



APPROVED

CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
THURSDAY, May 8, 2014
6:00 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION
7:00 P.M. – BUDGET SESSION

I. **CALL TO ORDER** –

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

II. **ROLL CALL** –

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

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to excuse the absence of Council Member Jefferson, Council Member Moeller, and Mayor Schreiber. On a voice vote the motion carried.

III. **INVOCATION** –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson 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** –

None

VI. **AGENDA APPROVAL** –

Council Member Murdock requested that Resolution 2014-111 be heard following the presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Council Member Robb asked that the Audience Participation be heard before Resolution 2014-111 in order to ensure that there would be time for public participation before a vote.

On a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

VII. **PRESENTATION** –

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson presented the "Tree City USA" 10 year plaque to Stan Kirton, Director of the Department of Public Services.

VIII. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING -

Ordinance No. 1219

An ordinance to Amend Chapter 22 "BUSINESSES" of the Ypsilanti City Code by adding Article VII "Going Out of Business Sale" and New Sections 22-301 to 22-308 to regulate certain sales and provide remedies and penalties for violations be approved on First Reading.

A. Resolution No. 2014-105, determination.

**IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI
that: the certain ordinance entitled:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 "BUSINESSES" OF THE
YPSILANTI CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE VII "GOING OUT
OF BUSINESS SALE" AND NEW SECTIONS 22-301 TO 22-308 TO
REGULATE CERTAIN SALES AND PROVIDE REMEDIES AND
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS be approved on first reading.**

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Attorney Barr stated that City Clerk McMullan asked that this matter go before City Council. He said the ordinance is modeled after Michigan Law. The ordinance requires businesses going out of business to acquire a permit to hold a going out of business sale.

Council Member Robb inquired if there is a specific reason this ordinance has been brought before Council.

City Clerk McMullan stated that there have been several calls to the Clerk's office regarding these permits.

Council Member Robb asked that once a business owner submits an inventory list including the price of each item on that inventory what would the city do with that information?

City Clerk McMullan stated that that information would be stored on file in the Clerk's Department.

Council Member Robb stated that if a business with a substantial inventory went out of business it would be an extra burden on the owner. Ordinances such as these are the reason why individuals feel negatively toward government.

Council Member Robb stated that there is no way to enforce this ordinance. Passing this ordinance creates something that some individuals may follow and some may not. For those that do follow this ordinance how would the information collected be used in a meaningful way?

Council Member Murdock stated that the useful of this ordinance is to ensure that businesses are up-to-date with their personal property taxes. Now that personal property taxes will no longer be an issue this ordinance serves no function.

Council Member Vogt stated that the main purpose of this ordinance is to prevent fraud. Business owners may hold false going out of business sales in order to stir up business. An up-to-date inventory should be a list that is kept current; the only extra burden would be the time that it takes to print this document. The State feels that this issue is problem enough to legislate.

Council Member Vogt stated that he is in favor of passing this ordinance. If a business is going out of business, and is honest about it, this should not be a problem.

B. Open public hearing.

There were no speakers.

C. Resolution No. 2014-106, close public hearing.

THAT the public hearing for AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 "BUSINESSES" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE BY ADDING ARTICLE VII "GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE" AND NEW SECTIONS 22-301 TO 22-308 TO REGULATE CERTAIN SALES AND PROVIDE REMEDIES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS be officially closed.

Council Member Robb stated that he is going to vote no on this ordinance. However, being that there are only four Council members present he would consider tabling this item.

Council Member Vogt moved, supported by Council Member Robb to table this item.

On roll call vote, the vote to table Resolution No. 2014-105 (Ordinance No. 1219) was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 2 No: 2 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Failed

On roll call vote, the vote on Resolution No. 2014-105 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 2 No: 2 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Failed

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that this is simply a housekeeping matter, aligning city practices to that of the State.

Council Member Robb stated that the city has operated without this ordinance since 1961 and he sees no reason to adopt it.

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Beverly Washington James, 968 Monroe St. stated that on May, 6th the day of the election, a young girl came to her door attempting to get individuals from that neighborhood to vote. The girl was upset at how she was being treated in that neighborhood. Ms. James stated that more citizens should participate in the electoral process from all districts of Ypsilanti.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that Ms. James is the daughter of Amos James, who brought public housing to Ypsilanti.

Resolution No. 2014-111, authorizing Ypsilanti City Council to file or join Amicus briefs in the litigation captioned Deboer v. Snyder.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

Whereas the voter approved "Michigan Marriage Amendment" (MMA), Article 1, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution, prohibits same-sex marriages, and

Whereas Article 1, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution (MMA) was determined to be unconstitutional by the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, on March 21, 2014, in the case of April Deboer et al v Richard Snyder, et al, Civil Action No. 12-CV-10285, Hon. Bernard A. Friedman, finding that the MMA impermissibly discriminates against same-sex couples in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution because the MMA does not advance any conceivable legitimate state interest and

Whereas defendants have appealed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, case number 6th Cir#14-1341 ED Mi #12-civ-10285, and

Whereas parties supporting plaintiff's position are filing an amicus brief in the appeal in support of the lower court decision and have requested that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti join in the amicus brief, and

Whereas the Council of the City of Ypsilanti are in support of the findings and holding of the lower court that the MMA, Article 1, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution is unconstitutional,

NOW THEREFORE, permission is given for the City of Ypsilanti to file or join amicus brief in the appeal litigation.

Further that the City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to attorney Cameron R. Getto, Zausmer, Kaufman, August & Caldwell, P.C., attorney at law to take all appropriate action to add the City of Ypsilanti to amicus brief in support of the position that the MMA, Article 1, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution is unconstitutional.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Council Member Murdock stated that the resolution is descriptive enough in itself, the amicus allows for the broadening of the argument.

City Attorney Barr introduced Cameron R. Getto of Getto, Zausmer, Kaufman, August and Caldwell, P.C.

Cameron Getto stated that his firm has taken on the amicus brief. His firm has approached a wide range of businesses, municipalities, and non-profit. Currently the 6th District Court will not allow other organizations to become involved with case. The amicus brief, which is due June 6th, 2014, does not cost the City anything; it simply adds Ypsilanti to the list of organizations in support of the amicus. Ypsilanti would be only adding its name to something that it already supports through its Human Rights Ordinance.

Council Member Vogt stated that he would like to thank both Mr. Getto and his law firm for their efforts in support of this cause. Council Member Vogt stated that there is no basis for bigotry towards gays and their relationships. There is no logical argument made against this issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson provided reasoning why she voted against the Resolution asking the Attorney General not to appeal the case of Deboer v. Snyder. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that many times she asks her constituency if they voted. Those individuals responded that they did not vote feel their vote matters. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that 2.7 million voters in the State voted that marriage is between a man and a woman, and that a single judge should not have the ability to negate those votes.

Council Member Murdock, in response to Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson comments, stated that this issue and the previous resolution are different things. The case Deboer v. Snyder is already being appealed. Council Member Murdock stated that the rights of the people are not up for referendum. If the case of Brown v. Board of Education were up for referendum the Mayor Pro-Tem would have a different opinion.

Council Member Vogt stated that this issue follows the same line as the 14th and 15th Amendments of the Constitution. The majority does not have the right to engage in bigotry, by vote or otherwise. Council Member Vogt urged Mayor Pro-Tem to change her position on this matter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that this is not a vote for bigotry it is a vote against the courts ability to overturn the will of the voters.

Council Member Vogt stated that a vote against this is taking the position of bigotry. Council Member Vogt stated that he does not accept Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson's argument calling it an act of dissembling.

On roll call vote, the vote on Resolution No. 2014-111 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 2 No: 2 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Failed

Council Member Murdock stated that his vote was cast in order to reconsider at the next Council Meeting.

X. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

None

XI. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2014-107, approving the minutes of April 15, 2014.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of April 15, 2014 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote the minutes were approved as submitted.

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2014-108, approving Ordinance No, 1217, an ordinance to set a minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour for all city employees and city contractors. ***(Second Reading)***

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 Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

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SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

No Discussion

On roll call vote, the vote on Resolution No. 2014-108 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2014-109, approving the purchase of Public Services vehicles for 2014-2015.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, funds have been allocated in the 2014-2015 Budget to purchase replacement vehicles in the Department of Public Services Fleet; and

WHEREAS, a proposal was received from Wolverine Freightliner-Eastside, 107 S. Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043, to purchase four truck chassis, for the amount of \$336,790.00, Shults Equipment, 1532 S. State Road, Ithaca, MI 48847 submitted a proposal to outfit three (3) of the chassis with dump bodies and underbody snow plows for the amount of \$147,043.50; Fredrickson Supply, 3075 Linden Avenue, Wyoming, MI 49548, submitted a proposal for the amount of \$63,104.00 to outfit one of the chassis with a packer body; and

WHEREAS, Signature Ford, 1960 E. Main Street, Owosso, MI 48867, submitted a MIDeal proposal for the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-350 4X4 Stake Body Truck with front snow plow through the State purchase Program for the amount of \$34,179.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Ypsilanti City Council approves staff to order these vehicles for delivery and purchase in the 2014-2015 fiscal year the total amount of \$581,168.50; and

FURTHER, that the purchase and outfitting of these vehicles be expended from accounts #641-7-9320-987-10 and #641-7-9350-987-10;

THAT the City Manager and the City Clerk is authorized to sign the purchase proposal/orders and any change orders, subject to approval by the City Attorney, to complete the purchase of these vehicles.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Manager Lange stated that DPS Director Stan Kirton and his team at DPS have done a nice job on this issue. Council amended the budget to address these needs in response to this past winter. The funds have been appropriated but not expended. The funds will not be expended until the next fiscal year so they will need to be re-appropriated.

DPS Director Kirton stated that he would be happy to answer any questions that Council may have regarding these vehicles.

Council Member Murdock inquired about alternative fuels.

DPS Director Kirton stated that following the City's alternative fuel policy the state truck will be converted to ICON Duel Fuel System. This system provides LP gasoline, Liquid Petroleum, and diesel. The larger vehicles are waiting for EPA's certification for that size, however, if Council wishes those conversions can be completed.

Council Member Murdock asked if that fuel type was the same as LPT.

DPS Director Kirton stated yes, those were the same fuel types.

Council Member Murdock asked when the plow trucks and the stake trucks would be converted.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the plow trucks and the packer truck could be converted in the fall depending on EPA Certification. Mr. Kirton stated that the vehicles can be used until EPA has finished the certification. Mr. Kirton stated that the vehicles can be converted up to 50,000 miles.

Council Member Murdock proposed an amendment to the resolution that all five vehicles be converted once the conversion kits are available.

City Manager Lange stated that the order is right on the edge of the winter season and will be needed for snow removal.

Council Member Murdock asked how long the conversion would take.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the conversion would take about a week.

Council Member Murdock stated that there is flexibility in the conversion.

City Manager Lange asked how much the conversion would cost.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the conversion would cost \$6,000 to \$7,000.

City Manager Lange stated that the vehicles ordered came under budget by around \$7,000 so that would cover the cost of the conversion.

Council Member Murdock asked if CNG fuel had been examined.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the drawback of CNG is that it is a single fuel system and once CNG runs out the vehicle would need to be towed. The dual fuel system has an indicator informing the driver when the propane is low.

Council Member Murdock asked about the propane station that would be used to fuel the new vehicles.

DPS Director Kirton said that the fueling station is Amerigas Station, on Carpenter Rd. Mr. Kirton stated that if the fleet is large enough Amerigas would come to the DPS yard to refuel, or an aboveground tank could be installed.

Council Member Murdock moved to further the resolve that all five vehicles be converted once the conversion kits become available.

OFFERED By: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On roll call vote, the vote on Resolution No. 2014-109 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Carried

Council Member Robb asked what vehicles were looked at as well as what other engines other than those with a 8.3 Lt. engine. Council Member Robb stated that there must be other engines that have been certified by the EPA. Council Member Robb asked what process was used when deciding on these vehicles.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the options were kind of limited, and said Caterpillar is eliminating the larger motors. Most of the fleet the DPS is using matches the motors chosen in order for efficiency in maintenance and parts in inventory.

Council Member Robb asked if Ypsilanti's snow plows have the 8.3 Lt Engines or is it the 6.8 Cummings Engine. Why change to the 8.3 Lt.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the snow plows will have greater torque and power with the 8.3 Lt engine, also the 6.8 Lt engines are being phased out.

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City Manager Lange stated that he is very proud of this. This process came out of a state and county-wide bid. The specifications came from Oakland County and DPS employees, John Sherwood and David Blakely were individuals involved with the specifications.

DPS Director Kirton stated that the specifications of these vehicles do mirror the specifications of the vehicles currently in the fleet.

On roll call vote, the vote on Resolution No. 2014-109 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 (Moeller, Jefferson, Schreiber) Motion: Carried

3. ~~Resolution No. 2014-111, authorizing Ypsilanti City Council to file or join amicus briefs in the litigation captioned DeBoer v. Snyder.~~ **(Moved and heard after 'Audience Participation')**

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

None

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

Reported the following:

- Pleased with the "Tree City USA" award ceremony. He and Brad Holman accepted the award with the 2nd graders at Adams Grade School.
- Thanked all individuals involved in the budget preparation, thanking Assistant to the City Manager Savage for compiling the budgets and making them uniform.
- There was a meeting with Chief DeGiusti, staff, and the City Labor Attorney. There is a tentative agreement with the COAM and a meeting has been set with the POAM.
- The LED conversions are moving forward which use half the power and provide better light. The City Manager gave credit to Mr. Kirton and the DPS Team for their success.
- Congratulated all involved on the street light conversion mentioning that Ypsilanti is the only city of its size to convert all its street lights to LED. The city manager stated that mid-June is the start date which will hopefully moved closer.
- The OHM report concerning the Road Diet on Michigan Ave should be complete in a couple of weeks. In the meantime tape will be used to create a more safe transition.

- The speed humps will be in no later than next week weather permitting.
- Emergency road repairs are moving forward, the city hopes to have support from AAATA for the repairs on Adams St.
- The city is pushing forward with Rutherford Pool with hopes to be ready in time for the season, which would be the first time in the past two years.
- The trash bid was today. The bids that have come in are at the level that would create a self sufficient system that would no longer need to subsidize form the Motor Pool.
- The fire department has hired a couple more individuals as the Civil Service Commission has allowed the City to extend the list of applicants. Richard Barnabo was promoted to Captain and Ken Hobbs has been promoted to Lt.
- Carmen Palombo was scheduled to speak at this month's DDA meeting, however due to time constraints he will be scheduled to speak either in June or July.
- There may be a special session for City Council held at 6pm on this Monday, May 12 regarding the recreation center. Council will be informed no later than tomorrow at 12 pm.
- The street lights on Washington St., which are not on the DTE system, absorb an enormous amount of energy. The funds left over from the special assessment could be used to perform the conversion. The City will work with the DDA on this issue.
 - The corner of Michigan and Huron, which is currently a tripping hazard, will be repaired over the weekend weather permitting.
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that the bushes at Town Center still have not been trimmed. Stating that the bushes are a safety hazard as the block the line of sight if a driver were to turn or go straight.
 - DPS Director Kirton asked if the Ordinance Department has notified the property owner.
- City Manger Lange stated that Mr. Daniels of the Building Department has spoken with the property owner.
 - Council Member Murdock asked for clarification on the Special Meeting start time, either 6pm or 7pm.
 - City staff informed Council that the meeting will begin at 6pm.
 - Council Member Robb asked if any information will be made available before the special meeting.

- City Manager Lange stated that due to client attorney privilege information will not be available until the meeting.

XVI. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Thursday, May 15 will be the next meeting
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – n/a
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – n/a
- D. Urban County – n/a
- E. Freight House – As part of the Ann Arbor Community Meeting the Freight House has received

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved to and supported by Council Member Vogt have the second Audience Participation after Liaison Reports.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

Beverly Washington James, 968 Monroe St. stated that the Council Meeting was an enlightening session and inquired about date and time of future meeting.

Council informed her that regular Council Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of each month and that the normal start time is 7pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson called for a ten minute recess at 7:31 pm.

XVII. BUDGET SESSION –

(PowerPoint presentation link on city's website)

City Manager Budget, Overview and highlights

- General Fund Revenues and Non-General Funds Expenditures Review/Questions (FY 2013-14, FY 2014-15, FY 2015-16) –Ralph A. Lange
- John Kaczor – Five year projections July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019
- Street Lighting Fund (101) – Page 30
- Solid Waste Contract

Council Member Vogt asked how the projections for future real estate value are determined, through SEMCOG or the State.

John Kaczor stated that the projections are not developed by any single source; instead projections are developed through trends of surrounding areas. The increase in value will be much lower than 6-8%.

Council Member Vogt asked if inflation is built into these various estimates, or rates of inflation.

John Kaczor stated that general growth rate is 2%, for healthcare it is substantially higher, between 8-10%. Utilities would also see a larger inflation rate of 4-5%.

Council Member Robb stated if the plan is to sell \$4 million worth of property, or refinance bonds, steps to achieve those goals should be stated in a 5 year plan. The presented budget is the fallback, if the plan is to spend more than we bring in it is not narrowing the box.

John Kaczor stated that he feels Council Member Robb has a valid point, the forecast does not show changes other than what we know will change. It does not show what the picture will be if all targets are met.

City Manager Lange stated that all revenue from the sale of property is not shown in the projections. These numbers would be more positive if those numbers were included. If the new trash contract were shown in these projections the outlook would also have a significant impact.

Council Member Robb stated that we have a dedicated fund for tracking the sale of property and this fund is not shown in the numbers. He said we can't tell the public that we are keeping these numbers off the books.

City Manager Lange stated that the fund is not being shown as revenue because it would create an inappropriate picture. It will go in the fund and be used when it is needed, not to make the current projections look more positive. We need to have those funds available when we do the refinancing.

Council Member Robb stated that it is a false picture saying it is off the books.

John Kaczor asked if what Council Member Robb was asking if the statement should be stricken from the report.

Council Member Robb stated that we need to show that this money is set aside in our budget. It's a dedicated fund balance and we need to show that.

Council Member Vogt stated that this should be in the budget but separate.

City Manager Lange stated that is not part of the operating revenue.

Council Member Vogt stated that it would be a good public education. Council Member Vogt further said that this is a fund dedicated to helping the city get out of the Water Street mess.

Council Member Murdock stated that when we end up with charts like this it just shows the city falling off a cliff. The budget needs to be shown with a light at the end of the tunnel. We have to start showing that there is a path out of this and solving the 1.3 million Water Street Debt is number one.

City Manager Lange stated that we are being ultra-conscious. We can show projections of where we would be if we hit our targets. We weren't sure about the trash contract and now we are, and that was a major piece. In the future we can present a pessimistic and optimistic budget.

Council Member Robb stated that in order to achieve a balanced budget we need to do this. All of this is what we need to do with Water Street. Council Member Robb stated that he is not asking for projections, just a plan that will make this work.

Council Member Murdock stated that the Motor Pool, originally, this was an enterprise fund and individual departments' replacement costs were linked. There was a rate structure so that we know what is going on in the motor pool. Council Member Murdock asked if we have a rate structure for police cars, parking enforcement vehicles, and DPW vehicles.

City Manager Lange stated that State Maintenance Contract are state fees and have never been cut off. The Garbage Fund is now subsidized by the motor pool, with the new trash contract this should come out neutral. 2015-2016 will be the first fiscal year that money is going into the motor pool which is about \$250,000. We need experience with the new fleet. The Motor Pool shows \$450,000 in supplies without even considering wages, however, as more experience is gained this line will flatten out. Currently, the

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city is renting 2 police cars to save money; the Fire Department vehicles are fine except one engine. At some point we need to get the fleet back up so when funds are low we will not have to worry about buying new equipment.

John Kaczor stated that we can look into reimbursing the Motor Pool from the General Fund.

Council Member Murdock stated that two years with no money in it not a cost effective practice.

City Manager stated that funding from the General Fund to the Motor Pool which then would transfer to the Garbage Fund wasn't paying for any equipment. \$140,000 was used to simply subsidize the Garbage Fund and at the moment we are playing catch up.

Tim Colbeck, DDA Executive Director

- DDA Depot Town Fund (275) Pages 75 to 79
- DDA Downtown Fund (413) – Pages 96 to 98

Council Member Murdock asked if the administrative cost were covered by the 2 mils.

DDA Director Colbeck stated that it does not since the operating cost is offsetting personnel cost. There will be a \$13,000 surplus in the operating costs that is being used for personnel.

Council Member Murdock stated that the overall projections are similar to that of the City. Projections show declining deficits due to doing fewer projects.

DDA Director Colbeck stated that part of the decline in deficits is due to undertaking fewer projects and part comes from bonds being paid off.

Council Member Murdock stated that Downtown Bond rolls off this year and the Depot Town next year. Council Member Murdock stated that Depot Town is currently going through a TIF renewal process and that will determine what revenues will be, and they won't be that high.

DDA Director Colbeck stated that the waste management contract to service the three Downtown dumpster enclosures hopefully will be partially recouped by a voluntary buy-in from businesses using the service. Mr. Colbeck stated that if the DDA does their job and more businesses move to the area then that will incur extra stress on the service which will require extra pick-ups.

Council Member Murdock asked if the DDA has a new contract for trash service.

DDA Director Colbeck stated that they do have a new contracting company which came in considerably lower than the previous company.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked about the planters on Michigan Ave stating that over the past few years they haven't looked as attractive.

DDA Director Colbeck stated that the planters have been reworked; first the obelisks have been planted earlier in the season, also the sweet potato plants have been replaced with a less evasive plant. Mr. Colbeck also stated that some of the terracotta planters have been replaced with more hanging baskets.

Tony DeGiusti, Police Chief

- Police Services (Administration, Field Services, Bullet proof Vest Grant, Parking Enforcement) – Pages 19 to 23

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- Special Events – Page 29
- Police Special Revenue Fund (265) – Pages 71 to 72

Council Member Murdock asked when the DDA officer would be on duty.

Chief DeGiusti stated that the DDA officer would be on in early August.

Council Member Vogt asked how many vehicles the carport would hold.

Chief DeGiusti responded that the carport would hold around 12 vehicles and would cover the entire back of the police station.

City Manager Lange stated that this is an investment; it's not just throwing money away. Mr. Lange stated that he will not allow the fleet to get out of hand.

Council Member Murdock inquired about the truck scales and if there is anyone trained to use them.

Chief DeGiusti stated that currently there is not a trained officer for that task. Chief DeGiusti stated that it can be a dedicated position that requires significant and costly training.

Council Member Murdock asked if there were 25 sworn officers.

Chief DeGiusti stated that there are 25 sworn officers including him.

Council Member Murdock asked about the three new officers.

Chief DeGiusti stated that there will be three new officers by the end of this month and one more in June.

Council Member Murdock asked about the 31 officer target.

Chief DeGiusti responded that the Deputy Chief position is still vacant and they are currently looking to hire one more officer. The hiring process exhausted the last batch of applicants and he is waiting for another batch from Human Resources.

Council Member Murdock stated that the Chief is getting us all up to snuff with personnel.

Chief DeGiusti stated he and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson have discussed the possibility of team policing. The city be divided into three sections each with a specific detective and specific officers on that team. This would provide ownership for that territory.

Council Member Murdock asked when part-time officers will be hired.

Chief DeGiusti stated that this is being discussed through contract negotiations and said he would not be able to give specific information at this time.

Council Member Murdock stated that he warned that this would be a difficult process.

Chief DeGiusti stated that even if we are unable to hire part-time officers, it is not critical to the mission, but it would be helpful.

City Manager Lange stated the idea to use part-time officers should be effective. The city has been solicited to bid on a resource officer contract for Willow Run Middle School.

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Chief DeGiusti stated that the resource officer in the middle school proposal will go before the school board. This would be out of the Jurisdiction but would not matter.

City Manager Lange stated that he has spoken with the County Sheriff who stated that if Ypsilanti won this contract he would have no issue.

Council Member Robb stated that this budget asks for \$500,000 more than the last budget, and asked the Chief to explain this.

Chief DeGiusti responded that specifically he can't account for every dollar but he can say that budget projections for salary are on a worst case scenario. Also, the Police Special Revenue Fund also needs to be replenished.

City Manager Lange stated that \$350,000 of the projections is allocated for overtime and he hopes to beat that by a meaningful amount.

Max Anthouard, Fire Chief

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Council Member Murdock asked if the SAFER Grant was only paying for three people.

Fire Chief Anthouard responded that this is based on the previous budget and only two were hired, bringing the total to 17.

City Manager Lange stated that the SAFER Grant adds \$28,000 to the Police and Fire Pension Fund.

City Manager Lange stated that Tier Two is also saving a lot, \$80,000 would never cover the cost of a fire fighter without it.

Council Member Murdock stated that the \$28,000 was for five officers. Council Member Murdock stated that the SAFER GRANT only reduced the millage for two years and then it goes back up.

City Manager Lange stated that the big thing with Human Resources is to see how Medicare Advantage goes.

Council Member Murdock responded that Medicare Advantage is out of our control. Council Member Murdock further stated that what worries him is that the SAFER Grant only last for two years then the millage rate raises by .04 mils.

City Manager Lange responded that that will happen in stages and we won't feel the full effect until the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

~~John Barr, City Attorney~~ **(Adjourned until May 13, 2014)**

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~~Frances McMullan, City Clerk~~ **(Adjourned until May 13, 2014)**

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~~XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION —~~

(Moved and heard after the 'Liaison Report')

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR —

XX. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2014-110, adjourning the City Council meeting.

That the City Council Meeting be adjourned, on call, by the Mayor or two (2) members of Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Murdock

On a Voice Vote the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:52pm