



APPROVED

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014
7:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, supported by Council Member to excuse the absence of Council Member Moeller.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. INVOCATION –

All stood 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 –

The Mayor introduced; DPS Director Stan Kirton.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION–

None

VII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

None

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

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1. Resolution No. 2014-225, supporting the Washtenaw County Road Funding Committee's Proposed 2015 Urgent Roads Repair Program Project List

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

**Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the
Washtenaw County Road Funding Committee:**

Whereas, The Roads in the City of Ypsilanti do not meet the aspirations of residents or the expectations of visitors; and

Whereas, The increase in the price of winter maintenance, especially due to the increase in salt prices, will negatively impact the City's ability to meet other rising costs; and

Whereas, It is unlikely that the City of Ypsilanti will receive additional road funding from the State of Michigan in time to expand road repairs in the 2015 construction season; and

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Ypsilanti is not able to levy a millage on its own authority to raise additional dollars to effect additional road repairs in the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, Washtenaw County has created a Roads Funding Committee to advise Washtenaw County whether it should exercise its authority under Act 283 of 1909 to levy a millage for road maintenance; and

Whereas, The Roads Funding Committee has recommended that Washtenaw County levy a .5 mill millage for road maintenance in FY 2015; and

Whereas, The levying of such a millage would provide The City of Ypsilanti with an additional \$145,000 in FY 2015 to effect road repairs; and

Whereas, Staff believes that the City of Ypsilanti has the capacity to utilize the additional \$145,000 that would be generated by an Act 283 millage to effect road maintenance on local streets; and

Whereas, Additional road maintenance on local and major streets will improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti must offer specific road project(s) to meet a requirement of Act 283 of 1909; and

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners may consider the Roads Funding Committee recommendation as early as October 1, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti endorses the recommendations of the Roads Funding Committee; and respectfully request that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners exercise its statutory authority to levy a millage to raise additional monies for road repairs and submits reconstruction of N. Adams between Pearl and W. Cross as the City of Ypsilanti's road project for purposes of meeting the Act 283 of 1909 requirement.

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

City Manager Lange thanked Council Member Murdock, the County Commissioner Chair Andy LaBarre, Ray Townsend Managing Director, Marcus McNamara and Kent Early from OHM and DPS Director Stan Kirton for their work with Adams St along with urgent road repairs. Mr. Lange stated there are many contingencies with this project but he feels confident the City will be able to leverage the \$145,000 for an additional \$198,000. Mr. Lange said this project would use some of the federal aid of which the City has \$463,000. Mr. Lange informed Council, even if the City is not awarded the millage the project will still be completed. Mr. Lange said the City will spray patch the last section of Prospect rather than the overlay. Mr. Lange explained this decision was made after careful consideration from OHM, and the DPS Director that an overlay would not be economically feasible.

Council Member Murdock asked when the spray patching would be completed.

DPS Director Kirton responded DPS will be renting the spray-patch machine on Monday. He also informed Council that he spoke with Mrs. Gotts and made her aware of the plan.

Council Member Murdock stated he was under the impression the federal aid would not be used for this project.

Mr. Lange responded the intention was to not use the federal aid, however the engineers felt spot repairs would not be effective since the project would require 10" concrete for the entire length.

Council Member Murdock asked if Adams would be completely converted to concrete.

Mr. Lange responded yes, and a decision must be made quickly in order to match the County program in 2015. Mr. Lange added the project in its entirety cost \$520,000, making the use of the federal aid necessary.

Council Member Murdock asked where the \$520,000 is coming from.

Mr. Lange responded along with \$322,000 is coming from federal aid, and the match will come from the major road repairs, possible funding from AAATA and the proposed County Millage. Mr. Lange added the \$145,000 half of the list of road repairs could be completed.

Council Member Murdock questioned why Council is voting for this resolution, if the only road for funding would be Adams.

Mr. Lange stated the idea was to combine the urgent road repairs and the Adams project. Mr. Lange added if the City does not receive the additional funding from the County it should still be able to complete this project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the funds developed from the County Millage would be used exclusively for Adams.

Mr. Lange responded yes, but there is also \$250,000 available for the major street funds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked what happens to the other six streets on the list.

Mr. Lange replied there is \$249,000 set aside and with the estimates provided by OHM staff, they predict four streets could be completed. Mr. Lange added with the additional funding provided by the millage increase staff felt three other streets could be completed, this depends on bids and extra damage accrued in the winter.

Council Member Murdock stated this resolution should only include N. Adams. Mr. Murdock added he doesn't feel that the federal aid dollars should be spent on this project.

Mr. Lange responded it was not the intention of staff to include the federal aid, but the total cost of the project is \$522,000 and required additional funding.

Mayor Schreiber asked if the last paragraph should be stricken from the resolution.

Council Member Murdock responded the resolution will need to list the project or projects these funds will support, however the list should be narrowed to include only N. Adams.

Mr. Lange stated he didn't disagree with Mr. Murdock's comments, however the timeline is an issue for the County Millage.

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson to amend the resolution to include only North Adams between Pearl and West Cross.

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the amendment to the resolution was approved.

On a roll call vote, the vote to approve Resolution No 2014-225 as amended was as follows:

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

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VOTE:

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

Resolution No. 2014-225 as adopted reads as follows:

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Whereas, The increase in the price of winter maintenance, especially due to the increase in salt prices, will negatively impact the City's ability to meet other rising costs; and

Whereas, It is unlikely that the City of Ypsilanti will receive additional road funding from the State of Michigan in time to expand road repairs in the 2015 construction season; and

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Ypsilanti is not able to levy a millage on its own authority to raise additional dollars to effect additional road repairs in the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, Washtenaw County has created a Roads Funding Committee to advise Washtenaw County whether it should exercise its authority under Act 283 of 1909 to levy a millage for road maintenance; and

Whereas, The Roads Funding Committee has recommended that Washtenaw County levy a .5 mill millage for road maintenance in FY 2015; and

Whereas, The levying of such a millage would provide The City of Ypsilanti with an additional \$145,000 in FY 2015 to effect road repairs; and

Whereas, Staff believes that the City of Ypsilanti has the capacity to utilize the additional \$145,000 that would be generated by an Act 283 millage to effect road maintenance on local streets; and

Whereas, Additional road maintenance on local and major streets will improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Ypsilanti; and

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti must offer specific road project(s) to meet a requirement of Act 283 of 1909; and

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners may consider the Roads Funding Committee recommendation as early as October 1, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti endorses the recommendations of the Roads Funding Committee; and respectfully request that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners exercise its statutory authority to levy a millage to raise additional monies for road repairs and ~~accepts "Urgent Road Repairs Phase II 2015" (please see Attachment "A")~~ **project(s) SUBMITS CONSTRUCTION OF N. ADAMS BETWEEN PEARL AND W. CROSS** as the City of Ypsilanti's road project for purposes of meeting the Act 283 of 1909 requirement.

2. Resolution No. 2014- 226, rejecting existing bids and approving the solicitation of new bids for a new Fire Station roof.

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

Whereas city staff has prepared specifications and secured bids for a new fire station roof, and

Whereas additional information and design specifications are needed to satisfy city council concerns regarding insulation and new information of solar panel installation and warranty,

NOW THEREFORE, all existing bids for a new fire station roof are rejected and staff is directed to prepare new specifications with professional help and solicit new bids.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SIPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Manager Lange stated during the last bidding process the issue with the lowest bidder was a question with the warranty which would not handle the installation of the solar panels. Mr. Lange added that he and City Attorney Barr both felt all bids should be rejected and the project should be re-bid with different specifications.

Council Member Robb asked what the current R-value for the fire station roof is.

Mr. Lange responded the current R-value is 6.

Council Member Robb asked what the specification will be for the reconstructed roof.

Mr. Lange replied 16.

Council Member Robb asked if insulation is only being added to the living quarters.

DPS Director Kirton responded yes, the bay doesn't need additional insulation.

Council Member Robb asked if the R-value of the living quarters is the same as the bay.

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Mr. Kirton responded as of right now yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the insulation will be increased over the living quarters.

Mr. Lange responded yes, the insulation will be increased. Mr. Lange added the specification of the roof will be no lower than 1.5 inches of insulation with a 50 ml membrane.

On a roll call vote, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2014-226 was as follows;

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

VOTE:

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

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XI. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2014-227, adjourning the Special 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Jefferson

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 a.m.