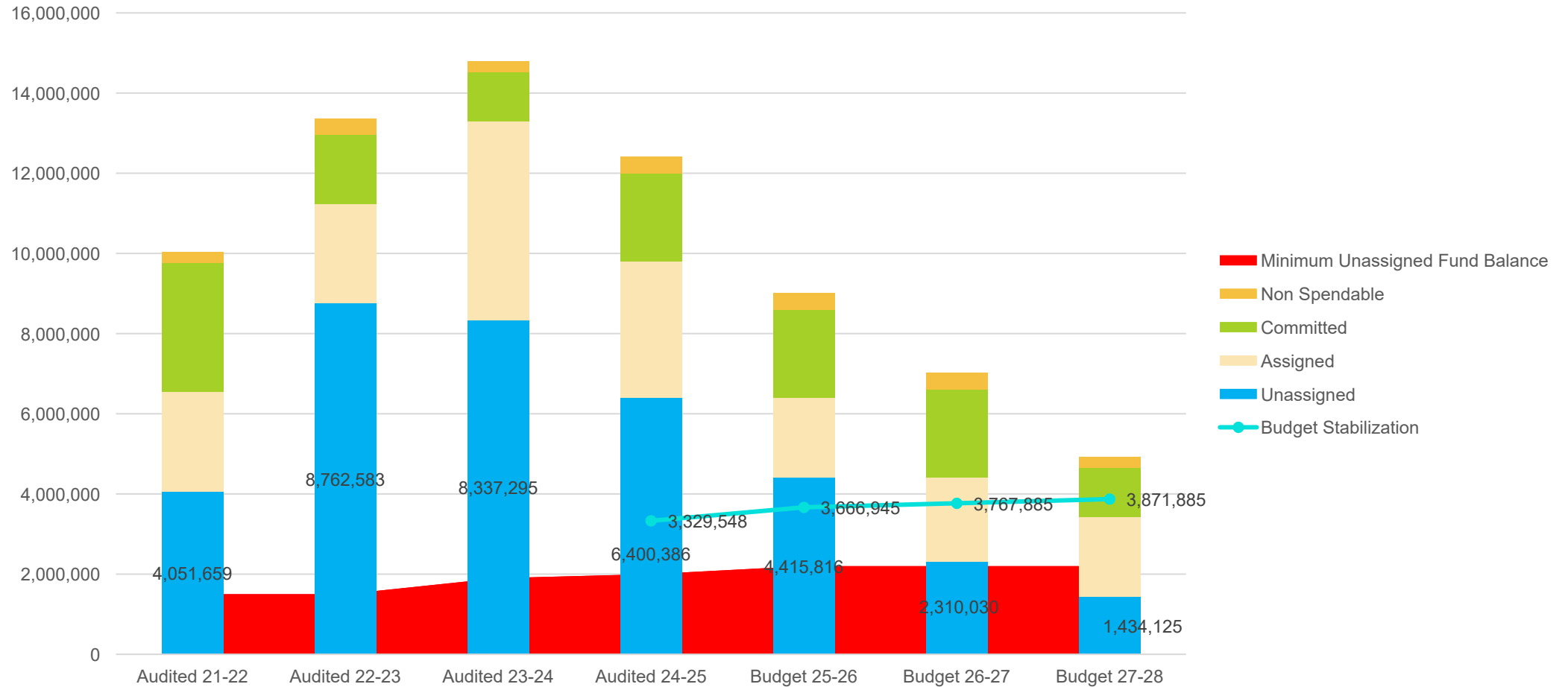
Total Transfer 26-27- \$1.1M

General Fund Transfers 27-28



Total Transfer 27-28 \$1.1M

General Fund Balance



Other Funds: Housing Fund

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End		
	26,117.87	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	326,117.87		
	102						
Fund	102						
Revenues	Description	25-26 Activity Total	25-26 Current Budget	Adjustment	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
[-] Revenue							
[+] Transfers in		0	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
Revenue Total		0	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
[-] Expenditure							
[+] Culture and recreation		0	0	0	0	0	0
[+] Operating Expenses		0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Total		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		0	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000

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Budget Stabilization Fund

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End		
	\$ 3,329,548.0	\$ 337,397.0	\$ 100,940.0	\$ 104,000.0	\$ 3,871,885.0		
	104						
Fund	104						
Revenues	Description	25-26 Activity Total	25-26 Current Budget	Adjustment	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
[-] Revenue							
[+] Investment earnings		88,746	98,000	0	98,000	100,940	104,000
[+] Transfers in		239,397	239,397	0	239,397	0	0
Revenue Total		328,143	337,397	0	337,397	100,940	104,000
Grand Total		328,143	337,397	0	337,397	100,940	104,000

Major Street Fund (202)

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End	
	\$ 5,222,891	\$ (497,551)	\$ (3,235,529)	\$ (613,260)	\$ 876,551	
	202					
Fund	202					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amendment	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
◦ Revenue						
◦ Intergovernmental		1,983,250	51,989	2,035,239	2,357,162	2,403,787
◦ Investment earnings		70,008	39,408	109,416	179,000	179,000
◦ Grant Reimbursement		0	0	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
Revenue Total		2,053,258	91,397	2,144,655	4,536,162	4,582,787
◦ Expenditure						
◦ Salaries and Benefits		(491,582)	(6,449)	(498,031)	(510,178)	(527,140)
◦ Operating Expenses		(590,184)	(144,631)	(734,815)	(1,211,013)	(968,907)
◦ Capital Outlay		(1,384,716)	(24,644)	(1,409,360)	(6,050,500)	(3,700,000)
Expenditure Total		(2,466,482)	(175,724)	(2,642,206)	(7,771,691)	(5,196,047)
Grand Total		(413,224)	(84,327)	(497,551)	(3,235,529)	(613,260)

Local Street Fund

FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End
1,844,009.30	(345,147.00)	(286,702.00)	(295,848.00)	916,312.30

Description	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
CRACK SEAL	(150,000)	(150,000)
FOG SEAL/PAVEMENT MARKINGS	(300,000)	(300,000)
CAPITAL ALLEYS	(100,000)	(100,000)
	(550,000)	(550,000)

Mental Health and Public Safety Fund (205)

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End	
	\$ 194,021.07	\$ 329,130.00	\$ 349,042.00	\$ 398,967.00	\$ 1,271,160.07	
	205					
Fund	205					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	Adjustment	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
[-] Revenue						
[-] Intergovernmental						
[-] 205-3070-4580-16	WASHTENAW COU	430,000	49,130	479,130	500,000	500,000
Intergovernmental Total		430,000	49,130	479,130	500,000	500,000
[+] Other revenue		0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Total		430,000	49,130	479,130	500,000	500,000
[-] Expenditure						
[+] Operating Expenses		(50,000)	0	(50,000)	(50,958)	(1,033)
[+] Transfers		(100,000)	0	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
Expenditure Total		(150,000)	0	(150,000)	(150,958)	(101,033)
Grand Total		280,000	49,130	329,130	349,042	398,967

Garbage and Rubbish Fund

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End	
	\$ 612,428.1	\$ 11,656.0	\$ (268,431.0)	\$ (324,779.0)	\$ 30,874.1	
Fund	226					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amendment Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue						
<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes and special assessments		1,076,366	0	1,076,366	1,121,162	1,151,433
<input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental		0	0	0	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment earnings		3,376	11,656	15,032	18,600	18,600
<input type="checkbox"/> Other revenue		25,000	0	25,000	3,000	3,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfers in		692,992	0	692,992	575,000	575,000
Revenue Total		1,797,734	11,656	1,809,390	1,717,762	1,748,033
<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure						
<input type="checkbox"/> Salaries and Benefits		(566,762)	0	(566,762)	(719,633)	(743,621)
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Expenses		(1,230,972)	0	(1,230,972)	(1,266,560)	(1,329,191)
Expenditure Total		(1,797,734)	0	(1,797,734)	(1,986,193)	(2,072,812)
Grand Total		0	11,656	11,656	(268,431)	(324,779)

Capital Improvement Fund (414)

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End	
	\$ 2,707,258.1	\$ (305,861.0)	\$ (1,158,342.0)	\$ (1,135,946.0)	\$ 107,109.1	
Fund	414					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amendment Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
▣ Revenue						
▣ Intergovernmental		6,154,169	0	6,154,169	1,650,000	3,000,000
▣ Investment earnings		20,126	34,643	54,769	88,000	88,000
▣ Transfers in		1,512,374	0	1,512,374	0	0
▣ Water Street		0	0	0	1,000,000	3,000,000
Revenue Total		7,686,669	34,643	7,721,312	2,738,000	6,088,000
▣ Expenditure						
▣ Operating Expenses		(5,305,000)	0	(5,305,000)	(1,806,342)	(3,383,946)
▣ Transfers		0	0	0	0	0
▣ Water Street		0	0	0	(1,000,000)	(3,000,000)
▣ Capital Outlay		(2,713,016)	(9,157)	(2,722,173)	(1,090,000)	(840,000)
Expenditure Total		(8,018,016)	(9,157)	(8,027,173)	(3,896,342)	(7,223,946)
Grand Total		(331,347)	25,486	(305,861)	(1,158,342)	(1,135,946)

Parking Fund (514)

PARKING FUND						
514						
	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End	
	\$ 127,127	\$ 48,931	\$ (88,128)	\$ 1,433	\$ 89,363	
Fund	514					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amendment Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
▢ Revenue						
▢ Group1						
⊕ Fines and fofeits		196,000	0	196,000	175,000	175,000
⊕ Licenses and permits		45,000	14,444	59,444	50,000	50,000
Group1 Total		241,000	14,444	255,444	225,000	225,000
⊕ Transfers in		150,215	0	150,215	300,000	300,000
⊕ Grant		1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Revenue Total		1,391,215	14,444	1,405,659	1,525,000	1,525,000
▢ Expenditure						
⊕ Salaries and Benefits		(253,391)	(9,849)	(263,240)	(318,327)	(328,716)
⊕ Operating Expenses		(38,228)	(55,260)	(93,488)	(94,801)	(94,851)
▢ Capital Outlay						
▢ Capital Outlay						
▢ 514-3110-7987-00	CAPITAL OUTLAY	(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,100,000)
Capital Outlay Total		(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,100,000)
Capital Outlay Total		(1,000,000)	0	(1,000,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,100,000)
Expenditure Total		(1,291,619)	(65,109)	(1,356,728)	(1,613,128)	(1,523,567)
Grand Total		99,596	(50,665)	48,931	(88,128)	1,433

Motorpool Fund (641)

	FUND BALANCE BEGINNING	Minus Invested in Capital Asset	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End
	3,691,335.45	(2,557,229.00)	55,071.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	1,251,177.45
Fund	641					
Revenues	Description	25-26 Current Budget	25-26 Amendment Budget	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget
[-] Revenue						
⊕ Charges for services		1,512,593	101,296	1,613,889	1,655,383	1,726,978
⊕ Investment income		17,088	4,675	21,763	31,000	31,000
⊕ Sale of equipment		0	0	0	0	0
⊕ Transfers in		0	0	0	0	0
Revenue Total		1,529,681	105,971	1,635,652	1,686,383	1,757,978
[-] Expenditure						
⊕ Salaries and Benefits		(314,346)	0	(314,346)	(368,315)	(380,658)
⊕ Operating Expenses		(1,165,877)	(100,358)	(1,266,235)	(1,287,068)	(1,346,320)
⊕ Capital Outlay		0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Total		(1,480,223)	(100,358)	(1,580,581)	(1,655,383)	(1,726,978)
Grand Total		49,458	5,613	55,071	31,000	31,000

Fund Balance Highlights

- **General Fund** drops from 14.8M FY 23-24 by **\$9.2M 24-25** ending at \$5.6M 25-26
- **Budget Stabilization Fund** increased to **\$3.4M**
- **Major Street** \$4M to \$2.9
- **Fire and Police Pension** and **OPEB Funds** has major shifts but this are fiduciary funds not under the control of the City

Debt Service Funds

- Water Street GO Bonds(Payable thru 2031)

Series	Total Outstanding	2026-2027 Principal Due	Ending Balance	Funding Source
2016 A Refunding	\$ 3,335,000	\$605,000	\$2,730,000	Tax Millage
2016 B Refunding	\$835,000	\$155,000	\$680,000	General Fund
Total	\$4,170,000	\$760,000	\$3,410,000	

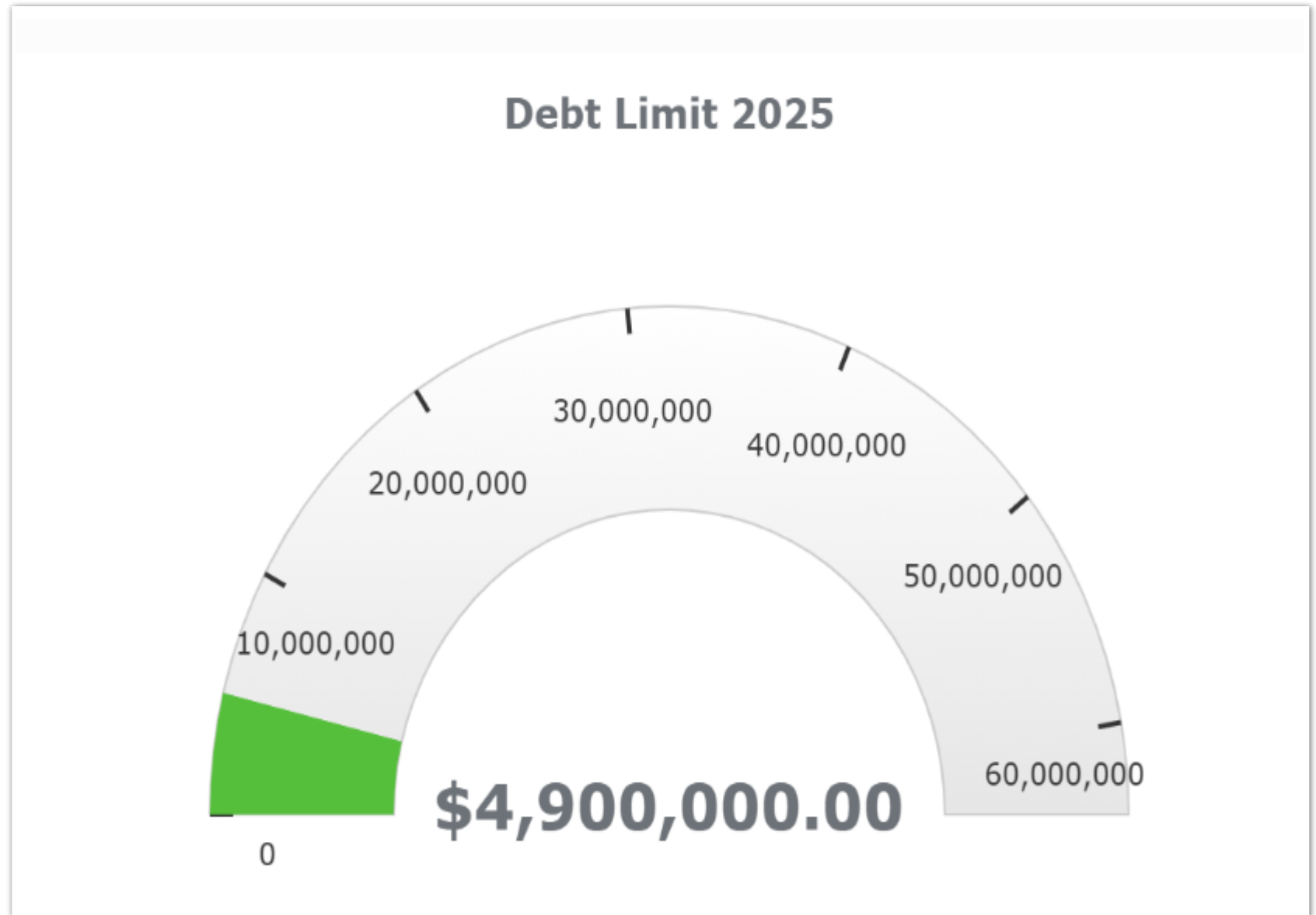
- Water and Sewer Bonds(YCUA)

Series	Total Outstanding	2026-2027 Principal Due	Ending Balance	Funding Source
Various	\$3,841,984	\$1,628,702	\$2,213,282	Water and Sewer Charges

Debt Capacity

A1- Moodys as of March 27,2026

	Long-Term	Short-Term
Investment Grade	Aaa	P-1 (Prime-1)
	Aa1	
	Aa2	
	Aa3	P-2 (Prime-2)
	A1	
	A2	
	A3	P-3 (Prime-3)
	Baa1	
	Baa2	
Baa3	NP (Not Prime)	
Ba1		
Ba2		
Ba3		
B1		
B2		
B3		
Caa1		
Caa2		
Caa3		
Ca		
C		



Future Commitment



Fire Apparatus Investment – Sutphen Aerial Platform



Apparatus:

Sutphen Heavy Duty Aerial Platform

Total Cost:

\$2,190,888



Signed Date: May 15, 2025



Estimated Delivery: 34–36 Months

Fund Balance Summary

Fund	Beginning Fund Balance	25-26 Amended Budget	26-27 Original Budget	27-28 Original Budget	Fund Balance End
General Fund	12,393,718.78	(3,406,835)	(1,984,570)	(2,105,786)	4,896,527.78
Budget Stabilization Fund	3,329,548.00	337,397	100,940	104,000	3,871,885.00
Major Street	5,222,891.40	(497,551)	(3,235,529)	(613,260)	876,551
Local Street	1,844,009.30	(345,147)	(286,702)	(295,848)	916,312.30
Mental Health Millage	194,021.07	329,130	349,042	398,967	1,271,160.07
Garbage and Rubbish Fund	612,428.00	11,656	(268,431)	(324,779)	30,874.00
Capital Improvement Fund	2,707,258.00	(305,861)	(1,158,342)	(1,135,946)	107,109.00
Parking Fund	127,127.00	48,931	(88,128)	1,433	89,363.00
Motorpool Fund	1,134,106.45	55,071	31,000	31,000	1,251,177.45

Next Steps

- May 12th First Reading and additional questions regarding the initial presentation
- May 12th-Special Meeting Department Head Presentations
- May 19th Second Reading
 - If possible, please send any amendments ahead of the meeting.

QUESTIONS, COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND AMENDMENTS



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From:

Subject: Ordinance No. 1463 – “The 2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance.”
Public Hearing Resolution No. 2025-106, close the public hearing.
Resolution No. 2025-105, determination.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Millage Levy 2026
2. Resolution No2026-106 Close PH

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



City of Ypsilanti

City Clerk's Office

Resolution No. 2026-105

Date: May 5, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: _____ NO: _____ ABSENT: _____ VOTE: _____



City of Ypsilanti

City Clerk's Office

Ordinance No. 1463

2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance

The City of Ypsilanti Ordains that:

The City Clerk is authorized to certify to the City Treasurer and City Assessor the total millage to be levied for the City of Ypsilanti, including applicable Downtown Development Authority (DDA) millages, as outlined below:

Millage Description	Millage Rates
City	
General Operating	16.4688
P&F Pension and OPEB	7.0657
Public Transit	.8471
Sanitation	2.4077
Water St. General Obligation Bond 2016A	1.5178
City Total	28.3071
Downtown	1.6173
East Depot Town	1.6173
West Cross	1.6173

Nicole Brown, Mayor

Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk



Resolution No. 2026-106
May 5, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for Ordinance No. 1463 – “the 2026-2027 Tax Levy Ordinance” be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-107 Approving all items on the Consent Agenda.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2026 Consent

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2026-107
CONSENT
May 5, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the following items be approved:

1. Resolution No. 2026-108 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026.
2. Resolution No. 2026-109 Declaring 326 E. Michigan Blighted, in accordance with Act 381, and recommending that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners make a similar determination, to allow the Youth Arts Alliance to be eligible to apply for a Local Brownfield Revolving Fund grant from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-108 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No 2026-108 Minutes
2. City Council Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026 (3)

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2026-108
May 5, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2026 of the Ypsilanti City Council be approved.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM - Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Council Chambers
One South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

PRESENT at roll call were Mayor Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Wilcoxon, Council Member McLean, Council Member Fellows, Council Member Simmons, Council Member King and Council Member Tooson. ABSENT : None

III. A MOMENT TO CENTER AND FOCUS

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the Agenda as Amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve the Consent Agenda added by City Manager Hellenga. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to move item (G) Resolution 2026-102 to the top of the Agenda. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (4) Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 3 Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT - 60 MINUTES TOTAL (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

20 Members of the public spoke.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2026-098 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-098 under Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation for story time on the move

B. Roads Presentation

VIII. ORDINANCES FIRST READING

A. Ordinance No. 1461 - Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days." Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-092, close the public hearing. Resolution No. 2026-093, determination

Council Member McLean moved to close the public hearing on Resolution No. 2026-092 Ordinance No. 1461 — Entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

Council Member McLean moved to Approve an emergency ordinance entitled "An ordinance to impose an emergency moratorium on issuance of new zoning permits for data centers in the City of Ypsilanti for 60 days." be approved and given immediate effect. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

B. Ordinance No. 1462 - Entitled "Traffic Control Orders Adoption." Public Hearing Resolution No. 2026-094, close the public hearing. Resolution No. 2026-095, determination

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to close the public hearing for an ordinance entitled "Traffic Control Orders 2026-001 through 2026-07 . Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Approve the Ordinance No. 1462 — entitled "Traffic Control Orders Adoption." Resolution No. 2026-095. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows
No: 0 None
Absent: (0)

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Resolution No. 2026-096, A Resolution to Defund ICE and CBP, Halt Deportation Operations, and Protect Ypsilanti Residents

Council Member Fellows moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-096, A Resolution to Defund ICE and CBP, Halt Deportation Operations, and Protect Ypsilanti Residents. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

B. Resolution No. 2026 - 097, A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Table the Resolution No. 2026 - 097, A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In as presented. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean

No: 1 Amber Fellows

Absent: (0)

C. Resolution No. 2026-098 Approving the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.

Moved to Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A

D. Resolution No. 2026-099 Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension agreement for the Washtenaw County Dispatch Contract, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Moved to Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2026-098A.

E. Resolution No. 2026-100 Approving the change order for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$214,200, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$204,200, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the change order on the city's behalf.

Council Member Tooson moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-100 Approving the change order for the Municipal Lots Rehabilitation to Somerset Paving for the total cost of \$214,200, with the DDA reimbursing the City for up to \$204,200, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the change order on the city's behalf Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

F. Resolution No. 2026 - 101 Approving a Building Department Consulting Services Agreement with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. for building inspection, trade inspection, and commercial plan review services, for the term through April 30, 2028, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney and signed by the City Manager.

Mayor Brown left the chambers at 10: 35 p.m. and returned at 10:39 p.m.

Council Member Simmons lft the chambers at 10:29 p.m. and returned at 10:31 p.m.

Council Member McLean moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026 - 101 Approving a Building Department Consulting Services Agreement with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. for building inspection, trade inspection, and commercial plan review services, for the term through April 30, 2028, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney and signed by the City Manager. Council Member Tooson seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

G. Resolution No. 2026 - 102, Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon moved to Table the Resolution No. 2026 - 102, Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years. Council Member McLean seconded the motion.

Yes: (6) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean
No: 1 Amber Fellows
Absent: (0)

H. Resolution No. 2026-103, A Resolution establishing May 2026 as Low Mow May

Council Member Simmons moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-103, A Resolution establishing May 2026 as Low Mow May.. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows moved to Extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m. Council Member King seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

I. Resolution No. 2026-104 Declaring April 28th Workers Memorial Day

Council Member King moved to extend the meeting until 11:15 p.m. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows moved to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. Council member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

Council Member King moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-104 Declaring April 28th Workers Memorial Day. Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

J. Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers

Council Member King moved to REMOVE the Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers as presented. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (7) Michelle King, Roland Tooson, Desirae Simmons, Steve Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Patrick McLean, Amber Fellows

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member King moved to Approve the Discussion regarding Ypsilanti Townships Resolution No. 2026-08 Requesting that the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Impose an Immediate Moratorium on Services to Data Centers as presented. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (0) None

No: 0 None

Absent: (0)

Council Member King moved to Extend the meeting until 11:15 p.m. Council Member Fellows seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

Council Member Fellows moved to Extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m. Council Member Simmons seconded the motion.

Yes: (3) Michelle King, Desirae Simmons, Amber Fellows

No: 3 Roland Tooson, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

Absent: (0)

K. Discussion Item - Water Street clear cutting

No Discussion

L. Discussion Item - Gas Leaf Blower Ban

X. BOARD AND COMMISSION - LIAISON REPORTS

A. Police Advisory Commission

B. Human Relations Commission

C. Parks and Arts Commission

D. Sustainability Commission

E. Historic District Commission

F. Planning Commission

G. Zoning Board of Appeals

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

A. SEMCOG Update

B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

C. Urban County

D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority

E. Friends of Rutherford Pool

XII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

Council Member King will post her Council Proposed Business on FaceBook.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

XV. COMMUNICATIONS

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT - CONTINUED (3 MINUTES/EACH SPEAKER)

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown Adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

- A. Please click [here](#) to access the City Council Contact Form. This form can be used to submit any comments/concerns you might have about this agenda.**



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Katie Jones, Economic Development/Equity Coordinator

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-109 Declaring 326 E. Michigan Blighted, in accordance with Act 381, and recommending that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners make a similar determination, to allow the Youth Arts Alliance to be eligible to apply for a Local Brownfield Revolving Fund grant from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 326 Blight Designation RFL
2. 326 E. Mich Blight Resolution

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

FOR Mayor and City Council
FROM Katie Jones, Manager, Strategic Communications Economic Development and Equity
SUBJECT 326 E Michigan Ave Blight Designation

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Attached is a resolution to approve a Blight designation for 326 E. Michigan Avenue. Approval of this resolution will provide eligibility under Act 381 to allow the Youth Arts Alliance to apply for a Local Brownfield Revolving Fund (LBRF) grant from the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (WCBRA), approval of which is not guaranteed. The WCBRA previously provided an Environmental Assessment Grant to Youth Arts Alliance, which determined the site to not be a Facility.

Certain construction activities related to the redevelopment of the site by the Youth Arts Alliance are eligible for Local Brownfield Revolving Fund grant funding. The WCBRA discussed the project with Youth Arts Alliance at their April 9th meeting, and are open to potential grant funding. In order to be eligible for LBRF funding, a Blight Designation Resolution must be passed by the “Governing Body” according to Act 381. The Governing Body is the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, as the City of Ypsilanti participates with the County Authority. However, staff is requesting that Ypsilanti City Council take action on the Resolution prior to the County.

Section 2, (c), of Act 381 provides the criteria by which a site can be declared Blighted:

(c) “Blighted” means property that meets any of the following criteria as determined by the governing body:

(i) Has been declared a public nuisance in accordance with a local housing, building, plumbing, fire, or other related code or ordinance.

(ii) Is an attractive nuisance to children because of physical condition, use, or occupancy.

(iii) Is a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons or (iii) Is a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons or property.

(iv) Has had the utilities, plumbing, heating, or sewerage permanently disconnected, destroyed, removed, or rendered ineffective so that the property is unfit for its intended use.

(v) Is previously developed or tax reverted property owned by a municipality or by this state. The sale, lease, or transfer of previously developed or tax reverted property by a municipality or this state after the property’s inclusion in a brownfield plan does not result in the loss to the property of the status as blighted property for purposes of this act.

(vi) Is property owned by or under the control of a land bank fast track authority, whether or not located within a qualified local governmental unit. Property included within a brownfield plan before the date it meets the requirements of this subdivision to be eligible property is considered to become eligible property as of the date the property is determined to have been or becomes qualified as, or is combined with, other eligible property. The sale, lease, or transfer of the property by a land bank fast track authority after the property's inclusion in a brownfield plan does not result in the loss to the property of the status as blighted property for purposes of this act.

(vii) Has substantial buried subsurface demolition debris present so that the property is unfit for its intended use.

Nathan Voght, Washtenaw County Brownfield staff, presented the grant opportunity and “Blight” eligibility to the County Authority on April 9th. There was a determination that the site meets several of the required criteria, including previous tax-reverted property owned by the City, and the existence of buried subsurface debris, and some visible concrete path remnants from previous uses.

For these reasons, staff is requesting City Council pass the attached Blight Resolution in support of a potential LBRF Grant application by Youth Arts Alliance to the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

ATTACHMENTS :

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE

MANAGER COMMENTS –

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Bonnie Wessler, DPS Director

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-110 Approving traffic control orders as listed and adopting Ordinance No. 1462, entitled "2026 Spring Traffic Control Orders" upon second and final reading.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS:

1. RFL and Resolution 2026-01 thru 07
2. 26-05 EV signage
3. 26-06 Ferris Meter Removal
4. 26-07 W Cross trash parking
5. 26-01 bridge limits
6. 26-02 Washtenaw Ave Meter Removal
7. 26-03 Washtenaw Ave bumpout
8. 26-04 maple court navigation'

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
2026-04-21

From: Bonnie Wessler, Department of Public Works

Subject: Traffic Control Orders

Per the Uniform Traffic Code (R28.1153) and City Code (§10-32), the City Manager has the authority to regulate traffic via issuance of Traffic Control Orders. Those orders are temporary for a period of 90 days until they are approved by City Council and filed with the Clerk. Residential Permit Parking program TCOs automatically become permanent under §102-101.

Attached are Traffic Control Orders 2026-001 through 2026-06 for Council’s consideration and approval. Note that the TCO for signage limiting parking at public EV charging stations will be installed only as these stations are activated.

- 2026-01: Bridge weight limit changes
- 2026-02: Washtenaw Ave meter removal (300 block)
- 2026-03: Washtenaw Ave space removal (300 block)
- 2026-04: Maple Court intersections clearance signage
- 2026-05: Electric Vehicle charging station signage
- 2026-06: Ferris Street meter removal/4-hour parking/handicap placard parking (300 block)
- 2026-07: West Cross parking timing limits (500 block)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: TCOs

FY2025/2026 Goal Alignment

- **Budget Priority 1: Public Infrastructure/Buildings/Roads**
- Budget Priority 2: Water Street
- Budget Priority 3: Public Safety/Public Health
- Budget Priority 4: Shelter/Housing
- Budget Priority 5: Staffing Capacity

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Review Committee has reviewed several traffic control requests and made appropriate recommendations based on best practices, engineering recommendations, city ordinance, and city policy; AND

WHEREAS, the City Manager has seen fit to issue temporary traffic control orders 2026-01 through 07 based on said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends city council provide final approval for the traffic control orders listed above and this council approved the first reading of said orders on April 21, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby approves traffic control orders as listed and adopts an ordinance entitled 2026 Spring Traffic Control Orders upon second and final reading.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-

LOCATION: 300 block North Normal, Ballard St Parking Lot, North Adams Parking Lot, North Huron Parking Lot, South Huron Parking Lot

ORDER: Place "Electric vehicle parking only, charging station" signage with "tow away" placard at EV charging stations

REASON: EV charging stations have been placed in the above-named parking areas. Some are active; some are not yet. As the stations are activated, place the appropriate signage to ensure stations are accessible.

Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

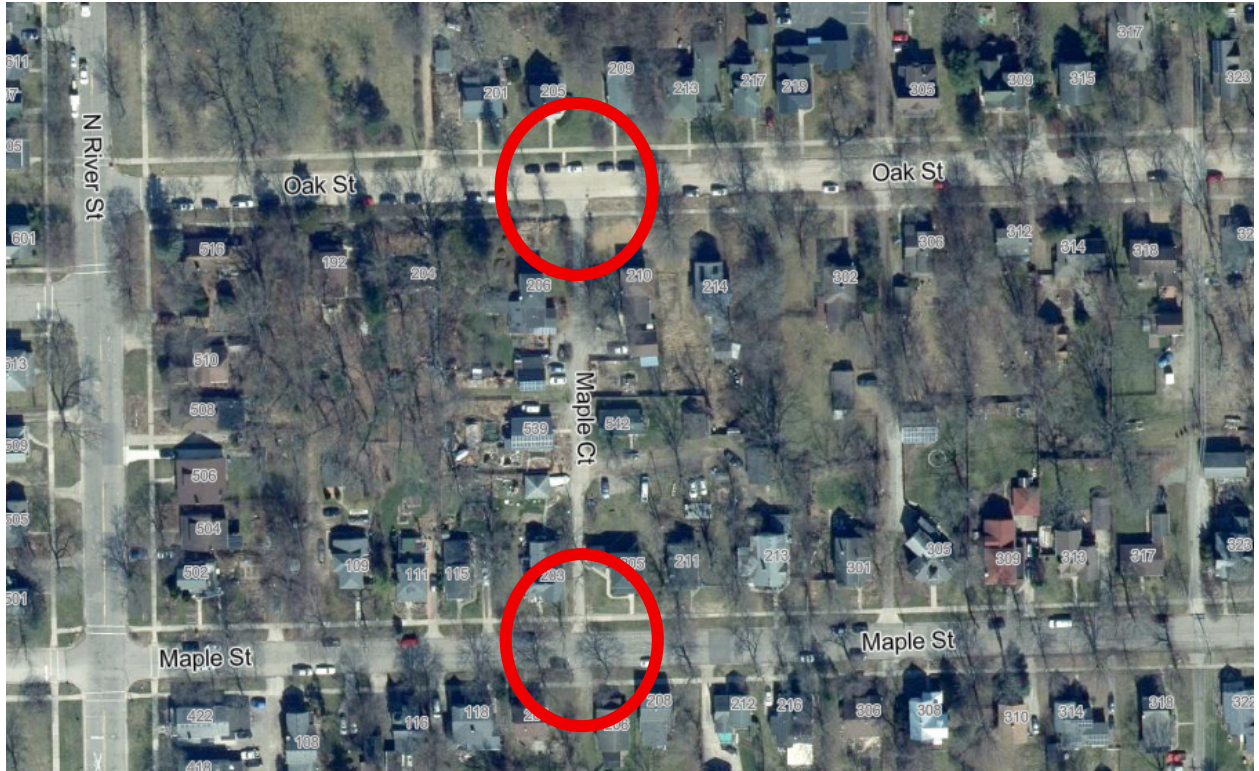
Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
DPS Director

cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA







**CITY OF YPSILANTI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-06

LOCATION: 300 Block of Ferris Street

ORDER: Remove Parking Meters; replace with 4-hour free parking; install R7-8 handicap permit parking sign for easternmost space.

REASON: The meters on this block are underutilized. Time-limited parking can be permitted here to serve adjoining post office and other commercial uses. Handicap parking to be added.

Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
DPS Director

cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA



CITY OF YPSILANTI TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-07

LOCATION: 500 Block of West Cross

ORDER: Install "No Parking, Wednesdays 6am to 9am" on south side

REASON: This block receives curbside recycling and trash pickup from the City and other vendors. If cars are parked in that area, rubbish pickup is significantly more difficult and dangerous for workers and drivers.

Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
DPS Director

cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-01

LOCATION: Prospect Street railroad bridge
Cross Street river bridge
LeForge Street river bridge

ORDER: Update weight limit signage for each bridge as follows:
Prospect: 17 T, 19 T, 25 T
Cross: 42 T, 45 T, 52 T
LeForge: 41 T, 41 T, 49 T

REASON: Recent bridge inspections.

Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
DPS Director

cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA







**CITY OF YPSILANTI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-02

LOCATION: 300 Block of Washtenaw Avenue

ORDER: Remove Parking Meters.

REASON: The meters on this block are a relic of EMU College of Business, and parking is underutilized. Unrestricted parking can be permitted here. Handicap parking to remain.

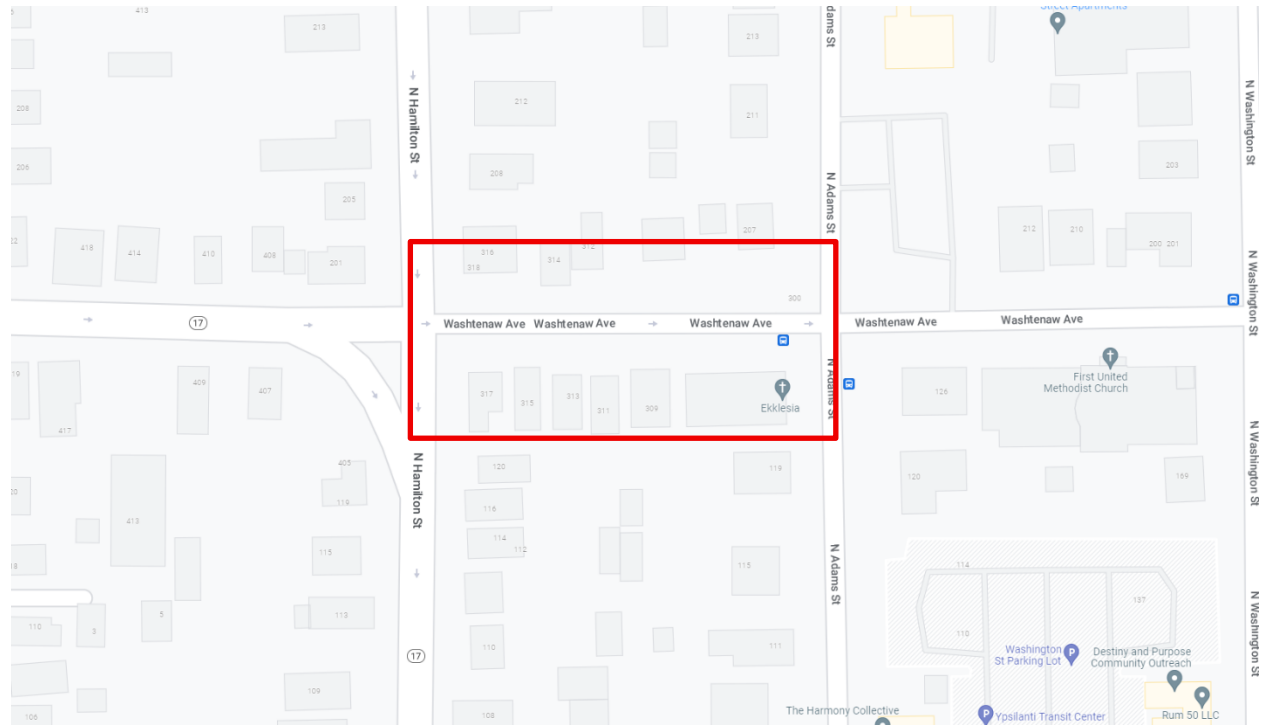
Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

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cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA





CITY OF YPSILANTI TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-

LOCATION: 300 Block of Washtenaw Avenue, remove westernmost space

ORDER: Place "no parking here to corner" signage approximately 30' east of crosswalk at Hamilton.

REASON: The space closest to the Washtenaw/Hamilton intersection will be occupied by permanent flexible posts to define a "bumpout" to help encourage drivers in the right-hand lane of Washtenaw to turn right, as mandated.

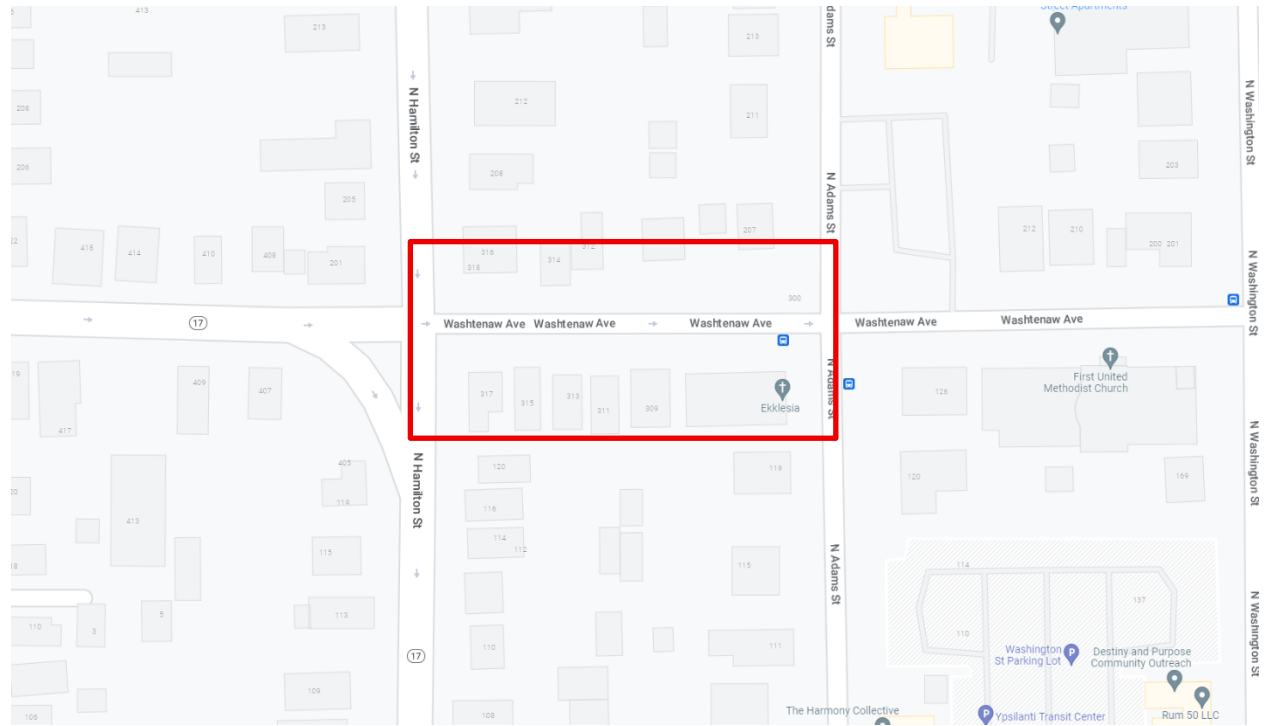
Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
DPS Director

cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA





**CITY OF YPSILANTI
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

DATE: 7 April 2026

ORDER NO: 2026-

LOCATION: Maple Court, north intersection (Oak) and south intersection (Maple)

ORDER: Place "no parking between signs" signage on Oak and Maple immediately opposite intersection with Maple Court, and "no parking here to corner" signs 20' from the intersection, on the same side of the street as Maple Ct.

REASON: Maple Court is a small and steep north-south street linking Oak and Maple Streets. When cars are parked in the areas opposite the end of this street, it becomes very challenging to navigate the intersection safely with larger vehicles, such as trash, recycling, and plow trucks; in these cases trucks must mount a curb to make the turn. Parking within an intersection is already prohibited; signage is for clarity, as Maple Court may appear more similar to alleys, and to ensure clear and safe turning movements.

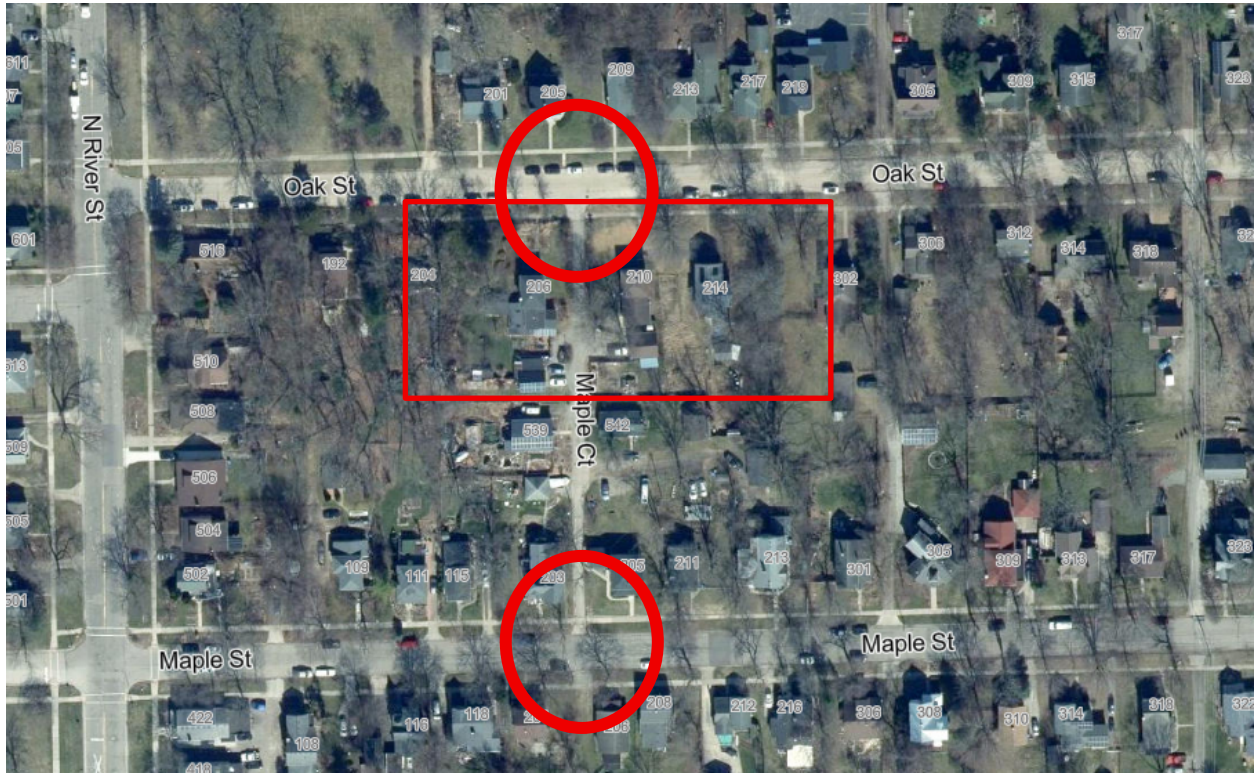
Approved by: _____
Andrew Hellenga, City Manager

Prepared by: Bonnie Wessler

Date Completed: _____ By: _____

cc: City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
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cc: City Clerk
Police Chief
City Planner
DDA





REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Patrick McLean, Council Member, Steve Wilcoxon, Mayor Pro-Tem

Subject: Tabled Resolution No. 2026-102 Approving the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Tabled -RFL-Resolution Cruise Night
2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DTCN
3. Depot Town Cruise Night Support Discussion
4. Special Events Contract - Cruise Night (2026 Opening Night) - City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events_original

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
April 21, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Council Member McLean and Mayor Pro-Tem Wilcoxon

Subject: Cruise Night MOU

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The Depot Town Cruise Night has been a staple event in the Depot Town District for decades. The event is open to all public and increases the economic vitality of the district.

This is a community run event that attracts people from neighboring communities, allowing the region to enjoy this community and all it has to offer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution and MOU

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: _____ COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: _____

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: _____

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

BUDGET PRIORITY REFERENCE _____



Resolution No. 2026 - 102
~~April 21, 2026~~
TABLED
May 5, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The Depot Town Cruise Night is an event that has occurred every summer for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the event is open to the public without charge; and

WHEREAS, Depot Town businesses see economic benefit from the event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the MOU with the Depot Town Economic Development Corporation to hold a Cruise Night on Thursday nights between the beginning of June until the end of September for a period of three-years.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
City of Ypsilanti Ypsilanti, Michigan
AND
Ypsilanti Cruise Night Ypsilanti, Michigan

DATE: April 21, 2026

I. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) delineates the terms and conditions under which the City of Ypsilanti grants permission to Ypsilanti Cruise Night to utilize Cross Street in Depot Town for the conduct of its events.

II. BACKGROUND

Ypsilanti Cruise Night is a community-oriented event designed to celebrate classic automobiles and promote community engagement. This event attracts participants and spectators from surrounding areas, thereby fostering local business growth and enhancing community spirit.

III. TERM

This MOU shall commence on June 4, 2026, and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2028. The operator shall submit a detailed scope of operations by April of each preceding cruise night season. Any proposed changes to the scope must not incur additional costs to the City.

IV. SCOPE OF USE

1. Location: Cross Street in Depot Town, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
2. Event Dates: Thursday nights commencing June 4, 2026, through September 24, 2026.
3. Event Time: 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. City of Ypsilanti

1. Permit Approval: The City shall issue all necessary permits for the use of Cross Street.
2. Public Safety: The City shall collaborate with local law enforcement and emergency services to ensure the safety of participants and attendees.
- ~~3. Maintenance: The City shall ensure that the area is clean and accessible prior to and following each event.~~
4. Liabilities: The City shall not be responsible for:

- Any requests for assistance from the Department of Public Works, or other departments, outside of regular business hours.
- Any expenses incurred for subcontractors solicited by the operators of Ypsilanti Cruise Night.

B. Ypsilanti Cruise Night

1. Event Coordination: Ypsilanti Cruise Night shall be responsible for the overall coordination of the event, including logistics, setup, and teardown. All costs incurred by the City of Ypsilanti for cleanup or property damage shall be billed to the Depot Town Community Development Corporation (CDC).
2. Insurance: Ypsilanti Cruise Night shall provide proof of liability insurance to cover the event.
3. Compliance: Ypsilanti Cruise Night shall comply with all applicable local laws and regulations during the event and remain current in payment of fees assessed by the City in fulfillment of its obligations hereunder.
4. Will provide an inclement weather plan including how and when the public and city will be notified. The plan requires City approval.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION

Ypsilanti Cruise Night agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the event(s).

VII. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended only through mutual written consent of both parties.

VIII. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU with a written notice of at least 30 days to the other party. Additionally, termination may occur if accrued fees from the preceding year remain unpaid by December 1st.

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IX. SIGNATURES

This MOU is executed as agreed by the undersigned representatives of the City of Ypsilanti and Depot Town CDC.

City of Ypsilanti

Nicole Brown, Mayor

Tracey Boudreau, City Clerk

Depot Town CDC

[Name] [Title] [Date]

Depot Town Cruise Night Support Discussion

March 19, 2026 8:15 PM to 8:45 PM

Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84734738154?pwd=tNQq6A71D9Jb5PYQ0Qmp2O2bavPPOY.1>

Meeting ID: 847 3473 8154

Passcode: HBmjF3

Attendees: Linda French, Clare Brodorick, Steve Wilcoxon, Patrick McLean

AGENDA

The Depot Town Cruise Nights cannot be held with the quote that we received from Bubbles DuMouchel, Ypsilanti City Sales Manager on March 12, 2026.

ROOM RENTAL

Qty	Item	Price	Total
1	Special Events Application Fee	\$35.00	\$ 35.00
16	Major Street Closure Permit (per street/per day)	\$1,000.00	\$16,000.00
256	Traffic Control Devices (per item per day)	\$25.00	\$ 6,400.00
16	DPS Supervisor (per hour)	\$150.00	\$ 2,400.00
		Subtotal	\$24,835.00
		Credit Card Fee 4.0%	\$ 993.40
		Grand Total	\$25,828.40

Estimated Amount Due \$25,828.40

For comparison, last year's quote was around \$4,500.00. For this reason, we are seeking a resolution to make Depot Town Cruise Nights a City sponsored event.

Depot Town Cruise Nights has been held for over two decades, capturing the heritage of the City and introducing people to the Depot Town district. Over that time, the cost to the city has not been anywhere near the cost of this quote


- We have never required a police presence
- We set up and remove traffic barriers
- We handle all trash within the normal Depot Town refuse service
- We do provide insurance for the event
- We have over 80% support from the businesses on Cross Street, and the businesses surrounding Cross Street (Thompson Block, Food Co-op)
- Depot Town Cruise Nights is free to the public, and is well attended

My experience with the City was positive, but there are some issues:

- The requirement for achieving 80% approval for a street closure seems to target Depot Town Cruise Nights specifically, and gives too much power to too few businesses
- The fees charged do not seem to be related to actual costs to the City
- The application process for an event that has been held yearly (with interruptions) for over two decades does not take into account efficiencies developed from years of experience with the venue and the attendees.

For all these reasons, we are asking for City sponsorship for Depot Town Cruise Nights, similar to 4th of July, Junteenth, and Ypsi Pride.

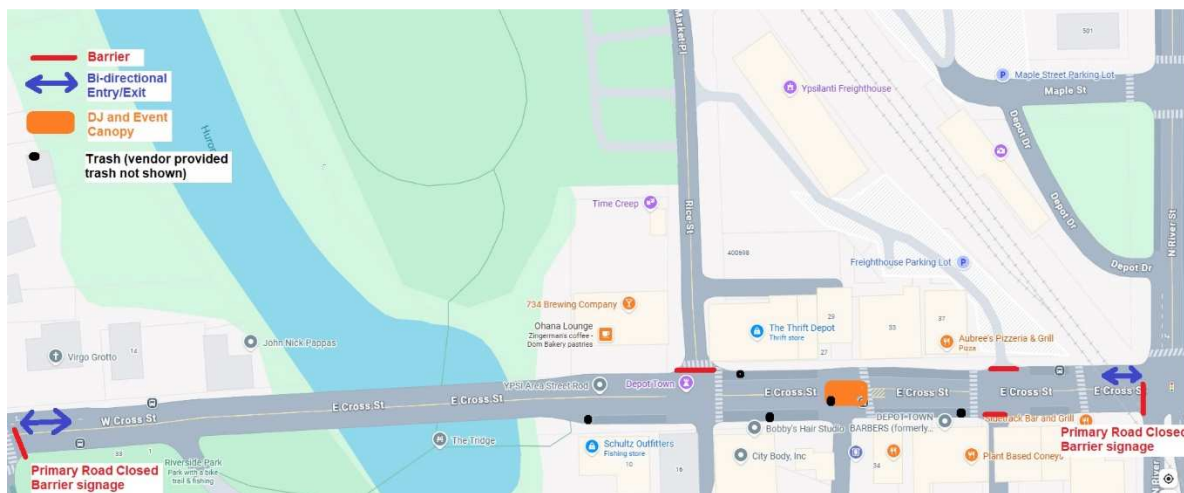
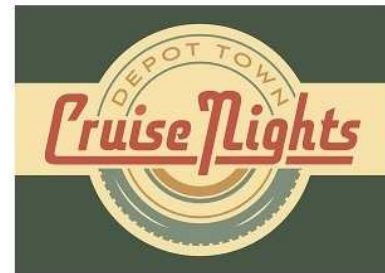
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 14 potential cruise nights - 5:30 to 8:30 PM - Cross Street closed at 5:00 PM

June							July							August							September											
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New this year:

- * Depot Town entertainment district
- * Thursday Farmer's Market in Depot Town
- * 5PM to 8PM on Cross Street



ADDRESS	NAME	HOURS	SUPPORT
4 E Cross St	Schultz Outfitters	10AM to 6PM	-
11 E Cross St	Ohana Lounge	9AM to 4PM	+
15 E Cross St	734 Brewing Company	4PM to 12AM	
18 E Cross St	Creation Station	11AM to 6PM	+
19 E Cross St	The Thrift Depot	CLOSED on Thurs	+
20 E Cross St	City Body, Inc.	7:30AM to 5PM	+
21 E Cross St	A2VintageYpsilanti	11AM to 6PM	+
22 E Cross St	Bobby's Hair Studio	11AM to 7PM	+
23 E Cross St	Nelson Amos Studio	12PM to 4PM	+
24 E Cross St	Olde Towne Coin & Gold	10AM to 6PM	+
25 E Cross St	Ambient Antiques	10AM to 6PM	+
27 E Cross St	Lucky Haskin's Antiques	12PM to 3PM	-
29 E Cross St	Apple Annie's Vintage	12PM to 6PM	+
33 E Cross St	Depot Town Tattoo	1PM to 7PM	
35 E Cross St	Viking Supply Co.	10AM to 9PM	+
36 E Cross St	MAIZ Mexican Cantina	11AM to 12AM	-
39 E Cross St	Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill	11AM to 10PM	+
40 E Cross St	Paula's Barber Shop	9:30AM to 5PM	+
42 E Cross St	Plant Based Coney's	12PM to 8PM	+
44 E Cross St	WaxBar	4PM to 2AM	+
46 E Cross St	Depot Town Cats & Dogs	12PM to 8PM	+
48 E Cross St	Cj Rosati Hair	10AM to 6PM	+
50 E Cross St	This, that & the ODDer Thing	11AM to 5PM	+
50 E Cross St	Sprig's Hideaway	Apppointment only	+
56 E Cross St	Sidetracks	11AM to 11PM	+
There are 25 businesses in Depot Town.			
20 support, 3 reject, 2 undocumented			



Cruise Night (2026 Opening Night) Thursday, June 4, 2026

EVENT CONTRACT

ACCOUNT: Depot Town CDC

SALES MANAGER: Bubbles DuMouchel

CONTACT: Linda French

EMAIL: bdumouchel@cityofypsilanti.com

EMAIL: ladyfrench@aol.com

PHONE: (734) 482-9825

PHONE: (734) 358-6956

ADDRESS: 308 N. River

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

EVENT SUMMARY

Date	Time	Location	Areas	Event Type	Guests	Rental	Event F&B Min
6/4/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures	Class 2 Event			
6/11/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
6/18/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
7/2/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
7/9/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
7/16/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
7/23/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
7/30/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
8/6/2026	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				

8/13/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
8/20/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
8/28/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
9/3/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
9/10/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
9/17/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				
9/24/ 2026	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events	Street Closures				

ROOM RENTAL

Qty		Price	Total
1	Special Events Application Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00
8	Major Street Closure Permit (per lane/per day)	\$300.00	\$2,400.00
1	Class 2 Event Security Deposit (Refundable)	\$500.00	\$500.00

SETUP

All tents (10x10 or larger) and food trucks require inspection by the fire marshal Clifton Pope. He can be reached at cpope@cityofypsilanti.com to schedule inspection. All those handling/ serving food will be required to show proof of County Health Department certification.

An approved parking plan is required 30 days in advance of your event. Per city ordinance, vehicles are not permitted to park on the grass. Cars parked on designated park land outside of the parking lots will be ticketed and your security deposit will be forfeited.

The City of Ypsilanti will not provide event security. Events with more than 250 expected guests are required to have a certified first-aid person and a security plan approved 60 days in advance for events expecting more than 1,000 attendees and 30 days in advance for events expecting less than 1,000 attendees.

ESTIMATED BILLING

Liability insurance in the amount of \$250,000 is required for this event with the City of Ypsilanti (1 S. Huron Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197) listed as additionally insured.

Please note that failure to restore the site (trash, signage, or decorations abandoned, ground disruption from cars or digging, destruction to public facilities, ect.) may incur additional fees if the damage exceeds the collected security deposit.

	Total
Room Rental	\$2,935.00
Subtotal	\$2,935.00
Grand Total	\$2,935.00
Estimated Amount Due	\$2,935.00



Cruise Night (2026 Opening Night) Thursday, June 4, 2026

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Thank you for selecting the City of Ypsilanti Parks Special Events for your event. We look forward to extending our hospitality and services to you and your guests. To ensure proper service and a great event for everyone, *please carefully review this contract* and verify the following information:

The damage deposit refund will be processed within two weeks, if the space passes inspection following the event and is cleared by the Event Coordinator. Tax Identification Number (Required for Non-Profit Organizations Only) _____

Payment Information: Payment is accepted in the form of cash, check or credit card. A non-refundable 4% service charge applies to all credit card payments. We do not accept personal checks. Business checks may be made payable to City of Ypsilanti and must be paid at least 30 days prior to your event. Cash payments may be made at: **Ypsilanti Police Department, 505 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48197**. You may also wish to pay by ACH transfer. There is a 1.5% service charge to pay by ACH transfer. Upon execution of the Agreement and payment of the required rental fee and deposit, the designated location shall be reserved for Renter on the

Date of: Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 4:00 PM through 9:00 PM

- Renter must pay security deposit within seven (7) days of submitting a rental request. If security deposit is not paid within seven (7) days of the request date, the request for a reservation is subject to immediate cancellation without notice.
- It is understood and agreed that should your group fail to adhere to all rules, policies, and conform to the proper use of the facility, the CoY may, at its discretion, terminate this agreement and require the renting parties to vacate the premises (during the event if necessary), forfeiting any and all fees and monies.
- CoY is not held liable for events not being held due to uncontrollable circumstances.

- CoY is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- I/We have read and understand this agreement and the policies it contains. I understand that if I/we or any of the guests or vendors at the event does not comply with this agreement or the policies the event may be immediately terminated by CoY, in its sole discretion, and/or all deposits made retained by CoY. I understand and agree that, in addition, I/we will be responsible and liable to CoY for any costs exceeding the amount of the retained deposit.

Thank you,

Bubbles DuMouchel
Events and Facilities Manager

CITY OF YPSILANTI

SPECIAL EVENTS RENTAL CONTRACT

Renter must distribute a copy of this page to all contractors and others involved in the event.

ATTESTATION

As applicable to event, applicant understands and agrees to comply with City ordinances and rules governing events (as laid out in the Special Events Policy) and agrees to make final payment within thirty (30) days after the scheduled event invoice is received for any additional services required. Failure to comply within thirty (30) days shall place the applicant in default status. Further, it is understood that in the event a permit holder is placed in default status, the permit holder will be denied any other event permit(s) for a period of at least eighteen (18) months from the date of final payment and/or default resolution.

I hereby agree to comply with all Federal and State Statutes and with all City of Ypsilanti Ordinances, including the curfew and noise ordinances. I understand and agree that in the event any nuisance or disturbances are caused by the individuals attending the event, the use of the location may be terminated without prior notice by the Police Chief or the City Manager or their designee. I authorize the Fire Marshal to determine the maximum number of persons who may attend this event based on available space. Further, I understand and agree to abide by any additional City requirements that may be deemed necessary to safely operate the proposed event.

This application represents my intent for the proposed event to the best of my knowledge. I am authorized to sign on behalf of the organization.

RESPONSIBILITY, INDEMNITY, WAIVER

Conduct - The conduct of all Event participants, spectators, service providers and volunteers while on the premises shall be the responsibility of the Renter. Renter also accepts all responsibility for any injury to person(s) or property, or loss of or damage to property or theft

of personal property or literary or artistic content on the premises during the rental period, or resulting therefrom. Failure by any individual or group to follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including without limitation the Guidelines will be cause for eviction. City of Ypsilanti retains the right to evict objectionable persons from the premises. Repeated violations may result in denial of future reservation requests.

Release - Renter, on behalf of itself, its assigns, subrogees, representatives and all other persons or entities acting for, by or through it, hereby releases and forever discharges the City of Ypsilanti, their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and insurers, from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, of whatever nature, character or description, for personal injury, property damage or death that arise from, are related to or are in any way connected with Renter or its guests' or invitees' use of the Space or the premises ("Claims"), including without limitation and to the fullest extent permitted by law, any Claims in part or in whole arising from, related to or in any way connected with the alleged or in fact negligent acts or omissions of the City of Ypsilanti, its directors, agents, employees, officers, and representatives. In the event Renter suffers any loss to person or property, Renter shall look solely to its, his or her insurance coverage, if any, and shall make no claim whatsoever against the City of Ypsilanti.

Indemnity - Renter shall, to the fullest extent permissible under law, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ypsilanti, their respective trustees, directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, contractors and licensees from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, judgments, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, or expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), whether or not involving a third party claim, arising out of or in connection with: (i) any personal injury, property damage, death or other liabilities of whatever kind or nature, that arise from, are related to or are in any way connected with Renter or officers, employees, agents, contractors, guests or invitees use of the space or the premises ("Claims"), including without limitation and to the full extent permitted by law, any Claims in which it is asserted and/or proved that the City of Ypsilanti, their respective agents, employees, officers, directors, contractors and/or representatives, was itself negligent or otherwise at fault; or (ii) any breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants, obligations or duties contained in this Agreement; or (iii) any violation of any federal, state or local laws, rules or regulations. The indemnification obligations hereunder shall not be limited by reason of the enumeration of any insurance coverage required under this Agreement. The indemnification obligations herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Waiver - If the facility is damaged or otherwise unavailable because of unforeseen causes beyond the control of the City of Ypsilanti, including but not limited to, such acts of God, war, riots, strikes, fire, flood, epidemics, quarantines, lack of utilities, severe weather, or the like, then this Agreement shall terminate, Renter's damage deposit will be returned (less any monies expended or contracted for, and for which the City of Ypsilanti cannot cancel), and

Renter waives all rights to any claims against the City of Ypsilanti. The City of Ypsilanti shall have no obligation to provide alternative facilities. Renter will be given at least three (3) months' notice, and full refund of the rental fee and damage deposit if the City is unable to accommodate the event due to unforeseen circumstances.

Client Signature



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Amber Fellows, Council Member, Desirae Simmons, Council Member

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-097, A resolution directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and requesting County buy-in.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TABLED -Resolution No 2026-096 1M

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2026-097
April 21, 2026
TABLED
May 5, 2026

A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the City of Ypsilanti adopted Resolution No. 2025-008, requesting County funding for an unarmed crisis response program and directing an RFP; and

WHEREAS, the need for a community-based crisis response model has grown more urgent, with residents demanding care, prevention, and harm reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City must set aside funds to establish a Community Responder Program for mental health emergencies, substance use, homelessness, and other public health calls; and

WHEREAS, a two-year budget cycle allows for proper fund development and phased implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Budget Allocation. The City Manager and Finance Director shall allocate \$1,000,000 over the next two budget cycles for fund development and phased implementation of a city-run Community Responder Program.
2. Program Framework. The program shall prioritize trauma-informed, non-coercive interventions; coordinate with EMS and police via a clear triage protocol; and track reduced police involvement and improved care connections.
3. County Buy-In. The Council requests that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners commit financial or resource-based buy-in, including direct funding, mental health staff, dispatch integration, or in-kind support, consistent with Resolution No. 2025-008.
4. Collaboration & Reporting. The City Manager shall collaborate with the County, mental health providers, harm reduction specialists, and EMS, and continue working with LEAP to analyze Ypsilanti EMS calls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall send this resolution to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, County Sheriff's Office, County Prosecutor's Office, and County Administrator.

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE:



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From:

Subject: Discussion Item - Water Street clear cutting.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From:

Subject: Discussion Item - Gas Leaf Blower Ban.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

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