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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, March 18, 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	Absent	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Moeller (7:14)	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Schreiber	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Absent		

Council Member Vogt moved, supported by Council Member Murdock 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, Treasurer Kimberly Teamer, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage, Assistant City Attorney Jesse O'Jack, Tyler Weston, Community Development Director Teresa Gillotti, Michael Benham, Michael Ford, Jeff Castro, Scott Westover, Duane Harrington, Nathan Vought, Heidi Jugentitz, Steve Petty, Mike Bodary, Tom Coles, and E.M.U. Students.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Mayor Schreiber requested that Gary Clark be deleted from the resolution reappointing him to the Planning Commission.

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the agenda was approved as amended.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

1. Ann Arbor YMCA Update – Steve Petty was present on behalf of Cathi Duchon, President and CEO
2. AAATA Five Year Plan/May Ballot Question – Gillian Ream Gainsley, AAATA Board of Directors and Michael Benham, Special Assistant for Strategic Planning.
3. YCUA Big Four Pump Stations and HVAC WWTP Grit System SRF Bond Sale - YCUA Director Jeff Castro.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING -

New Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Exemption for Thompson Block Project
(Continued from March 4, 2014)

A. Resolution No. 2014-060, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act, Public Act 146 of 2000 (the "Act"), provides for a tax incentive to encourage the redevelopment of obsolete buildings through the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, the City of Ypsilanti is a Qualified Local Governmental Unit eligible to establish one or more Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Ypsilanti legally established an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District that includes parcel #11-11-04-495-024 (400 N. River St.) as part of a broader district including the three DDA districts on June 5, 2012 after a public hearing held on the same date as provided by section 3 of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the combined parcel at 400 N. River Street has been certified functionally obsolete by the City Assessor per P.A. 146 in February 2014; and

WHEREAS, the application relates to a rehabilitation program that when completed constitutes a rehabilitated facility within the meaning of Public Act 146 of 2000 and that is situated within an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District established in the City of Ypsilanti eligible under Public Act 146 of 2000 to establish such a district; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcels, Thompson Block Partners, LLC have submitted an application

for an obsolete property as defined in section 2(h) of Public Act 146 of 2000 requesting an exemption for a period of 12 years as a function of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the application included all of the items described under "Instructions" (a) through (f) of the Application for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate; and

WHEREAS, Thompson Block Partners, LLC are not delinquent in any taxes related to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the above referenced parcel have proposed to rehabilitate currently vacant, fire-damaged, blighted, and functionally obsolete structure into first floor commercial space, and upper story residential lofts; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of the rehabilitation of the facility did not occur before the establishment of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District; and

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property proposed to be exempt plus the aggregate taxable value of property already exempt under Public Act 146 of 2000 and under Public Act 198 of 1974 (IFT's) does not exceed 5% of the total taxable value of the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS the rehabilitation includes improvements aggregating approximately 100% of the true cash value of the property at commencement of the rehabilitation as provided by section 2(I) of Public Act 146 of 2000.

WHEREAS, the review committee met on February 19, 2014 and recommends approval of the application for a period of twelve years (2015-2026); and

WHEREAS, the application is not recommended for an extension; and

WHEREAS the completion of the rehabilitated facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate, have the reasonable likelihood to, increase commercial activity, create employment, increase commercial activity, revitalize urban areas, and increase number of residents in the community in which the facility is situated.

WHEREAS, the application was approved at a public hearing as provided by section 4(2) of Public Act 146 of 2000 on March 4, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council hereby grants an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption for a period of 12 years beginning December 31, 2014 and ending December 30, 2026 for the real property, excluding land, located in the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District which include parcel #11-11-04-495-024 (400 N. River Street) pursuant to the provisions of PA 146 of 2000, as amended, subject to completion of the renovations by December 31, 2016, the final approval of exemption certificates by the State Tax Commission, and to the taxes on the property being paid on time.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Robb

Tyler Weston, representing the developer and Nathan Voght, Washtenaw County Brownfield Program, was present to answer questions from Council.

Ms. Gillotti gave an overview of the request.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The Thompson Block redevelopment project has a long history of starts and stops, several of which are part of the approvals and changes requested by City Council. As a reminder, the proposed redevelopment consists of the combined parcel which includes 400-412 N. River St. (the buildings), the vacated alley to the east, and the land of the former 107 E. Cross St.

The proposed reuse of the existing structure will include restoring the building and façade, with 16 upper story residential lofts, and a combination of commercial/retail uses on the first floor totaling approximately 10,000 sf. The vacated alley and the vacant 107 E. Cross will provide for parking, storm water management, and buffer between the development and adjacent properties.

During the mid to late 2000s, Historic Equities Fund, LLC, worked to secure financing and related tax incentives in order to rehabilitate the property. On September 23, 2009 the structure suffered a significant fire, effectively stopping all redevelopment efforts.

In 2013, the newly formed Thompson Block Partners, LLC took over and restarted the efforts to redevelop the property including expanding the project scope by vacating a portion of the adjacent alley to the east, and combining 400 N. River, the alley and 107 E. Cross into a single property. The broader project then received Planned Unit Development rezoning and site plan approval through the planning Commission and City Council as of January 7, 2014.

Request for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Tax Exemption

In 2006, City Council approved an OPRA exemption for the Thompson Block project for 12 years with a condition that the work be completed in three years. As development did not occur, the current owners, Thompson Block Partners, are asking City Council to revoke the existing OPRA and to approve a new OPRA for 12 years.

The combined parcel under consideration is parcel ID # 11-11-04-495-024. The assessor previously did an inspection post-fire and has again provided a certificate of obsolescence for the site.

Project Financing

Total project costs are estimated at \$5,875,000 and include building, parking lot, storm water management and streetscape improvements along N. River Street in particular.

The financing includes the following contributions:

- Historic Tax Credits (state enhanced and federal)
- Investor shares (\$10,000 each)
- Bank loan or other mortgage
- State of Michigan MBT credit
- MEDC Community Revitalization Program (CRP) grant
- City of Ypsilanti OPRA (pending)
- Brownfield Tax Increment Financing

The State of Michigan is greatly involved in the financing. Some financing remains from previous allocations (State enhanced historic preservation tax credits, MBT credits) as well as newer contributions such as the CRP grant and new Brownfield Plan.

The owner has applied for and received a grant from the Ypsilanti DDA for building and façade improvements up to \$17,500.

OPRA Application

The applicant is requesting an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) exemption for 12 years. The OPRA would effectively freeze the value of the improvements on the combined property at the 2014 taxable value for improvements, approximately \$109,308. Investment and improvements to the properties would not be taxed during the lifetime of the abatement. Post development value is estimated at \$1.75 million by the City's assessor, a more conservative estimate than provided in the supporting materials.

Attached is the application and supporting materials, including the affidavit of obsolescence from the City Assessor, summary from the applicant, proforma as well as construction

estimates. Additional detail is provided with the proposed Brownfield plan for the site. property. Project construction is expected to start in July.

DDA Recommendation

As the properties in question are in the DDA, it was requested that the DDA Board provide a recommendation. The DDA did discuss the application at their Feb. 20, 2014 meeting and have provided a resolution of unanimous support for the project.

Related to the DDA, the City assessor noted that as the combined parcel is only partially in the DDA, DDA capture would be portioned appropriately.

City Review

The City review team met on Feb. 19, 2014. The review team consisted of Aaron Powers and Doug Shaw from WCA Assessing, Teresa Gillotti, Planner, and Tim Colbeck from the DDA. The team reviewed the proformas, provided the more modest estimate of value once completed, and discussed the other details of the project. the team determined that the project meets the criteria set out in the City's tax abatement policy as well as the goals for the Blueprint for Downtown encouraging upper story residences and ground floor commercial.

Staff recommends tying the number of years for construction to be completed to the end of redemption period for the State Enhanced Tax Credits, December 31, 2016.

B. Open the public hearing.

1. Mike Bodary, YCUA Board Member and Former City Council Member, stated City Council needs to ensure that the project is timely and proceeding. He supported the plan and improvements have been made but City Council needs to keep the pressure on them.

C. Resolution No. 2014-061, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider the "New Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Exemption for Thompson Block Project" be officially recessed until March 18, 2014.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Robb

On a voice vote the motion carried.

Council Member Moeller asked what happens if the resolution is not approved.

Ms. Gillotti replied they would probably not receive any additional financing from banks.

Mr. Weston stated that banks look at OPRAs for financial feasibility.

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Council Member Moeller asked what the value of the project is.

Ms. Gillotti replied \$5-\$6 million.

Council Member Murdock asked what the estimated tax value is afterwards.

Ms. Gillotti replied \$1.6 million is a conservative estimate.

Council Robb pointed out that the start date doesn't line up with the PUD and asked how many shares have been sold.

Mr. Weston replied 37 shares have been sold.

Council Member Robb asked if a loan is needed to start the work in July.

Mr. Weston stated they can start in July but not full scale without a loan.

Council Member Robb asked what happens if they run out of money, as it relates to the PUD.

Ms. Gillotti explained that they have a 6 month window to get started and no activity would make them go back to the PUD.

Council Member Robb pointed out that according to the Assessor Affidavit the address doesn't exist.

Ms. Gillotti stated that the address will be corrected and the affidavit can be updated to reflect the correct address.

Council Member Murdock asked with the OPRA would the taxes collected on the project would be frozen at \$100,000.

Ms. Gillotti confirmed that was true.

Nathan Vought stated the Brownfield plan allows for capture of the state school taxes but the local taxes are suppressed by the OPRA. 21 mils will be used to pay off other Brownfield expenses. This OPRA would not defer the State Education Tax (SET) exemption. The state only gave 50% abatement for the first 5 years of the SET.

Council Member Murdock asked if the construction could be finished in 2015. It was originally 2015 but it was extended to 2016.

Ms. Gillotti stated it would be late 2015 or early 2016.

Mr. Weston stated due to the delays and their timeline it probably wouldn't be possible.

Mayor Schreiber stated that he would be supporting the OPRA and voting yes.

Council Member Vogt stated he would be supporting the OPRA and voting yes because he believed the City Council needs to support every effort to get this project completed.

Council Member Robb stated the project is around six months behind based on their timeline they presented in June. The deadline for construction to begin on the project is July 7th.

Ms. Gillotti stated that City Council could put in the resolution to revoke their approval if the project doesn't start on that date. They could also change the language in the PUD to extend the deadline but the extension in the PUD now is only good once construction has begun.

Council Member Robb stated there should be a plan in place if construction doesn't start on July 7th.

Ms. Gillotti stated the state may not approve it if the resolution revokes the OPRA if construction hasn't started on a certain date but City Council can have city staff make another resolution to revoke the OPRA if construction doesn't start on that date.

Mr. Lange stated the timeframe to get construction started is short.

Ms. Gillotti stated it is possible to get construction started in late spring or early summer.

Mr. Vought stated getting the OPRA approved would help with the financing.

Council Member Robb asked when the State would approve the OPRA.

Ms. Gillotti stated she would check on when they approve tax abatements and follow up.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-060 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 4 No: 1 (Moeller) Absent: 2 (Jefferson, Richardson) Vote: Carried

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

None

XI. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2014-074, approving the minutes of February 11 and March 4, 2014.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of February 11 and March 4, 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.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2014-074A

1. Resolution No. 2014-075 , approving the updating of the Uniform Traffic Code – formatting as well as changes to give mid-block pedestrian crossing same status as pedestrian crossings at intersections.
Second Reading (Ordinance No. 1215)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That a ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 102 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ARTICLE II "UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE," SECTION 102-34 "CHANGES IN CODE," TO AMEND RULE 706 SO THAT IT DOES NOT REQUIRE PEDESTRIANS TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN A MARKED CROSSWALK THAT IS NOT AT AN INTERSECTION, AND TO DELETE PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE AND TO RE-PASS THOSE PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE" be approved on Second and Final Reading.

2. Resolution No. 2014-076 , approving Traffic Control Orders, making permanent 2013 TCOs. ***Second Reading (Ordinance No. 1216)***

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, City ordinance, and City policy; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has seen fit to issue temporary Traffic Control Orders 2013-01, 2013-02, 2013-04, 2013-05, 2013-06, 2013-07, 2013-08, and 2013-14 based on said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends City Council provide final approval for the Traffic Control Orders listed above.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City Council hereby approves Traffic Control Orders as listed above and authorizes the requested signage, pavement marking, and metering changes as approved by the Traffic Review Committee and City Manager be approved on Second and Final Reading.

3. Resolution No. 2014-077, renewing agreement with the Ann Arbor YMCA to provide youth recreation programming in city parks.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, due to reduced General Fund revenues, the City of Ypsilanti eliminated recreational programming for the City's youth; and

WHEREAS, financial contributions from foundations, businesses, non-profits and individuals, combined with contributions of time from many volunteers in the City, have kept the City's recreational facilities open; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor YMCA desires to continue to provide recreational opportunities for area youth during 2014 and 2015; including youth basketball, youth flag football summer camps; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti desires to offer the use of City park facilities to the Ann Arbor YMCA in return for providing recreational opportunities for area youth at no charge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the agreement with the Ann Arbor YMCA to provide recreational opportunities during 2014 and 2015 to area youth in City parks, at no cost to the City.

4. Resolution No. 2014-078, 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>
Jennifer Symanns (reappointment) 108 Oakwood Ypsilanti, MI 48197	Human Relations Commission	4/5/2017
Gary Clark (reappointment) 309 E. Cross Ypsilanti, MI 48198	Planning Commission	5/1/2017

Heidi Jugenitz (reappointment) Planning Commission 5/1/2017
327 Miles
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Nicki Sandberg (replacing Brett Lenart) Planning Commission 5/1/2017
910 Sheridan Apt. 2
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Eric Maes (reappointment) Parks and Recreation Commission 5/1/2017
1004 Sherman
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Tom Roach (reappointment) Zoning Board of Appeals 5/1/2017
912 Pearl
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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

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

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2014-067, revoking 2006 OPRA tax exemption for Thompson Block project. ***(Postponed 3/4/14)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti considers requests for tax abatement to encourage further growth and development in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City previously granted an OPRA to Historic Equities LLC for the Thompson Block project in 2006; and

WHEREAS, work was not completed during the time-frame allotted by the approval, and the Thompson Block Partners have requested that the City revoke said 2006 OPRA tax abatement agreement to pursue an amended project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti revokes the 2006 OPRA tax abatement exemption for 400 North River Street.

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

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-067 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Jefferson, Richardson) Vote: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2014-068, declaring the property at 400 N. River, parcel 11-11-04-495-024 blighted as defined in the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, PA 381 of 1996, as amended. ***(Postponed 3/4/14)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the property at 400 N. River, parcel ID# 11-11-04-495-024 experienced a fire in September of 2009 and remains open to the elements; and

WHEREAS, the property no longer has utilities; plumbing, heating, and sewerage have been disconnected, and the building lacks complete floors as well as ingress and egress, thus it is unfit for occupancy or its intended use under the State of Michigan building code; and

WHEREAS, the City has inspected the property on numerous occasions and determined that remains a dangerous property per the definitions found in Chapter 18, Article VI of the City Code of Ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti declares the property at 400 N. River blighted as defined in the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, PA 381 of 1996, as amended, based on the above findings.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Moeller

Staff has indicated in its report that the State of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has requested a blight resolution from the City of Ypsilanti in addition to the Assessor's certificate of obsolescence.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-068 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Jefferson, Richardson) Vote: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2014-069, supporting Brownfield Plan for Thompson Block project. ***(Postponed 3/4/14)***

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Development Authority (WCBRA) in accordance with the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act") to encourage redevelopment of contaminated, functionally obsolete or blighted property by providing economic incentives;

WHEREAS, the property located at 400 North River Street (the "Property") has been determined to be functionally obsolete by a Level III Assessor and deemed blighted by Council resolution, and located in a qualified local unit of government, thus the property is considered to be an eligible property as defined in the Act;

WHEREAS, The Brownfield Plan for the Historic Thompson Block (the "Plan") has been created to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property to include approximately 10,000 square feet of office/retail businesses on the ground floor and approximately 16 upper story residential units for an overall investment estimated at \$5.875 million;

WHEREAS, the Plan will allow application for a State of Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Michigan Business Tax Credit valued at \$175, 578.31 to assist in the financing of the redevelopment;

WHEREAS, the Plan must be approved by the City of Ypsilanti, before the WCBRA and Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will consider the plan for approval; and

WHEREAS, neither Washtenaw County nor the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will incur a financial note or bonded indebtedness for neither this project nor is any local tax increment financing capture proposed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ypsilanti City Council approve The Brownfield Plan for Historic Thompson Block for the property located at 400 North River Street as authorized by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Robb

This project previously utilized a Brownfield plan for additional eligible expenses. Post-fire, these expenses have changed and include streetscape improvements along River Street previously approved through the PUD/site plan approval process, as well as site preparation and storm water management for the parking lot on the east side of the building.

The current plan would collect taxes according to the proposed schedule in the attached Brownfield plan. If the OPRA is approved, then eligible expenses would be collected from State School education and Operating taxes. This collection is expected to last for 11 years, through 2025. Please note, that if taxable value declines and the collection period extends past the lifetime of the OPRA, local taxes could be collected. Further detail is provided in the draft Brownfield plan and memo from Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority staff Nathan Voght.

Ms. Gillotti requested a friendly amendment to the 2nd paragraph as follows:

WHEREAS, the property located at 400 North River Street (the "Property") has been determined to be functionally obsolete by a Level III Assessor AND DEEMED BLIGHTED BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION and deemed blighted by Council resolution, and located in a qualified local unit of government, thus the property is considered to be an eligible property as defined in the Act;

Council agreed and the amendment was approved as friendly.

Ms. Gillotti asked for an amendment to the resolution. It was moved by Council Member Murdock and supported by Council Member Robb to approve the friendly amendment to Resolution No. 2014-069.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-069 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 2 (Jefferson, Richardson) Vote: Carried

XIV. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study
 - Council Member Murdock stated the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study would meet Wednesday, March 19.
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance
- D. Urban County
 - Mayor Schreiber stated the Urban County would meet later this month.
- E. Freight House

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

- Asked how to fix 121 N. Washington which has been abandoned for five years?

Ms. Gillotti stated the owner met with the Building Department and will be submitting documents to the Historic District Commission. He has to submit building plans because he plans on taking out the storefront. They're expecting an application soon.

- Thanked Public Services for picking up the debris on Cross Street.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR -

- Described some of the projects and programs at Hamilton Crossing II.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated he has been attending the Michigan Municipal League Conference with city staff and other council members.
- Stated he made a list of the worst roads with Public Services Director Stan Kirton.
- Stated work can't be done on Prospect Road because of the frost levels. It may cost \$50,000 to \$80,000 and repairs may start next spring. The City will receive \$68,000 in emergency relief money for the roads.

Council Member Murdock asked how much was spent in road maintenance.

- Stated four of the five firefighters have been hired from the SAFER grant. One of them was the second woman firefighter to work for the City of Ypsilanti Fire Department. The fifth firefighter will start Wednesday, March 19. Additional firefighters may be hired after some retire.
- Stated four police officers have been hired, one retired, and another took a job in Lansing.
- Stated the process is undergoing to hire a Deputy Police Chief.
- Stated he is creating his first two year budget.
- Stated that Ms. Gillotti is working on a plan to extra resources toward economic development.
- Stated the Police Department needs maintenance and it has been included in the Police Chief's budget.
- Stated he gave a speech at the Rotary Club.
- Stated he will be attending the SEMCOG Conference.

- Stated he was happy to have Mrs. McMullan back and thanked Ms. Teamer, Ms. Schuette, and Semaj Ray for their hard work during her absence.
- Presented the Golden Spatula award to City Council.

XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Resident from Ypsilanti Township commented on the storefront at 121 N. Washington.

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR -

XX. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2014-079, 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 Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Robb

On a voice vote the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.