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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, supported by Council Member Jefferson, to excuse the absences. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. INVOCATION –

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

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

V. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Schreiber introduced City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage, Ypsilanti Housing Commission Executive Director Zachary Fosler, as well as Vicki Vaughn and Ben Etheridge from Chesapeake Community Advisors.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Robb asked to move Resolution No. 2014-040 from the Consent Agenda. On a voice vote the motion carried and the item was removed and placed under Motions/Resolutions/Discussions.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

None.

IX. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2014-033, approving the minutes of January 21, 2014

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of January 21, 2014 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the minutes were approved as submitted.

X. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2014-034

1. Resolution No. 2014-035, approving Ordinance No. 1209, an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to enter into an option to purchase agreement with the New Parkridge LDHA Limited Partnership for the sale of all remaining city-owned low income housing projects. *(Second Reading)*

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to enter into an option to purchase agreement with New Parkridge LDHA Limited Partnership for the sale of the city-owned Parkridge low income housing project (Parkridge)" be approved on Second and Final reading.

2. Resolution No. 2014-036, approving, Ordinance No. 1211, an ordinance entitled, "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – Parkridge". *(Second Reading)*

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance-Parkridge." be approved on Second and Final reading.

3. Resolution No. 2014-037, approving Ordinance No. 1213, an ordinance to amend Ypsilanti Code relative to litter and dumping. *(Second Reading)*

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That a ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE YPSILANTI CODE TO SECURE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI BY PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF LITTER AND UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RECEPTACLES BY ADDING DEFINITIONS AND PROVISIONS SIMILAR TO MCL 324.8901 ET SEQ. AND MAKING THOSE VIOLATIONS MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 42

"ENVIRONMENT," ARTICLE II "NUISANCES," DIVISION 3 "LITTER," SECTION 42-66 "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 42-68 "BLIGHT VIOLATION" TO "BLIGHT VIOLATION UNLESS SPECIFIED AS A MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION," AND SECTION 42-72 "LITTER THROWN BY PERSONS IN VEHICLES" TO "LITTERING ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OR WATER AND UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RECEPTACLES PROHIBITED; REMOVAL OF INURIOUS SUBSTANCES DROPPED ON HIGHWAY AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENT;" AND BY DELETING SECTION 71-72 "SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS," SUBSECTION (3) "LITTERING" OF CHAPTER 71 "ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS BUREAU," ARTICLE III "VIOLATIONS;" AND BY DELETING SECTION 86-4 "UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RECEPTACLES" OF CHAPTER 86 "SOLID WASTE," ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL;" AND, FOR CONSISTENCY, TO AMEND VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 42 "ENVIRONMENT," ARTICLE II "NUISANCES," DIVISION 3 "LITTER," SECTIONS 42-72, 42-73, 42-76, 42-77, 42-78, 42-79, 42-80, AND 42-81 FROM BLIGHT VIOLATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

4. Resolution No. 2014-038, approving Ordinance No. 1214, an ordinance to amend Chapter 70 "Municipal Civil Infractions" of the Ypsilanti City Code, Article II, "Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau", Section 70-38, "Schedule of Civil Fines Established". ***(Second Reading)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 "MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ARTICLE II "MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU," SECTION 70-38 "SCHEDULE OF CIVIL FINES ESTABLISHED," SO THAT THE SCHEDULE OF CIVIL FINES IS SET BY CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

5. Resolution No. 2014-039, appointing Police Chief Tony DeGiusti as City representative on the Washtenaw County Emergency Telephone District Board (ETDB).

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT Police Chief Tony DeGiusti be appointed to serve as the City's representative for the Washtenaw County Emergency Telephone District Board (ETDB).

6. Resolution No. 2014-040, accepting SAFER grant. (***Moved to Resolutions/Motions/Discussions***)
7. Resolution No. 2014-041, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Eric Seymour (open) 611 Pearl St. Apt. #5 Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Zoning Board of Appeals	5/1/2016
Anne Stevenson-Less (reappointment) 707 Collegewood Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Historic District Commission	1/31/2017
Michael Condon (reappointment) 313 Maple Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Historic District Commission	1/31/2017
Henry Prebys (reappointment) 301 N. Grove Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Historic District Commission	1/31/2017

8. Resolution No. 2014-042, recognizing "The Program" as a non-profit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of charitable gaming.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, "The Program", a travel basketball team for boys ages 8-17, helps young boys and men develop their basketball skills, prepare them for college and assists with studying and college entrance exams; and

WHEREAS, "The Program" intends to apply to the State of Michigan for a Charitable Gaming License; and

WHEREAS, this license would permit "The Program" to hold fundraising events; and

WHEREAS, "The Program" has a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status and has been in existence since September 19, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council recognizes "The Program" as a nonprofit organization

operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

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

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2014-043, approving Ordinance No. 1210, an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to enter into an option to purchase agreement with the Strong Future LDHA Limited Partnership for the sale of all remaining city-owned low income housing projects (Scattered Site)". ***(Second Reading)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to enter into an option to purchase agreement with the Strong Future LDHA Limited Partnership for the sale of all remaining city-owned low income housing projects (Scattered Site)" be approved on Second and Final reading.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Housing Commission Executive Director Zachary Fosler stated the property transfer is for the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project converting the properties from public housing to Section 8, and also for applying for tax credits to the State in order to recapitalize the properties. The tax credit applications show that the Housing Commission has site control.

Council Member Robb asked about the future of the Housing Commission.

Mr. Fosler replied that the Housing Commission would still be successful with the revitalization of the properties, and they would go from being hands-on property management to being the owner of four tax credit properties. For staffing, he said there would be changes but said they'd have an Executive Director and additional staffing would depend on future endeavors of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission.

Mayor Schreiber stated the reason the Housing Commission is applying for the program is because the RAD program is a way of getting private investments intertwined with public housing, basically turning it into a project based Section 8. This would allow private funding to pay for the improvements. He stated that Ann Arbor Housing Commission has done this as well.

Mr. Fosler commented that the Ann Arbor Housing Commission has been providing a great deal of help in the process and has provided documents and other forms of support.

Council Member Robb asked Assistant City Attorney Duchene if the City is fourth in line to get paid.

Mr. Duchene responded that the City is first to get paid from the PILOT and fourth to get paid from the promissory note. He said if the City is fourth they get half of whatever is left from what Chesapeake has anticipated in the Waterfall Plan. He confirmed that he provided City Council with the Waterfall Charts.

Council Member Robb added that the default doesn't make any sense without the Waterfall plan.

Mr. Duchene stated that every year the Housing Commission is required to have an audit of each one of the different properties, and the cash flow is determined from the audit. He said if the payments aren't made on a common matter then the property is placed under default. He confirmed to Council Member Robb that as long as the Housing Commission receives the \$980,000 plus interest after the 30 years then they're okay, and that the only way for them to default is if they have money and don't pay the city within the 30 years.

Council Member Robb asked what happens if they decide to sell the property.

Mr. Duchene responded that the loan amount would be due on sale.

Mr. Barr stated the project helps how the Housing Commission is financed. He said instead of them setting up a budget they can use the money they receive from the project for ongoing repairs. He said that the \$980,000 purchase price was for them to leverage more money which will help the project work along with remodeling.

Mayor Schreiber asked for someone from Chesapeake to explain the \$980,000 promissory note in more basic terms.

Vicki Vaughn of Chesapeake Community Advisors, explained that there are two requirements for the promissory note to be utilized: acceptance in the RAD program and allocation of tax credits. Housing and Urban Development accepted their application into the RAD program so they are beginning that process and have the document necessary. The \$980,000 purchase price will be paid from cash flow and because they have the acquisition price it creates an acquisition basis which means the investor will pay \$240,000 more in equity to the project delivering additional tax credits. It raises enough money for rehabilitation that the properties need and provides an opportunity to share in the upside if the projects are successful.

Mayor Schreiber stated the Housing Commission doesn't earn much because public housing is underfunded by the federal government. The PILOT is just soft debt from cash flow.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the scattered sites would be rehabilitated or rebuilt.

Ms. Vaughn responded that the plan is to do a substantial renovation of all the units including new roofs, plumbing, electricity, windows, doors, flooring, kitchens, baths, etc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if any of the scattered sites would be enlarged.

Ms. Vaughn replied that the efficiency units at the Towner Apartments will be combined for enlargement. The 80 units at Parkridge will be replaced with 86 units because they're reducing the unit count by combining the efficiencies and creating a community space at each of the sites.

Mayor Schreiber stated that they won't be losing any housing just upgrading.

Council Member Robb asked if they were privatizing public housing.

Ms. Vaughn confirmed that public housing is being privatized.

Council Member Murdock asked if the new entity that will be the owner of the property can sell it.

Ms. Vaughn responded that a rule of the tax credit is that there can't be a change in ownership until after 15 years, and there are long term affordability restrictions also. She added that there is a 45 year requirement for Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

Council Member Murdock asked who has the right to sell the property.

Ms. Vaughn responded that the City has the right to approve the sale of any property that the Housing Commission owns. The investor will probably want to exit the partnership. For a nonprofit sponsor, there is a right of first refusal in which they can buyout the investor but the affordability restrictions stays. The project will be owned by the partnership. The General Partner or Manager of the Partnership is a subsidiary of the Housing Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if there was anything built into the agreement to guarantee the stability or upkeep of the property.

Ms. Vaughn responded that during the 15 year compliance period there will be oversight from the investor and from the lenders ensuring that the properties are maintained. The projects budget will have operating reserves to help cover any maintenance expenses. City Council must approve the sale of the property if the Housing Commission decided to do so.

Mayor Schreiber asked if the Housing Commission keeps the property, can they apply for more tax credits in 20 years.

Ms. Vaughn replied yes.

Mayor Schreiber asked if the \$980,000 would go with the new owner if the property was sold.

Ms. Vaughn responded that would be determined by City Council.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-043 (Ordinance No. 1210) at Second Reading was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2014-044, approving, Ordinance No. 1212, an ordinance entitled, "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance – Scattered Site". ***(Second Reading)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "City of Ypsilanti Tax Exemption Ordinance-Scattered Site." be approved on Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mr. Duchene explained the resolution as the PILOT ordinance for the properties at the scattered site project and said it will be the first payment in cash flow for the Waterfall Project.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-044 (Ordinance No. 1212) at Second Reading was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

3. Resolution No. 2014-045, setting Municipal Civil Infraction fines.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council has passed Ordinance 1214 on Second Reading, which ordinance amends Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, entitled "Municipal Civil Infractions," Article II "Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau," Section 70-38 "Schedule of civil fines established," authorizing the Ypsilanti City Council to establish a schedule of fines by resolution, and as amended from time to time, for Municipal Civil Infractions; and

Whereas, the Ypsilanti City Council desires to establish a schedule of civil fines for Municipal Civil Infractions which will become effective on the same date that Ordinance 1214 becomes effective;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti hereby establishes the following schedule of civil fines for Municipal Civil Infractions to become effective on the same date that Ordinance 1214 becomes effective:

Code	Municipal Civil Infraction	First	First Repeat	Second or Subsequent Repeat

Section		Violation	Violation	Violation
<u>10-46</u>	Amusement arcade license - Section	\$ 50.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
<u>10-71</u>	Coin-operated amusement device license - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>10-136</u>	Billiard parlor or poolroom license - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>10-196</u>	Dancehall or cabaret license - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>10-223</u>	Entertainment booths - Division	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>10-266</u>	Special event and festival permits - Division	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>14-7</u>	Restrictions on keeping certain animals - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>14-8</u>	Restraint of animals - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>14-9</u>	Removal of animal waste - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>14-31</u>	Animal licenses - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>14-82</u>	Animal permits - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>22-32</u>	New business registration - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00

<u>22-61</u>	Bed and breakfast lodgings and inns - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00
22-116	Health Club License - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>26-48</u>	Noise or improper conduct in cemetery – Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>26-49</u>	Entering and/or disturbing cemetery lot without consent - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>38-33</u>	Police alarm permit - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>38-34</u>	Fire alarm permit - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-72(a)	Dumping and unauthorized use of receptacles where the amount of litter is less than 1 cubic foot in volume - Subsection	800.00	1,250.00	1,600.00
42-72(b)	Dumping and unauthorized use of receptacles where the amount of litter is 1 cubic foot or more but less than 3 cubic feet in volume – Subsection	1,500.00	2,250.00	3,000.00
42-72(c)	Dumping and unauthorized use of receptacles where the amount of litter is 3 cubic feet or more in volume - Subsection	2,500.00	3,750.00	5,000.00
42-72(d)	Where the litter consists of an abandoned vehicle - Subsection	1,500.00	2,250.00	3,000.00

42-72(e)	Failure of the person who removes a wrecked or damaged vehicle after an accident to remove from the road glass and injurious substances - Subsection	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
42-73	Truck loads causing litter - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-76	Distribution of commercial and noncommercial handbills in public places - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-77	Distribution of commercial and noncommercial handbills on vehicles - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-78	Distribution of commercial and noncommercial handbills on vacant premises - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-79	Distribution of commercial handbills on private premises where posted - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-80	Distribution of commercial handbills in inhabited private premises - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
42-81	Posting notices prohibited - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>42-98</u>	Noise – Division	50.00	150.00	300.00
54-43	Historic district regulations - Article	up to 5,000.00	up to 5,000.00	up to 5,000.00
<u>58-73</u>	Discrimination - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00

<u>66-1</u>	Failure to return overdue book to library - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>66-2</u>	Returning damaged items to library - Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
<u>78-122</u>	Permit for use of public building or structure – Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
94-239	Newsracks – Section	50.00	150.00	300.00
110-79	Manufactured Fertilizer - Article	50.00	150.00	300.00

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

Mr. Barr stated that the ordinance is to amend the previously approved fee schedule.

Council Member Robb asked to eliminate amusement arcade and coin-operated device licenses. He also asked about the dumpster corals and the fees associated with them.

Mr. Barr responded that there are similar dumpster laws at the state level, and that Ypsilanti Township has similar ones as well. He stated that if the fee is removed then the accompanying ordinance needs to be removed as well.

Council Member Robb asked about the abandoned vehicle fee.

Mr. Barr responded that Ypsilanti Township has a similar ordinance.

Council Member Robb asked what defines an abandoned vehicle.

Mr. Barr responded that it is clearly defined in the ordinance. An abandoned vehicle is determined by if the vehicle is presently and properly licensed, operational, has windows, etc. He said it is not if the car was left on the street for 48 hours. He added that an abandoned vehicle may be on private property in certain circumstances.

Council Member Murdock asked if abandoned vehicles would go through the Administrative Hearings Bureau (AHB).

Mr. Barr responded no and said they would go through court where fines are accessed by a judge.

Mayor Schreiber asked if the City has authority over the books and the fees associated.

Mr. Barr responded yes there is an ordinance and it falls within the city's jurisdiction. For example, he said that the Library Board has a policy on returning books and overdue payments and they can turn to the City Attorney for representation if they need to prosecute anyone.

Council Member Murdock commented that the Library Board can enforce their overdue fee schedule and can refuse to lend books to an individual if they have overdue books.

Mr. Barr stated that the library has no power to pass ordinances, misdemeanors, or civil infractions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked about entertainment booths.

Mr. Barr responded that they were in arcades in a private room and recommended the fee stay on the schedule.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked about the distribution of commercial and non-commercial handbills.

Mr. Barr responded that there is an ordinance for handbills and this resolution sets a fee for the violation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked how often people get fined for handbills.

Mr. Barr responded it is an enforcement issue and is based on complaints.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-045 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

4. Resolution No. 2014-046, approving Special Events policy.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti desires to become more efficient and streamline the Special Events application process; and

WHEREAS, City staff has created a Special Events Policy to combine all of the City's current policies, applications and fees related to special events; and

WHEREAS, a Special Events Application has also been created that combines all of the current special events permit applications.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti hereby adopts a Special Events Policy that will govern the all requirements for special events, including, but not limited to the event details, classifications, required permits, insurance mandates, billing and estimate process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti Special Events Policy supersedes any previously approved permit applications or policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administrative changes to the Special Events policy may be incorporated by the City Manager, so long as the updated policy is filed with the City Clerk and posted on the city's website.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

Ericka Savage, Assistant to the City Manager, described the resolution as taking all the current event applications for Classes 1-4, gazebo, pavilion, and street closures and putting them into one policy and one application. She said there's also a process for citizens to have co-sponsorship from the city for special events and explained that the city may make donations and for-profit events will have to pay 100% of the costs.

There is a minimum permit fee of \$250 for political events. There is an online application where the policy is linked, \$25 application fee, a section describing if the city has two or more events on the same date. Annual and recurring events may be requested sooner and the date may be changed within the first six months without a penalty. There is a recurring event permit more convenient for City staff, and bringing in additional revenue. She explained that most events haven't been billed a rental fee for street barricades. The rental fee for a street barricade is \$15. She added that special event fees need to be enforced, and if permits are needed they should be pulled.

Council Member Murdock asked if those that are affected by this new policy will be notified of the changes in permit fees.

Ms. Savage responded stating that several meetings were held with the CVB and many who are affected and they are aware that there would be changes. She added that the fees are making things fair all around for everyone.

Mayor Schreiber suggested postponing the resolution until the next meeting to allow staff to develop a list of the events and the difference in their cost if this policy is applied. He stated that special event fees need to be published for every event.

Ms. Savage stated that park fees haven't changed, and that she would prefer if the resolution was not postponed because there are a lot of applications waiting. She said the only change is the addition of recurring events and said she is not opposed to removing it in order to move forward.

Council Member Murdock asked how many recurring events are there.

Ms. Savage responded the car shows and farmers market. She pointed out that barricades are left out to save on costs but they shouldn't be because they're used sometimes without the city knowing of the event.

Council Member Murdock commented that the city usually doesn't charge for recurring events and now they will so event sponsors need to know this.

Ms. Savage stated that large events aren't fully processed yet but the city will earn the security deposits under this new policy.

Mayor Schreiber stated there needs to be more public scrutiny and a comparison of the old fees to the new fees before final approval.

Ms. Savage responded that the information was sent to City Council in advance.

Mayor Schreiber stated the information wasn't available for public review.

Ms. Savage stated she will send a spreadsheet for the costs for all the events.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, supported by Council Member Murdock to postpone Resolution No. 2014-046, approving the Special Events policy to the next meeting of February 18, 2014.

On a roll call, the vote to postpone Resolution No. 2014-046 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 1 (Moeller) Vote: Carried (Resolution postponed)

5. Resolution No. 2014-040, accepting SAFER grant. **(Added)**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE \$800,505 SAFER GRANT

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI: that the SAFER grant EMW-2013-FH-0091, in amount of \$800,505 is accepted by the City and the Fire Chief is authorized to take all action to accept and implement the grant.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

Council Member Robb stated he requested the resolution be removed from the consent agenda because it was good news and he would like to give the news a good article. He asked Mr. Lange if health care and benefits are covered under the grant as well.

Mr. Lange confirmed that salaries, health care, and benefits would be covered under the SAFER grant. He stated that each new employee would allow \$80,000 per person, for five people, for two years.

Mr. Lange further explained that the starting firefighter will earn \$35,000 and the pension benefit is \$28,000 per person. The Fire Chief has the suppression requirement at 18 instead of 19. The Fire Department has 14 firefighters with one on administrative leave. Due to the age cohort in the Fire Department, three people are scheduled to leave in the drop program within the next few years.

Council Member Murdock asked if the city needs to maintain 18 plus one employees in the Fire Department for two years of the grant.

Mr. Lange confirmed and stated that after two years the city can layoff or downsize to what the city can afford.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-040 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	Absent		

VOTE:

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

XII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance - None
- D. Urban County - None
- E. Freight House - None

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Mayor Pro-Richardson

- Ms. Richardson mentioned that there was no snow removal on the sidewalks on Prospect Rd. near the CITGO gas station.
- She also mentioned that there was thick ice leading to the door at the Towne Center on Michigan Avenue and said it is dangerous for the senior citizens.

Council Member Murdock

- Mr. Murdock thanked Mr. Lange and DPS for their work on the snow removal during the weather conditions.
- Commented that several properties haven't been shoveled and asked about enforcement.

Mr. Lange stated he has a report from Ms. Gillotti regarding snow removal.

- Mr. Murdock commented on establishing a \$10.10 minimum wage for city contractors, similar to what President Obama is doing with federal contractors, and mentioned that other communities have begun adopting the policy.
- He asked for more information on a job posting that only pays \$9.00 per hour.

Mr. Lange mentioned he is checking into it, and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson supported raising the minimum wage for city contractors.

Council Member Jefferson

- Mr. Jefferson reported that he is still receiving complaints on the Michigan Avenue (Road Diet).

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Mayor Schreiber appreciated the approval of the Boards & Commission nominations
- He recommended that the City consider being a sponsor for the Heritage Festival.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

City Manager Mr. Lange:

- Reported he is working on the arrangements for trip on Thursday to Indiana.
- Stated he has helped shovel the sidewalks and reported that city staff has placed a lot of salt on the sidewalks but it hasn't worked due to the extreme temperatures.
- Reported that three people from the DPS will be returning to Westland, their former employer.
- Read a report from Ms. Gillotti regarding snow removal on the sidewalks.

Mayor Schreiber mentioned that the snow plows have been going a lot slower and the residents appreciate it a lot because there is not as much snow in front of their driveways.

Mr. Lange added that DPS has been using underbody's instead of the front plows which helps tremendously.

- Reported that the EVIP report was completed and submitted and the recent collaboration between EMU Police, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, and Ypsilanti Police was highlighted.
- Reported that 684 streetlights are in conversion and a detailed inventory is being conducted.

Mayor Schreiber asked about the shields to cover the lights on some of the corners in the city.

Mr. Lange said he will look into shields to help protect residents from the beaming lights.

Council Member Jefferson asked if the city buildings still need lighting conversion.

Mr. Lange responded yes and said it will be done soon. He said DPS Director Stan Kirton is finalizing the project and has a quote of \$50,000.

- Reported that he received two official complaints regarding the Michigan Avenue road diet. He stated that nothing can be done with the stripping until early spring but City Council will have to decide whether to keep it or not.

Council Member Jefferson requested a copy of the WATS study.

- Mentioned that traditionally the City Manager has had a public evaluation so he will do so as well on February 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson suggested the evaluation be conducted in a special session meeting.

Council Member Robb added that the next meeting could be very long.

Council Member Vogt added that he'd rather see the evaluation separate rather than piled onto a heavy agenda.

- Mr. Lange took a poll on who was going to Indiana to see the housing development project.

XVI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

XVII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR -

Mayor Schreiber thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

XVIII. CLOSED SESSION –

Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. (OMA 15.268, Sections 8(e).

On a roll call, the vote to adjourn to Closed Session was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2014-047, 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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.