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CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, April 15, 2014
6:00 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION
7:00 P.M. – OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Jefferson	Present	Council Member Robb	Absent
Council Member Moeller 7:15	Absent	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Schreiber	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson to excuse the absence of Council Member Robb. 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 the following persons: Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage City Clerk, Frances McMullan, Chief Tony DeGiusti, City Attorney John Barr, and Deputy City Clerk Andrew Hellenga.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Murdock requested that Resolution No. 2014-96 be heard immediately following the presentation, and that Resolution No. 2014-97 be removed from the agenda.

On a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

VII. CLOSED SESSION – (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

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

On roll call, the vote to adjourn to closed session to discuss collective bargaining was as follows:

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:19 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS –

1. Planning Commission Annual Report – Teresa Gillotti
2. Historic District Commission Annual Report – Teresa Gillotti
3. TAP Grant Presentation – Teresa Gillotti

Resolution No. 2014-96, supporting TAP Grant application.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti City Council is working with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation on completing segments of the county-wide Border 2 Border trail; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti has received two Natural Resources Trust Fund grants to complete segments of the Border to Border trail including the Heritage Bridge Project linking Riverside Park to Michigan Avenue and The Rivers' Edge Linear Park and trail which traverses the extent of the Water Street Redevelopment Area ending on South Grove Street; and

WHEREAS, on-street connections are needed for pedestrians and bicyclists first on Michigan Avenue, and later on S. Grove street connecting to North Bay Park; and

WHEREAS, completion of these two connections in conjunction with the larger Border 2 Border trail work this

year will meet goals in the City's Master Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Parks and Recreation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the 2014 TAP Grant application for the Michigan Avenue mid-block crossing and S. Grove Street connection.

MAY IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council pledges $50,000 in match to the project along with funding partners.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the match for the project would range from $100,000 to $125,000.

City Planner Gillotti stated that the range was correct.

Council Member Murdock asked if the $50,000 would come from Act 51.

City Manager Lange stated that the $50,000 needed would come from 4-14 infrastructure fund.

Council Member Murdock asked why funding would not come from Act 51, stating that the city is required to use 5% of the fund for Non-motorized projects.

DPS Director Kirton stated that Act 51 funds have already been allocated to the Prospect Bridge for this Fiscal Year.

City Planner Gillotti stated that this project would not begin to till 2015.

Council Member Murdock asked who the sources are for the match, other than the Downtown Development Authority.

City Planner Gillotti stated that the other sources for funding are Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation and Huron River Watershed Coalition (Wolfpack).

City Manager Lange stated that the amount asked for has already been budgeted for this coming budget cycle. City Manager Lange also stated that it is his plan to develop a capital improvement plan for the future.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution 2014-96 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

IX. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING -

Ordinance No. 1217

1. An ordinance to set a minimum wage of $10.10 per hour for all city employees and city contractors.

A. Resolution No. 2014-91, determination.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to establish minimum wage for employees of the City of Ypsilanti and those working under service contracts for the City of Ypsilanti" be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Moeller

Council Member Murdock discussed the changes in the amended ordinance he submitted.

B. Open public hearing.

There were no speakers.

C. Resolution No. 2014-92, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing to consider "An ordinance to establish a minimum wage for employees of the City of Ypsilanti and those working under service contracts for the City of Ypsilanti" be officially closed.

Council Member Murdock discussed why he supports the Resolution, stating that this initiative is gaining momentum across the state. Council Member Murdock said that if the minimum wage is increased it will be beneficial to the economy overall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that there is a big push to add a minimum wage increase to the state November Ballot. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that Ypsilanti has led the way for the state on many other issues and would like to see it continue with minimum wage increase.

Council Member Jefferson asked if the seasonal employees of the Rutherford Pool would be affected by this increase.

Council Member Murdock stated that the reasoning for changing the implementation date to 2015 was to allow time to adjust budgets.

Council Member Jefferson stated that individuals affected by the increase will have a reprieve due to the implementation date.
Mayor Pro Tem Richardson stated that the majority of employees of the Rutherford Pool already earn $10.10 an hour or higher.

Council Member Murdock stated that minimum wage jobs are now jobs that many individuals use as a main source of income.

Council Member Jefferson stated that Ypsilanti already uses a living wage.

Council Member Murdock stated that this will set a floor.

Mayor Schreiber said that he will be voting for the wage increase as he is strongly in favor of it.

On roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-92 (Ord. No. 1217) at First Reading was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Scott Northway, 1270 Miles, discussed traffic issues on Miles and the danger that drivers who speed cause.

Natalie Holbrook, 11 S. Normal, stated that as an avid cyclist she supports the road diet.

Joel Baetens, 309 Grove Rd, supported making more ways of travel by bicycle.

Ken Shannon, College Heights, supports the road diet which will prompt drivers to be more cautious.

XI. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

Mayor Schreiber stated that he appreciates all the comments. Mayor Schreiber directed Mr. Northway to contact City Planner Gillotti with his concerns.

Council Member Murdock discussed adding the appropriate signage and the need for other traffic calming strategies.

XII. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2014-93, approving the minutes of April 1, 2014.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of April 1, 2014 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson pointed out a spelling correction for the name of Judy Bloss.

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

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2014-94

1. Resolution No. 2014-95 approving appointment 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:

NAME	BOARD	TERM EXPIRATION
Linda Horne (new appointment) 205 Oak Street Ypsilanti, MI 48198	**Parks and Recreation Commission**	**11/1/2015**

~~2. Resolution No. 2014-96, supporting TAP Grant application.~~ ***(Moved and heard after 'Presentations')***

~~3. Resolution No. 2014-97, approving Speed Control policy.~~ ***(Removed)***

4. Resolution No. 2014-98, approving YCUA Big Four Pump Stations and HVAC WWTP Grit System SRF Bond Sale – *Ordinance No. 1218* ***(Second Reading)***.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the contract and authorizing notice for the "YCUA Big Four Pump Stations and HVAC WWTP Grit System SRF Bond Sale" be approved at Second and Final Reading.

5. Resolution No. 2014-99, approving Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract for Prospect Road Rehabilitation Project.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program has appropriated fund to the State Local Bridge Program for the rehabilitation of the Prospect Road Bridge over the railroad tracks of Amtrak, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the implementation of this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 14-5143; and

THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign this contract and any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney, to facilitate the completion of this work.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Jefferson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

XIV. <u>RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS</u> –

1. Resolution No. 2014-100, regarding Michigan Avenue Road Diet.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City of Ypsilanti previously extended a 4-3 lane conversion of West Michigan Avenue in the fall of 2013; and

WHEREAS, goals of such a conversion include, reduction in the number of traffic accidents, slower speeds, and the addition of bicycle facilities; and

WHEREAS, such recommendations are a part of the City's Non-Motorized Plan and Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council would like to further those goals by leaving the 4-3 conversion in place with improved striping and signage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the 4-3 lane conversion of West Michigan Avenue; and

MAY IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council direct staff to pursue study and recommendations to improve the functionality of the conversion as proposed by OHM.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Planner Gillotti provided an overview of the road diet citing three goals; the first goal is to reduce traffic crashes. Without a dedicated left-hand turn lane roads tend to have higher amounts of crashes. Due to the increased amount of curb cuts in the city there are a higher degree of left hand turns providing need for a dedicated left-hand turn lane. The second goal of the road diet is to reduce speeds, providing greater safety. The third goal is to provide for a smoother transition when the road converts from four lanes to three.

Council Member Moeller asked the nature of car accidents occurring along this section of Michigan Ave.

City Planner Gillotti provided the crash statistics provided by the state.

Council Member Moeller asked if the crash data supported that rear-end collisions were caused by the lack of a dedicated turn lane.

City Planner Gillotti stated that there is insufficient data to make that claim.

Council Member Moeller asked why this was not brought to a Council vote.

City Manager Lange stated that the cost was under $25,000 and inside his purchasing power.

City Attorney Barr stated that the lane conversion was brought up during a Council meeting.

Council Member Jefferson said that the issue was brought up as a statement. Council Member Jefferson also asked why this particular conversion was not given the analysis that other conversions in the city had.

City Planner Gillotti stated that the funding needed was much greater at other locations which required TAP Grants to complete.

City Manager Lange stated that this project was done last minute. However, the Road Commission will reimburse the city 100% for the previous striping job.

Council Member Moeller asked if the location provided enough room to convert to five lanes.

City Planner Gillotti stated that she does not believe that there would be enough room to convert to five lanes. Also, a five lane conversion would definitely not allow space for bike lanes.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson stated that she is not against non-motorized transportation but she is yet to see a single bicyclist using the bike lane along that stretch. However, several times she has witnessed a motorist using the left-hand turn lane as a passing lane.

Council Member Moeller asked why crash data after 2012 was not provided.

City Planner Gillotti stated that information collected is sent to the state and there is a lag time in which that data is available.

Council Member Jefferson asked if staff was asking approval before data had been collected for analysis.

Council Member Vogt asked how long an analysis would take to be completed.

City Planner Gillotti stated that the analysis would be completed in 60 days.

Council Member Moeller asked after the analysis could be changed after it had been completed.

Marcus McNamara (OHM, Engineering) stated that the analysis could be used to modify street signals in order to prevent congestion as well as lengthen gaps needed to provide for side street turns. This area may also require another traffic signal as part of a long term plan. For the short term there would be a focus on proper signage and markings. The analysis would also provide for a conversion point at Ballard.

Council Member Vogt stated that there are two parts to this issue; the first being that the current stripes have faded and the road has become dangerous, the second is that the analysis is needed for long term safety. Council member Vogt stated that he is in support of both measures.

Mayor Schreiber stated that that he is in agreement with Council Member Vogt. Before the conversion was implemented this stretch of Michigan Avenue was quite dangerous. Also, the addition of bike lanes follows the city's Climate Action Plan. Mayor Schreiber stated that he will vote for this tonight.

Council Member Murdock explained that when this conversion was first discussed it was planned to go all the way to Ballard. Council Member Murdock stated that this conversion was not about bike lanes it is about traffic safety. Although, Council Member Murdock is reluctant to spend $9,000 on a study, he is in support of the conversion.

Council Member Moeller stated that she is displeased with the process used when the conversion first took place. She asked City Manager Lange, if this is within his purchasing power, why did he not simply sign off on the analysis.

City Manager Lange stated that there was controversy among a few of the Council Members and he felt that this is a policy decision and should come from council. City Manager Lange discussed that this issue does require quick action as the area has become dangerous and in order to match with the Road Commission's spring striping. City Manager Lange took responsibility for proceeding with the initial conversion without proper data.

Council Member Jefferson stated that he appreciates City Manager Lange's acceptance of responsibility and that the conversion is proceeding in the proper manner this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what would happen if OHM's analysis showed that four lanes is the proper structure of this road.

Marcus McNamara stated that he does not expect this to be the case, if there are any changes to the striping they will be done on the edges.

City Manager Lange asked that OHM include the cost of micro sealing for the conversion.

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

VOTE:

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

Council Member Murdock asked for a brief recess at 9:05pm.

Council session reconvened at 9:18pm.

2. Resolution No. 2014-101, approving funding request for urgent major street repairs.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the harsh winter season has left several major streets within the city limits in dire condition, and,

WHEREAS, OHM was asked to evaluate eleven (11) sections of major streets that were identified by city staff as in need of urgent repairs; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the summary of the cost analysis and conditions prepared by OHM and prioritized four (4) street segments for repairs, Cornell Road –Huron River Drive to Collegewood, at Kingwood Street intersection, and Roosevelt Blvd. intersection; Harriet Street-Burton Court to Huron, north side between Hamilton and Huron; N. Huron River Drive-Cross to 2300' west of LeForge; and Prospect Road-Cross street to 215' north of Forest Ave., and

WHEREAS, the current and future driveabilty of these four (4) street segments is severely impaired and poses a monumental safety concern, and

WHEREAS, the cost estimate to repair the street segments are estimated to be $249,000.00, including construction, engineering and a 15% contingency, and

WHEREAS, City staff is requesting council allocate funds in the amount of $249,000.00 to the Major Road Fund to expedite these needed repairs, and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council authorizes staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to make repairs to these four street segment, and

FURTHER, that City Council authorizes $249,000.00 be allocated to the Major Road Fund to fund these repairs.

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

DPS Director Stan Kirton stated that DPS had requested that OHM do an analysis on the condition of 11 road segments in the city. These 11 segments were deemed in a lower condition then the remaining city roads and would need attention.

Kent Early, OHM, explained the analysis and the scope of work. Mr. Early stated that there are eleven streets that require attention. Of those 11 four require immediate attention. Those roads are Prospect, North Huron, Harriet, and Cornell.

City Manager Lange stated that the funding strategy that was developed for this project is set up in a way that provides more for a higher level of contingencies in order to provide possible funding for other road projects.

Mayor Schreiber asked where the funding for this project was coming from.

City Manager Lange stated that funding was coming from the 4-14 fund.

Mayor Schreiber asked for clarification of what the 4-14 fund is. The Mayor stated that he is not saying that he will vote against the project he just wants to make sure that this is not coming out of the General Fund.

Council Member Murdock stated that the Resolution did not state where the funding came from specifically, he would also like clarification on funding.

City Manager Lange informed Council that he will provide that information at a later date. Mr. Lange did state that the funds are not already allocated to other projects.

Council Member Murdock how will the requested projects affect the PASER rating of the listed roads.

Kent Early (OHM) stated that Cornell, being that is a larger project, will increase by one the other two roads will be unaffected.

Council Member Murdock stated that he supports the projects with hopes that in the future the state needs to be a larger contributor to road construction.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson stated that Harriett Street has been having issues of sinking for years.

DPS Director Kirton stated that it is an issue developed by storm drains. Mr. Kirton stated that he will discuss the issue with YUCA.

Council Member Jefferson mentioned the road cuts outside of HOPE Clinic.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that utility companies, when making repairs, have damaged roads.

DPS Director Kirton stated that he will discuss these issues with the appropriate parties.

Council Member Murdock asked to have staff approach EMU for assistance with road repairs.

Mayor Schreiber asked staff to ask EMU for assistance regarding road repairs. Mayor Schreiber also asked that staff provide Council with the appropriate funding sources for this project. Mayor Schreiber stated that he supports this project and intends to vote for it.

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

VOTE:

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

3. Resolution No. 2014-102, lifting the cap on the number of streetlight conversions that can be done with special assessment funds.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Pursuant to city code section 90-63, the plans and specifications for the street light special assessment district are hereby amended to include the conversion of as many city street lights as possible (at least 876 additional lights) may be upgraded to LED as long as the net cost of this work remains under the original cost estimate of $555,564, and;

Whereas, All remaining street lights may be upgraded and paid for using general fund dollars, and;

Whereas, These amended improvements are necessary and benefit both the general public and individual parcels directly, for no additional cost, through increased visibility, security, and safety, and:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amended improvement is so ordered.

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

City Manager Lange gave the background and overview which illustrated the positive impact that the LED conversions have had on the budget.

City Manager Lange asked that City Council remove the cap in order to make the conversions to the remaining street lights.

DPS Director Kirton stated that if City Council removes the cap Ypsilanti will be the first city of its size to have all LED street lights.

Council Member Vogt asked if there will be any remaining funds to add lights on Hewitt North of Washtenaw.

DPS Director Kirton stated that this is definitely a possibility.

Council Member Jefferson asked if streets; Madison, Monroe, and Jefferson would be included in the conversion.

City Manager Lange stated that all city streetlights would be converted except for six floodlights.

Joe Hans of DTE stated that currently the technology does not support the conversion of floodlights.

Council Member Murdock asked about the lights on Washington Street in the Downtown asking if they could be converted.

DPS Director stated that the Washington St. Lights are not owned by DTE.

Council Member Murdock stated that the Washington St Lights were installed be the Downtown Development Authority and should be the responsibility of that organization.

Mayor Pro Tem Richardson asked how this would affect that General Fund Minimum Fund Balance.

City Manager Lange stated that this project over time would provide savings to the city. The city would in fact regain all expended funds within five years.

Council Member Murdock asked for clarification of funding, stating that $550,000 came from the special assessment while the total cost was $591,000.

City Manager Lange stated that the special assessment was allocated to phases four and five of this project.

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

Vote:

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

4. Resolution No. 2014-103, approving proposed purchase agreement with DTE Energy for LED streetlight conversions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti contracts with DTE ENERGY to provide and maintain street lights within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, DTE ENERGY is initiating programs this year, one of which is the Mercury Vapor and High Pressure Sodium Conversion Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in this program will replace 64 Mercury Vapor and 812 High Pressure Sodium light fixtures with the LED light fixtures; and

WHEREAS, the City's participation in this program will substantially decrease streetlight energy costs; and

WHEREAS, agreements are needed between the City and DTE Energy in order to participate in the conversion programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council approves an agreement and issuance of required purchase order with DTE Energy to replace 64 Mercury Vapor and 812 High Pressure Sodium light fixtures with the LED light fixtures in accord with the information provided in the Request for Legislation and Attachments A-C, Phase Four conversion of 876 lights.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Murdock

Council Member Murdock asked when the project would be completed.

Joe Hans of DTE stated that in order to receive the rebates the project would need to be completed by November 30th.

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

VOTE:

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

City Manager Lange thanked City Council, Stan Kirton, John Barr, and all others involved in this project.

XV. LIASON REPORTS –

A. SEMCOG Update –n/a
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – RFP for Whittaker/Huron/I-94 non-motorized design. Not much interest so redrafting. Meeting tomorrow.
C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance - n/a
D. Urban County – County going through coordinated funding process. Ann Arbor, United Way of Washtenaw County and Urban County. Proposals have been reviewed by committee. Final review next week to rank them.
E. Freight House – n/a

XVI. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Richardson

- Phone call about water bill surcharge doubling from 22 to 44. Council said she may have a leak.

Mayor Pro-Tem was advised to have her constituent contact YCUA.

- Reported she went to a workshop at MML last week on priority budgeting. The workshop's information is provided online as well as on Facebook. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that the information is worth taking a look. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that the information made a lot of sense and the city should take a look at it. Made a lot of sense in budgeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that she will send an email to Council. The workshop was presented by an engineer and a person who had spent 30 years in municipal finance. Priority was the focus of the strategy.
- Encouraged everyone to vote on May 6th. We need more buses in more places more often.

Moeller

- Inquired where the signs for AAATA were?

Murdock

- Stated he has signs and he will give them some.
- Showed concern about the graffiti issue in the city. City needs to address the problem as some of the graffiti has been present since last summer. He said that he would like the city to get a handle on it.

Moeller

- Asked about the trash at Ahmos.
- City Manager Lange stated that the business has been cited
- Council Member Moeller inquired what the next steps are if the issue is not remedied.

City Manager Lange stated that the issue will be monitored. They've been warned. City staff and other Council members have made several suggestions for how to handle the situation.

Council Member Murdock stated that the issue is with the solid waste company. The company responsible should pull the dumpster out, empty the dumpster, and push it back into place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that she drove around the area and didn't see the problem.

Council Member Moeller stated that the problem is at its worst early in the morning around 7:30 am.

Council Member Moeller stated that the party filing complaint was happy they were cited.

- Council Member Moeller stated that a big tree fell on a DTE power line on Kingwood St. DTE did not address the problem before the wire had fallen and asked if there is anything that the city can do in these situations?

  DPS Director stated that nothing could have been done; DPS is not authorized to work on private property.

  City Manager stated that if a tree fell on city property, the city would take care of the tree.

Vogt

- Reported no street sign on Washtenaw at Oakwood.

Jefferson

- Received a complaint regarding loud music at 855 Jefferson. In the past YPD would deter them. Council Member Jefferson wants to be sure they are being fined.

- At First Ave. and Watling mattresses and garbage have been piled on easement. The problem has been there for quite some time.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nothing

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

Reported the following:

- The city has hired two new police officers pending background checks and physical examinations.
- The city has purchased a new police car.
- Due to the SAFER Grant the city was able to hire 5 new fire fighters. Two fire fighters are already on shift and three more will be off their probationary period by June 1st.
- Through conversation with Moody's, Ypsilanti was able to maintain a rating of 2A while removing the negative outlook. This is due to several initiatives including the LED light conversations.
- Paul Tate has left SEMCOG his replacement is Kathleen Lomako. The Deputy Executive Director will be Carmine Palombo.
- Through work of DPS and Ericka Savage the bid's for trash service have commenced. This process has begun early in order to properly forecast for the upcoming budget preparations.
- NAACP three day law event begins Thursday, May 1st through Saturday, May 3rd. Ypsilanti was asked to co-sponsor which will be handled by Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage.

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION -

n/a

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR -

XXI. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2014-104, 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 10:46 P.M