



Approved As Amended

**CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Anne Brown	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Nicole Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Present		

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Edmonds 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 Edmonds asked City Manager Lange to introduce Ypsilanti's Director of Economic Development.

City Manager Lange introduced Director of Economic Development Beth Ernat.

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage, Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director Zach Fosler, Assistant City Attorney Jesse O'Jack, former Mayor Paul Schreiber, Kent Early, OHM, and DAY President Dave Heikkinen.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Anne Brown moved, supported by Council Member Vogt, to approve the agenda.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

None

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Michelle Barney, 330 Chidester #406, said the inspections have begun at Chidester Place. Ms. Barney stated residents have been given instruction to clear a path in the storage area for fire safety. She asked that more time be given to help clear storage areas at Chidester Place.
2. Sigrid Melvin, 401 W. Michigan #314, stated Town Center is experiencing the same issues as Chidester Place. She said State Representative Rutledge visited and witnessed the problem and brought his concern to management.
3. Jennifer Littrell, 224 S. Adams #1, stated she sought the help from the Tenant's Rights Organization with issues she has been experiencing with Beal Properties. She said her windows are painted shut, there are no screens, and her doors will not lock. She asked the City to start to investigate Beal Properties.
4. Andrea Linn, 1029 Washtenaw, thanked all those who have tried to help the Heritage Festival and hopes that Council will be able to help the Festival as well. She said the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival allows many organizations to raise funds in order to make Ypsilanti a great place to live, learn, and work.
5. James Cook, 7292 Belle Meade, stated he has an issue with Officer Anderson who gave him a drunk driving ticket a year ago. He explained the court has no record of the charge and it was sent directly to the State. Mr. Cook stated he has spent \$10,000 to receive a restricted license, and asked Council how to find a solution to this problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked where Mr. Cook resides.

Mr. Cook responded he lives in Ypsilanti Township.

Council Member Robb asked when Mr. Cook received the ticket.

Mr. Cook replied June 3rd of last year.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the incident took place in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Cook responded yes, it occurred on Harriet St.

City Manager Lange stated he would look into the matter, and provided Mr. Cook with his contact information.

Mayor Edmonds informed Mr. Cook that Council will ensure that the City Manager and City Attorney will follow-up with him before the next Council Meeting.

6. Pradeep Chowdry, Eastern Michigan University Professor, stated his support for the City to become more engaged with the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival.
7. Ralph William Thompson, 330 Chidester, stated he provided Council with materials regarding mold at Chidester Place and is willing to answer any questions Council may have.
8. Paul Schreiber, 922 Pleasant Dr., stated he would like to show his support for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and the City should show some support through sponsorship. Mr. Schreiber asked Council to attend a Heritage Festival Board meeting if it has any concern.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Encouraged Jennifer Littrel to contact the Building Department, and voice a formal complaint to trigger an investigation.

Ms. Littrel stated the Tenant's Rights Group provided her with forms to file a complaint.

- Stated she appreciated the comments made regarding the Heritage Festival.
- Stated that staff would follow up with Mr. Cook's issue.
- Thanked Chidester residents for their continued diligence, and she has received the inspection report from city inspectors.
- Stated that she had the opportunity to meet the owner and manager of Town Center in Ohio. She stated that during the meeting she was able to schedule a conference call with the individual and she and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson would discuss the issue with Town Center.

Council Member Anne Brown stated she and State Representative Rutledge visited Town Center and witnessed fire damage still present, as well as mold. She requested Building Manager Daniels perform an inspection of that building.

Council Member Robb asked Economic Development Director Arnet to provide the inspection record for 224 S. Adams that was completed on September 9, 2014. He said if the windows were painted shut and screens were missing, it should not have received a certificate of occupancy.

X. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2015-089, approving the minutes of April 7, 2015.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of April 7, 2015 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member N. Brown

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked that a correction be made on page 30 of the minutes. Ms. Richardson said the minutes read, "Mr. Reid who has been having issues with his rental property he rents..." and should read "Mr. Reid who has been having issues with his property he owns..."

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

XI. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING –

Ordinance No. 1245

1. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance, Sec 122-8, to Revise "Violations and Penalties" for the Administrative Hearings Bureau (AHB).

- a. Resolution No. 2015-090, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti has enacted a blight court, known as the Administrative Hearings Bureau; and

Whereas, the City has seen success with processing zoning violations through the Administrative Hearings Bureau; and

Whereas, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will help to implement the Master Plan goals of creating a safe and attractive Ypsilanti;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the amendments to Chapter 122, Article I, Section 8 of the City's Code of Ordinances on FIRST READING.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Planner Bonnie Wessler stated this ordinance is simply an update in language to the original ordinance.

- b. Open public hearing

None.

- c. Resolution No. 2015-091, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for the approval of the amendments to Chapter 122, Article I, Section 8 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding the Administrative Hearings Bureau be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-090 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

VOTE: Carried

Ordinance No. 1246

2. An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance. Article VI, to Revise Non-conforming Uses.

- a. Resolution No. 2015-092, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, The City of Ypsilanti adopted a new zoning ordinance in December of 2014; and

Whereas, an area of ongoing concern and attention is nonconforming multifamily housing; and

Whereas, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance will allow certain multifamily properties to be rebuilt in the event of a casualty; and

Whereas, this amendment will help to implement the Master Plan goals of ensuring housing type diversity, maintaining a walkable community, and an environmentally sustainable community;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ypsilanti City Council approve the amendments to Chapter 122, Article VI, Section 201-211 of the City's Code of Ordinances on FIRST READING.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

City Planner Bonnie Wessler stated non-conforming uses cannot be resumed if the structure has had a casualty. She said the proposed change to the ordinance will allow certain uses to resume non-conformity classification. She explained a multi-family housing in lower density districts would be allowed to rebuild.

Council Member Murdock asked if all the non-conformity uses would need to register for non-conforming use.

Ms. Wessler replied yes.

Council Member Murdock stated non-conforming structures were allowed to rebuild in the current ordinance if only a certain percentage of the structure was damaged.

Ms. Wessler responded the proposed ordinance change would still provide that ability.

Council Member Murdock asked what registering a property as non-conforming would allow.

Ms. Wessler answered this would allow owners of multi-family structures to rebuild if the damage was more than previously allowed. She said the non-conforming registration would also run with the land, and if sold the designation would continue.

Council Member Murdock asked if this designation would be automatic.

Ms. Wessler replied the property owner would need to apply to the Planning Commission for the designation.

Mayor Edmonds asked how the public would be notified.

Ms. Wessler stated she does not have an accurate number presently, but a postcard mailing has been discussed.

Council Member Robb asked what the time limit is for a property owner to apply.

Ms. Wessler replied there is no time limit, as long as the non-conforming structure has not been destroyed.

Mayor Edmonds asked for clarification on the difference between lot and land.

Ms. Wessler answered lot refers to the dimensions of the lot, land refers to outdoor uses.

Council Member A. Brown asked if this could be posted on the website.

Ms. Wessler responded she would post the notification on the website.

b. Open public hearing

1. Zach Fosler, Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director, stated this amendment is critical to the Strong Housing Project, and critical for many living in Ypsilanti. This amendment will assist in making the project more attractive for investors using tax credits to fund the project.
2. Paul Schreiber, 922 Pleasant Dr., encouraged Council to approve this amendment and provide investors with the assurance the buildings could be rebuilt.

c. Resolution No. 2015-093, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for the approval of the amendments to Chapter 122, Article VI, Section 201-211 of the City's Code of Ordinances regarding Non-conforming uses be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if this change would only apply to multi-family structures.

Ms. Wessler replied yes.

Mayor Edmonds asked how this would affect the individual who spoke during the passing of the Zoning Ordinance regarding duplexes.

Ms. Wessler replied two individuals spoke during that process regarding duplexes; one individual would be allowed to rebuild, and one would not because the structure was not converted into a duplex at that point.

Council Member Robb stated the proposed change does not affect all non-conforming uses, only a small subset.

Ms. Wessler responded correct.

Council Member Robb asked if the structures in Mid-Town on N. Adams would be affected.

Ms. Wessler responded those structures located in CN Mid or R1 would be eligible.

Council Member Robb stated N. Adams is equivalent to R4.

Ms. Wessler responded they would have to apply for a special use permit.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-092 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Ordinance No. 1247

3. An Ordinance to Amend Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 102 "Traffic and Vehicles" for Permit Parking.

- a. Resolution No. 2015-094, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 102 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE, ARTICLE III "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING", DIVISION 3 "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING", SECTIONS 102-101 AND 102-102 TO MAKE THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISION CONSISTENT WITH ITS PROHIBITIONS" be approved on first reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

Assistant City Attorney Jesse O'Jack stated the parking ordinance was being reviewed and it was found that language was not consistent and this would rectify that issue.

- b. Open public hearing

None.

- c. Resolution No. 2015-095, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for the proposed ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND YPSILANTI CITY CODE CHAPTER 102 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE YPSILANTI CITY CODE,

ARTICLE III "STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING", DIVISION 3 "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING", SECTIONS 102-101 AND 102-102 TO MAKE THE PURPOSE OF THE DIVISION CONSISTENT WITH ITS PROHIBITIONS" be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the public hearing was closed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-094 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

VOTE: Carried

XII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2015-084, adopting engineering standards for the development of projects in the city.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, it is considered a best practice to have clear, consistent, and accessible engineering design standards; and

WHEREAS, the City has not previously published such standards for potential developers to use; and

WHEREAS, the City has an ongoing commitment to clarity, transparency, and predictability; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended the City adopt such standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council adopt the attached Engineering Standards, dated April 2015.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

City Manager Lange stated Kent Early is here from OHM to answer any questions that Council may have.

Council Member Robb asked why the proposed engineering standards do not match those of Ypsilanti Township, Pittsfield Township, Van Buren Township, or Superior Township.

Kent Early, OHM, responded he can only answer to why Ypsilanti Township is different having worked on that project. He said much of that has to do with when the standards were adopted. Mr. Early stated when changes are made by MDOT, or other agencies, they are not updated by municipalities until their standards are adopted.

Council Member Robb asked how often Ypsilanti plans on adopting new standards.

Mr. Early responded most communities adopt standards every four to six years.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the proposed standards are most up to date.

Mr. Early replied yes.

Council Member Robb asked what this process costs the City.

Mr. Early responded \$5,000.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-084 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2015-096, approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Target Market with the City of Dexter.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter has applied for grant funding for a Target Market Analysis for Housing from the Michigan State Development Authority on behalf of a coalition including themselves and the Cities of Chelsea, Saline, and Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has been awarded said grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti's monetary contribution for match will not exceed \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dexter has offered to administer the grant on behalf of the coalition under the terms laid out in the attached Memorandum of Understanding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approves the MOU with the City of Dexter and authorizes the City Clerk and Mayor to sign the agreement.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

City Planner Bonnie Wessler introduced Michelle Aniol, of the City of Dexter.

Michelle Aniol, City of Dexter, stated this is not required by MSHDA but it is encouraged. She stated the grant funding requires a development project to begin within three years, and this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) states that requirement.

Council Member Murdock asked for clarification regarding a project beginning in three years.

Ms. Aniol responded one of the target areas Ypsilanti listed is Water Street, and the target market analysis will provide information on potential of housing projects for that location.

Council Member Murdock stated the four target areas listed are very different, and asked what the report would contain.

Ms. Aniol replied the report would have individual analysis report, and presentation for each community.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the staff time would be for this program.

Ms. Aniol responded very limited.

Council Member Robb asked why this report is needed, and stated during the Master Plan process this was discussed.

City Planner Bonnie Wessler responded the target market analysis is a more in-depth analysis than the Master Plan.

Ms. Aniol added the analysis will breakdown housing types, absorption rates, construction rates, lease rates, and sale rates. She stated there is a lot of information to assist in finding possible developers for the target area.

Ms. Wessler stated the analysis will provide insight regarding the kind of development that should be in that area and the type of developer the city should approach.

Director of Economic Development Beth Ernat stated this analysis is used as criteria for MSHDA grants.

City Manager Lange stated the maximum amount the City will pay is \$5,000. He added there are already two projects planned for this area so there is not much risk of not meeting the requirement.

Mayor Edmonds stated a project that is in the hopper can be used.

Ms. Aniol stated correct, if they are located in the study area.

Mr. Lange stated this analysis is helpful to gain MSHDA projects, and every market rate developer will complete their own market analysis.

Ms. Aniol stated when a developer performs a market study it is tied to their product type alone, and this analysis provides information regarding all different product types that would be suitable to that site.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is one steering committee for all four communities.

Ms. Aniol responded the initial steering community includes representation from Ypsilanti, Chelsea, Dexter, and Saline.

Mayor Edmonds offered an amendment to the MOU stating that each jurisdiction involved other than Ypsilanti is titled with "city of..." and to avoid confusion with the Township this should be included in Ypsilanti's title.

Ms. Aniol responded she would make that correction.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the analysis would be exclusive to the Water Street location.

Council Member Nicole Brown added the MOU states the target area is "Water Street Area in its downtown..." and asked if that should read "Water Street Area and its downtown..."

Ms. Aniol responded yes.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the Park Street area is included in the analysis.

Ms. Wessler replied Park Street is not included.

Mayor Edmonds asked why it was not included as it was listed in the Master Plan.

Ms. Wessler responded Land Use USA may choose to include it in the analysis due to its close proximity but as of now it is not included.

Ms. Aniol stated at the kick-off meeting boundaries will be discussed.

Mayor Edmonds stated the Master Plan lists several locations for development and it would be useful if the analysis were performed at all listed locations.

Ms. Wessler replied this analysis is concentrated on a contiguous location but it can be explored.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Ms. Aniol if she was worked with Land Use USA before this project.

Ms. Aniol responded she had not.

Council Member Robb asked what types of projects receive MSHDA funding.

Ms. Ernat stated projects that expand housing diversity can be funded by MSHDA. She added MSHDA does not fund only low income housing projects; it also may fund moderate income housing.

Council Member Robb stated there is currently affordable housing being planned for this site and it would fill the quota for MSHDA style housing.

Ms. Ernat stated there is still possibility for moderate income housing.

Council Member Murdock stated the project is workforce housing.

Mr. Lange stated it is 60% of the Washtenaw County average which is market rate for Ypsilanti.

Council Member Robb stated that the project that is used is the one approved a year ago, the City will gather information for itself but not developers, and the quota for MSHDA projects have been filled for that site.

Ms. Ernat replied the information the City gains through this study is how initially to attract a developer. She added if a developer is seeking MSHDA funding this study would help to obtain that funding.

Mayor Edmonds stated senior housing has been a market need that has been discussed, and asked if this study will help to examine deeper if there is a market beyond what is already present.

Ms. Ernat responded there are different products regarding senior housing; senior affordable, senior transformative, and empty nesting. She said Ypsilanti needs senior housing, but what kind of senior housing. She added that is the information the study will provide.

Mayor Edmonds stated the study goes beyond if we need more affordable housing it states what the market is.

Ms. Aniol replied yes.

Council Member Robb said he is not interested in senior housing in Water Street he does not want to allow other PILOTS in that location. He said the City is \$2 million in debt, and PILOTS, low income, and moderate income housing will not help in paying off that debt. Mr. Robb stated one project was chosen because it would install 40% of the infrastructure needed in Water Street.

Ms. Aniol responded if she communicated the only thing Ypsilanti will gain by this study is low income housing she apologizes. She said this can provide the City information to attract the development Ypsilanti wants.

Council Member Vogt stated the point of doing this is to identify what developers to approach, specific data that can identify what developers should be approached, and if developers are interested in MSHDA tax credits this will help obtain those grants.

Ms. Aniol responded correct.

Mr. Lange stated the City has very low exposure, and every little bit helps to market the City.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-096 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2015-097, approving the contract amount of \$29,400 for professional services rendered by Beckett and Raeder.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$29,400 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RENDERED BY BECKETT & RAEDER

WHEREAS, The City Manager entered into a contract with Beckett & Raeder on November 20, 2014 to provide services for the City planning staff; and

WHEREAS, this contract was extended on January 23, 2015 until February 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, additional services were provided past the term of the extension; and

WHEREAS, the total amount paid by the City to Beckett & Raeder for contracted services was \$29,400; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 2, Section 2-296 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Ypsilanti requires that City Council approve purchases in excess of \$25,000;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: The total amount of \$29,400 be approved for services rendered by Beckett & Raeder, Inc. under the contracts attached hereto.

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Council Member Robb stated the resolution reads Council is to approve any purchase over \$25,000, and this resolution is after the fact. Mr. Robb stated this goes against the Code of Ordinance and he disagrees with the City Attorney that this is two separate contracts. He said this was a continuation of a

contract, not two small contracts, and it is a violation of the Charter. He said another troubling thing is the initial contract authorized \$18,000, and only \$9,000 was spent, and the second contract authorized \$9,600, and was overspent by \$11,000. Mr. Robb stated this is either an oversight of the ordinance, circumventing the ordinance, or no one is managing the business, and this is two weeks after council found out the Prospect Rd. project is \$253,000 over budget. He said he spoke with Assistant City Attorney Dan Duchene and asked what would happen if City Council did not approve the resolution, and Mr. Duchene replied that the money has already been spent. He said staff is to implement policy not create policy, and this is what happened, and he finds this whole episode troubling.

City Manager Lange responded he agrees with Council Member Robb, and this was an unusual contract that did not have a specific end date. He said that he would not have gone over his \$25,000 spending limit and it should have been more closely monitored. Mr. Lange apologized for the error.

Council Member Vogt stated although he has concerns he is willing to take the advice of the City Attorney that it is a separate contract. He said he shares Mr. Robb's concerns that in the future Mr. Lange be more on top his purchase limit.

Council Member Robb replied the second contract reads the party continues the contract under the same terms and conditions which clearly shows that this is a not a separate contract, but a continuation of the first. He said another issue is that this contract ended in February 2015, and Council is just hearing about this now April 21, 2015. Mr. Robb said he does not know what Council is voting for since the money has already been paid. Mr. Robb moved to amend the resolution to read "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager's office is to provide copies of all contracts for professional services executed by the City Manager since August 1, 2012, and an accurate accounting, including summaries of said contracts, to City Council for review by May 1, 2015" at the end of the resolution.

Council Member Murdock supports the motion.

Mayor Edmonds stated she supports the amendment and Council fiduciary oversight will be useful, and asked a summary document be attached in addition to the documents requested by Mr. Robb.

Council Member Anne Brown offered a friendly amendment to only ask for copies of contracts going back a year.

Council Member Robb stated he does not accept the friendly amendment because the issue is based on contract extensions and more than one year need to be examined.

Council Member Vogt asked if the point is to examine if this matter is ongoing.

Council Member Robb stated it is his intention to find out if this has happened before.

Council Member Murdock stated he agrees with Mr. Robb and that this is information that Council has requested some time ago.

Mr. Lange stated each year there has been an audit plus the CAFER reports, and asked if the audits are not good enough as proof.

Mayor Edmonds stated she views this as a learning tool to understand what is being contracted out, more of a fiscal management perspective.

Mr. Lange requested clear dates and exactly what is want in material as this will take a lot of work.

Council Member Anne Brown moved to amend Council Member Robb's amendment to only examine contracts within the past year.

Council Member Vogt supported the motion.

Council Member Robb stated the issue is money is being spent without the approval of Council.

Council Member Murdock explained the audit will not provide the information that Council Member Robb is asking for.

Council Member Anne Brown asked City Manager Lange approximately how many personal service contacts he has executed.

Mr. Lange responded that is a difficult estimation.

Council Member Anne Brown stated if some of the contracts would be redundant.

Mr. Lange responded yes.

Council Member Murdock stated the amendment is not asking for every contract it is asking for professional service contracts executed by the City Manager.

Council Member Robb stated the contract in question is for professional services, and those contracts are what he would like to examine.

Mr. Lange stated he does not know how many professional service contracts he has executed.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment to the amendment of Resolution No. 2015-097 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	No	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	No
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: 4 (Murdock, Robb, Edmonds, N. Brown) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Failed

Council Member Nicole Brown stated she voted no on the amendment to Council Member Robb's amendment because she would like a holistic examination of the contracts. She offered a friendly amendment adding a summary of the contracts asked for in Council Member Robb's amendment.

Council Member Robb accepted the friendly amendment.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the amendment of Resolution No. 2015-097 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member A. Brown	No		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 3 (Richardson, Vogt, A. Brown) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-097 as amended was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 1 (Robb) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Resolution No. 2015-097, as adopted reads as follows:

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NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: The total amount of \$29,400 be approved for services rendered by Beckett & Raeder, Inc. under the contracts attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Manager's office is to provide copies of all contracts for professional services executed by the City Manager since August 1, 2012, and an accurate accounting, including summaries of said contracts, to City Council for review by May 1, 2015.

4. Resolution No. 2015-098, forgiving part of the debt for the Heritage Festival.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a Special Events Policy and pursuant to the policy, the City may support an event through co-sponsorship, or may support an event due to economic hardship of a non-profit organization planning the event; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Festival took place August 15, 2014 through August 17, 2014 in Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Festival has an outstanding balance owed to the City of \$9,042.13; and

WHEREAS, City Council agrees that supporting the Heritage Festival would be in the general interest of the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council approve to waive \$5,000 of the 2014 Heritage Festival's outstanding fees due to the City.

(If partial waiver) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT fees waived shall be applied to _____.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

Mayor Edmonds stated there is a lot of history to this Festival, and it is very valuable to the community. She said there is value in the City assisting in moving the Festival forward, and she thanked all the Festival volunteers that have put in work so far. Mayor Edmonds said forgiving \$5,000 of the 2014 debt from the 2014 Festival will allow the Heritage Festival to move forward with the 2015.

Council Member Murdock offered a substitute resolution which would defer the 2014 debt rather than forgiving the 2014 debt.

Council Member Robb supported the motion.

Council Member Murdock stated he has spoken with several members of the Heritage Festival Committee who stated the festival had a significant amount of pledges for 2015. He said that the substitute

resolution would allow the committee to move forward with the planning of the 2015 festival. Mr. Murdock said he is weary of waving fees, and is worried it would create a precedent for future events. He stated the situation became more difficult for the committee to secure pledges after Mayor Edmonds announced she would get Council to waive \$5,000.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Andrea Linn for a synopsis of the progress of the 2015 Heritage Festival.

Andrea Linn, Vice President and Co-Chair of the Heritage Festival, responded the Committee owes the City around \$9,000 for the 2014 Festival.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the committee has received pledges to help pay the 2014 debt.

Ms. Linn replied yes, the committee has received \$3,600 in pledges. She stated the committee has also been awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant from the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She explained that she is not certain if the \$1,000 can be used to help pay off the 2014 debt, or if it must be spent on the 2015 festival.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the plan is to pay for the 2015 Festival.

Ms. Linn stated the festival has been redesigned and the fees will be dramatically less. She said the Festival has been restructured to ensure that all fees are paid and that the committee does not spend more than it takes in.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the sponsors listed on the website are accurate.

Ms. Linn responded the sponsors on the website are last year's sponsors. She explained it has been difficult to acquire sponsors for the 2015 festival due to the doubt if there will actually be a festival.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if vendors pay a fee.

Ms. Linn responded yes.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Ms. Linn believes the festival will be able to move forward.

Ms. Linn replied she believes the festival can move forward if the City forgives part of the 2014 debt.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the festival will attract anyone without the parade.

Ms. Linn answered yes, on Sunday, which will be a family day, a children's parade will be held in the park which does not require street closures.

Council Member Vogt asked what the estimated debt from 2014 is.

Ms. Linn responded the \$30,000 from Operation Sam that was supposed to pay for the festival into the future was spent in 2014.

Council Member Vogt asked if the festival is down to a zero balance.

Ms. Linn responded yes.

Council Member Vogt asked if the festival will be able to breakeven for the 2015 festival.

Ms. Linn stated if the City forgives \$5,000 in debt the festival will be able to move forward for 2015.

Council Member Vogt asked if the 2015 festival has verbal pledges.

Ms. Linn replied yes.

Council Member Vogt asked when the committee will have the pledges in writing and legally binding.

Ms. Linn stated the pledges are conditional until it is known that there will be a 2015 festival.

Council Member Vogt asked if the planning committee has legal advice on how to ensure that the pledges are legally binding.

Ms. Linn responded once it is known that there will be a festival the committee will collect checks.

Council Member Vogt stated he would like the pledges to be legally binding so that it is ensured that those funds will be available to the festival.

Ms. Linn stated if the City decides if there is a festival the committee will collect checks.

Council Member Murdock stated Council does not decide if there will be a festival that is up to the festival committee.

Ms. Linn responded once the checks are collected the committee will approach the City for a contract for the festival.

Mayor Edmonds stated pledges are not legally binding.

Council Member Vogt responded pledges can be legally binding.

Les Heddle, 2058 Washtenaw, stated if the festival happens in 2015 his pledge and the pledges he has secured will be paid but if there is not a festival the pledges will be returned. He said that those who are pledging funds do not want to pay down the 2014 debt and not have a 2015 festival. He said the committee does have a commitment from the Rotary Club to fund what has not been pledged up to \$3,000. He said there are a lot of other possibilities he has yet to speak with about pledging for the festival.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if there have been pledges to help the committee pay down the 2014 debt.

Mr. Heddle stated the pledges are to pay down the 2014 debt.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the debt was \$9,000.

Mr. Heddle stated yes, and there still may be funds coming in from 2014. Mr. Heddle added that the committee will not spend any of this year's deposits for this year's debt in case there is not a festival and those deposits need to be returned. He added the festival still needs to produce \$35,000 to \$40,000 to worth of sponsorship in order to hold the basic festival.

Council Member Murdock stated during a meeting with the Heritage Festival Committee he explained a possible plan to defer payment of the debt owed to Ypsilanti for the 2014 festival which would allow City Staff to process the festival's application for 2015. Mr. Murdock said if there is a possibility there will not be a festival this year it is not the responsibility of the City it is the responsibility of the festival committee. He added that his proposed resolution the City would commit a sponsorship for the 2015 festival in the form of in kind services.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Council Member Murdock for clarification of the City's sponsorship in his proposed resolution.

Council Member Murdock replied the City would provide a sponsorship of in-kind services to the 2015 Heritage Festival in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Murdock and the arrears would need to be paid in order to be awarded the in kind services.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Council Member Murdock why the substitute resolution includes monthly financial reports.

Council Member Murdock responded monthly financial reports were added in order to provide more transparency for the festival.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if this would set a precedent for future festivals.

Council Member Murdock replied there is not another group that is experiencing this difficulty.

Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage stated festivals incur upfront fees. Ms. Savage stated last year's debt will need to be paid at the same time as the upfront fees.

Council Member Murdock stated neither of these resolutions discusses upfront fees.

Ms. Savage responded the \$3,000 for in-kind services could be applied to the upfront fees.

Council Member Robb stated there are two plans being presented the only that would allow the festival to begin processing paperwork is Council Member Murdock's proposed resolution. Mr. Robb stated if the City waives \$5,000 of the festival's 2014 debt the festival would still need to pay the remainder of the balance in order to begin processing the application.

Ms. Linn stated because the formula does not include a parade or a beer tent the upfront fees would be lower than they have been in the past.

Ms. Savage stated the total for the entire festival is \$14,000.

Joe Nuselberg, Ypsilanti Heritage Festival President, stated the committee has already submitted a check to the City in the amount of \$4,000 leaving balance of \$9,000 for the 2014 debt. He said the funds

collect thus far are allocated for vendors that have already paid are being held until there is for certain going to be a 2015 Festival. He added that almost \$60,000 has been removed in costs for the 2015 festival.

Mayor Edmonds asked why the \$4,000 check has not been deposited.

Ms. Savage responded it has not been decided what invoice will receive the partial payment, either the Department of Public Services or the Police Department.

Mayor Edmonds stated that is a City Manager issue on how to allocate the partial payment. She said because of the amount of time that has passed she is concerned the check will no longer be valid.

Ms. Savage replied it was an issue of deciding which department receives the funds. Ms. Savage said she spoke with both departments who asked that she hold the payment until the City receives the remaining balance, and the invoices can be paid in full. She added if the payments split it would need to be decided what line items would be paid.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the amount should be divided evenly between departments.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if festivals are provided an estimate of the total cost.

Ms. Savage replied she provided the festival committee with a very preliminary estimate, but informed them more information is needed to form a more accurate estimate.

Council Member Anne Brown stated after the event the festival will be provided with a total cost. She asked Council Member Murdock if there is a deadline for how long the deferment would last.

Council Member Murdock responded he would like to have a deadline but he was unable to develop one with the festival committee.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mr. Nuselberg is in support of deferring the debt or erasing \$5,000 of the debt.

Mr. Nuselberg replied he is in support in what will make the festival happen, and said the festival needs as much help as possible. He said The Heritage Festival has contributed to Ypsilanti more than any other festival in the City. He said the festival has had problems in recent years, and he understands Council's apprehension. He asked how much revenue the City would lose if the heritage Festival dissolves, and if there is another festival to take its place.

Council Member Vogt asked what plan would work for the festival.

Mr. Nuselberg replied partial debt forgiveness would be extremely helpful and that a deferment of the 2014 debt makes him feel uncomfortable because the festival planning has begun so late.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the City contributes to the Fourth of July and Memorial Day Events.

Ms. Savage responded those are City Events, and there is no fee.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the Heritage Festival was a City sponsored event if there would be no fee.

Ms. Savage responded a City sponsored event is different than an event co-sponsored by the City.

Mayor Edmonds asked if City staff coordinates the Fourth of July and Memorial Day Parades.

Ms. Savage responded it is City sponsored to the effect that the City does not collect fees.

City Manager Lange stated there is no revenue generated during the Fourth of July and Memorial Day Parades. He said there is another possible event that could be held at the time of the Heritage Festival. He added City staff is simply following policies set by Council. Mr. Lange asked that Council Member Murdock add a payment date to the deferment.

Council Member Vogt asked by what date the festival must pay the upfront fees.

Ms. Savage replied that date has already passed and normally it is six months before the event.

Council Member Vogt asked how much should the City waive, when it should be waived, how much should be paid in pledges, and when do the pledges have to be paid. Mr. Vogt stated those four questions need to answer regardless of what resolution is decided.

Mayor Edmonds stated her resolution forgives \$5,000 of the 2014 debt and requires that the remainder be paid before the 2015 application can be processed.

Council Member Vogt stated Mayor Edmonds proposal forgives \$5,000 of the debt and requires \$4,042 be paid before the City process the festival application for 2015. Mr. Vogt stated Council Member Murdock's proposal \$3,000 will be waived in-kind after the completion of the event. Mr. Vogt asked how much would the festival need to pay before moving forward with the application process.

Council Member Murdock stated he has not specified what will need to be paid upfront also it is not certain that there will be a festival.

Mr. Heddle clarified he is not speaking for the festival committee because he is not on the festival committee. Mr. Heddle said in two weeks on Tuesday, May 5th it should be known if there will be a festival or not.

Council Member Robb stated Mayor Edmonds proposal would require the festival come up with \$8,000 and Council Member Murdock's proposal asks that the festival come up with \$4,000. Mr. Robb asked if the committee has \$8,000 to move forward if the Mayor's plan is chosen.

Ms. Linn stated when Mr. Heddle spoke about sponsors he was referring to pledges and the committee has around \$3,600 in pledges.

Council Member A. Brown asked how upfront costs are paid.

Ms. Linn responded upfront costs are paid for by sponsors such as; arts and crafts, food vendors, and other cottage industries.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the committee has those funds.

Ms. Linn replied the committee has funds from arts and crafts and food vendors. Ms. Linn added what is holding the festival back is the 2014 debt, and if the debt was to be forgiven it becomes easier to receive sponsorship.

Council Member Vogt stated if the \$4,042 is paid out of pledges and \$5,000 is forgiven, will the committee have enough to pay the upfront fees to the City.

Ms. Linn replied the committee has the upfront fees.

Council Member Vogt asked if that timeline worked for the committee.

Ms. Linn replied yes.

Council Member Vogt moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

Council Member Nicole Brown supported the motion.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting was extended.

City Attorney Barr stated there are two issues; the original motion that forgives \$5,000 of the 2014 debt, and the substitute resolution that defers payment of the 2014 debt.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated a date needs to be added to the substitute resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated if the substitute resolution passes does the committee have until after the 2015 festival to pay the 2014 debt, or is it due sooner.

Council Member Murdock stated he was not provided an appropriate timeframe in order to establish a date for the debt to be paid.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if it is Mr. Murdock's intention to allow the committee to pay the 2014 debt after the 2015 festival.

Council Member Murdock responded the deferment's intention is to allow City staff to process the application without having to pay the 2014 debt.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved to call to question.

Council Member Vogt stated there needs to be a due date for the 2014 debt.

Council Member Murdock asked Council Member Vogt to pick a date.

Council Member Vogt suggested December 31, 2015.

Mayor Edmonds supported the motion to call to question.

On a roll call, the vote for the Call to Question was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	No	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	No	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member A. Brown	No		

VOTE:

YES: 2 NO: 5 (Murdock, Robb, Vogt, A. Brown, N. Brown) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Failed

Council Member Murdock asked for suggestions on due dates for the 2014 debt.

Council Member Robb suggested October 1st.

Council Member Vogt stated October 1, 2015 would allow time to do accounting and suggested a date be set for the payment of the collected pledges.

Council Member Murdock accepted the friendly amendment to set a payment date of October 1, 2015.

Council Member Robb accepted the friendly amendment.

Council Member Vogt stated the festival committee informed Council that they have pledge money available, and that should be paid to the City immediately. Mr. Vogt asked if it would be appropriate for this payment to be made at the same time the committee paid the upfront fees for the 2015 festival.

Ms. Savage responded a planning meeting has not been held for the 2015 Heritage Festival, and normally after that meeting is held upfront fees are paid are due.

Council Member Vogt stated Council Member Murdock's substitute resolution as amended the City would be paid a certain amount plus the upfront fees. He said the City will then carry the balance until the event concludes, and at that time the City will waive \$3,000 in in-kind services.

Council Member Murdock stated Council Member Vogt's suggestions are fine but it is not what the resolution says.

Council Member Robb stated the amendment to the resolution was the balance of the 2014 debt was due October 1, 2015.

Council Member Vogt asked if all \$9,000 be paid no later than October 1, 2015.

Council Member Murdock replied yes.

Council Member Vogt asked about an immediate payment.

Council Member Robb stated that is up to the committee.

Council Member Vogt stated if there is not a 2015 festival than the City would receive nothing from the 2014 debt.

Mayor Edmonds stated neither of the resolution discusses what would happen if the festival does not occur.

Council Member Vogt said the committee will know within two weeks if there will be a festival, and it has been stated there are funds available to make a payment to the City.

Mr. Heddle stated getting assistance from the City with the 2014 debt is one issue the festival's real problem is finding adequate sponsorship. Mr. Heddle stated once that is known he will collect pledges to turn into the City.

Council Member Vogt said another scenario is that 2015 festival loses money again, and are deeper in debt. Mr. Vogt stated if the City does not get an upfront payment it would not receive anything for the 2014 debt.

Mr. Heddle responded he will collect the pledges and deliver them to the City.

Council Member Vogt answered that is what he understands but it is not what the resolution says.

Mayor Edmonds said her resolution would forgive some debt if the festival happens or not.

Council Member Robb stated if the festival does not occur the City basically gives them \$9,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked how the City would be giving them \$9,000 and said if the festival does take place.

Council Member Robb stated if the festival does not go on this year it means the Heritage Festival no longer exists.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the Heritage Festival Committee is a legal entity.

Council Member Vogt stated the committee would be uncollectable. He added that he would like to take the pledge upfront.

Council Member Anne Brown asked Ms. Savage when she needs the upfront fees for the festival.

Ms. Savage said as soon as possible.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if this could be tabled tonight to allow time to clean up the proposed resolutions.

Ms. Savage stated the festival needs the approval letter to obtain sponsorship.

Council Member Murdock proposed that the resolution read, "Therefore be it resolved that the City of Ypsilanti defer the payment of the 2014 arrears, requiring 50% payment by May 15, 2015 and the remaining 50% payment by October 1, 2015, as the YHFC plan to raise the amount through pledges...".

Council Member Vogt stated he was satisfied with the additional wording.

Council Member Robb accepted Council Member Murdock's friendly amendment.

Council Member Vogt offered a friendly amendment stating "Therefore it be resolved that the City of Ypsilanti defer the payment of the 2014 arrears, as follows 50% payment by May 15, 2015 and the remaining 50% payment by October 1, 2015.."

Mayor Edmonds stated she will not be supporting the substitute resolution and believes that a monthly financial report is an unrealistic expectation.

On a roll call, the vote to approve the substitution for Resolution No. 2015-098 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	No	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member A. Brown	No		

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 3 (Edmonds, A. Brown, N. Brown) ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Council Member Vogt stated the substitute resolution will still waive \$3,000 of in-kind services.

Council Member Murdock stated the City would be a sponsor.

Mayor Edmonds responded if the City does not offer support until October 1, 2015 it would not be a sponsor.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Substitute Resolution No. 2015-098 was as follows:

Council Member N. Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

Resolution No. 2015-098, as adopted reads as follows:

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Committee (YHFC) has been reconstituted with many new members; and

WHEREAS, the YHCF is desirous of putting on The Heritage Festival on August 21, 22 & 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the YHFC owes a balance of \$9,042.13 for the 2014 event that is preventing the City from processing their application; and

WHEREAS, the YHCF has been successfully soliciting pledges to pay off the 2014 debt; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of removing the City impediment that prevents the YHCF from organizing the 2015 Festival

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti defer the payment of the 2014 arrears, as follows 50% payment by May 15, 2015 and the remaining 50% payment by October 1, 2015; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti proceed with the processing of the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival application for 2015.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti provide a sponsorship of \$3,000 in kind services for the 2015 Festival if the arrears for 2014 are paid in full and monthly financial reports are provided to the City.

XIV. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – No report
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – During the last meeting there was a lengthy discussion on the US-23 improvements to be added to the TIF plan which were added. Mr. Murdock stated he voted against adding it to the TIF plan because it did not include alternate forms of transportation.
- C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – No report
- D. Urban County – Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th.

Council Member Murdock asked if Urban County will be funding \$400,000 into the City's public housing next year.

Mayor Edmonds replied the \$500,000 was voted on during for last year, but does not recall what the proposal was for next year.

- E. Freight House – The final parts of the schematics should be in this week to move forward with the bid.
- F. Parks and Recreation – The report was included in the packet. Council Member A. Brown informed Council that two interns were hired by the Department of Public Services and thanked Assistant to the City Manager Savage for drafting the job description.
- G. Millennial Mayors Conference – No meeting
- H. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – No report

Council Member Murdock stated there was not a quorum present at the last Downtown Development Authority Meeting.

Mayor Edmonds stated there was a quorum at the end of the meeting.

- I. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – The next meeting is on May 4th.

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Robb

- Stated 16 N. Washington St. that was an Action Ticket on it is 257 days old. He said the building was purchased and awarded an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Grant. The owner then was performing construction on the kitchen and pushed the equipment against the window. Mr. Robb stated it is an eyesore and is being used as storage in the B3 zone. On September 17th a placard was placed condemning the building and on December 15th the City gave the owner 30 days to bring it up to code. He said that was 127 days ago which makes the City look weak, and Mr. Robb would like to see some action taken.
- Stated there are 14 concerns on the Action Ticket Center that are over 240 days old, and said it is very frustrating because he is uncertain who is managing the system. He said there is conversation on how the Action Ticket Center does not work, and the real issue is that no one works on the Action Ticket List.
- Stated on December 2, 2014 he asked that stop signs be placed at Stanley and Hemphill, and it has been 140 days and the stop signs still have not been installed. He said the frustrating part is that staff has not kept him informed of the progress.
- Asked when Council will see a policy regarding police body cameras. He said the policy was supposed to come before Council in March, and asked when it will come to Council.

Council Member Murdock stated he hopes there will be discussion of body cameras during the budget sessions.

Vogt

- Asked that the street sign at Oakwood and Washtenaw be reinstalled now that the weather is warmer.
- Stated he is attending the formation meeting for the Executive Committee for the DTE rate increase Friday, April 24 at 8:00 a.m. The reason for the meeting is to choose an executive committee for municipalities having an issue with DTE rates. He asked if Council or Staff speak to him before the meeting if they have any comments, or suggestions. Mr. Vogt added if there is any need for him to be a board member he will consider it.

Nicole Brown

- Asked for an update on alternatives for stop signs on Ainsworth.
- Stated she has been approached by groups that would like to adopt parks in the City.
- There are both EMU students and EMU Organizations that will be volunteering for Ypsi Pride day.

Anne Brown

- Said the Local Government Committee, at the State level, is proposing to eliminate Act 88. She said that Washtenaw County is the only county with a population of over 340,000 that is using those funds. She said the Washtenaw County Executive has been pleading the case. Ms. Anne Brown stated last time she was in Lansing the argument was to eliminate it.

Murdock

- Thanked staff for their response on issues including Bay Logistics, Prospect Rd., and the street cleaning schedule.

Richardson

- Said she would like the police body cameras to be in operation as soon as possible. She said that Ypsilanti cannot isolate itself from police brutality and needs to act on this matter.
- Asked City Attorney Barr to follow up the issue brought to Council's attention: Mr. Cook regarding Officer Anderson.

City Attorney Barr responded his office would look into that issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added this is not the first time she has heard Officer Anderson's name before being involved in a negative situation.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Stated there will be some vacancies on the Planning Commission and asked if Council has any recommendations from Wards 1 and 2.

Council Member Murdock asked who would be leaving the Commission.

Mayor Edmonds replied Nicki Sandburg would be moving out of the City in June.

- Stated there may be a resolution coming forward for the Local Development Financing Authority (LDFA) regarding Board Members being able to serve more than one four year term. She said this change is needed as all municipalities in the Authority must follow the same rules.
- Said she attended opening day for Little League, and was proud to find out that Ypsilanti was the first Little League to allow girls to play in 1973.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated work sessions and budget sessions have been scheduled.
- Stated during the work session next Tuesday, April 28th there will be a presentation regarding parking tickets.
- Stated there has been meaningful success in economic development in the City and there will be a presentation during the Work Session on Tuesday, April 28th.

Council Member Anne Brown said she would have appreciated a Doodle regarding the scheduled dates and that some of the dates do not work with her schedule.

City Manager Lange replied he will be unable to attend one of the dates, and is willing to reschedule the budget sessions.

Council Member Nicole Brown asked for clarification regarding the 16th stating it was a Saturday.

Mayor Edmonds stated that should have been May 14th and she would not be available that date.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the budget sessions in the past Council was provided in list of dates to pick from, and agree on dates for the budget session. She said that the person who set the dates should have asked Council because Council should all be present at the budget sessions.

Mr. Lange said City Council is present now, and asked if the dates could be decided.

Mayor Edmonds stated she will not be able to be present at May 14th meeting, and she doesn't think there should be a budget meeting when City Manager Lange is unable to attend on May 19th.

Council Member Robb stated budget sessions consist of Department Heads presenting their budget to Council and Council asking questions.

Mayor Edmonds asked if the third budget session would not require the presence of the City Manager.

City Manager Lange stated he provides the introduction to the budget.

Council Member Vogt offered May 21st as a replacement date.

Council Member Nicole Brown said May 19th is a regular scheduled Council Meeting.

Council Member Robb stated the May 19th meeting will consist of a regular meeting for the first hour with the remainder being dedicated to the budget.

Mayor Edmonds said she feels that this is late to be deciding on dates at this point, and asked that Executive Secretary Nan Schuette send a Doodle with all possible dates.

Council Member Nicole Brown said she disagreed, and said Council should move forward with these dates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson said she would be unable to attend the May 14th budget session.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there are any other Council members who would be unable to attend the May 14th meeting or any other of the proposed dates.

XVII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Michelle Barney, 330 Chidester Place #406, asked if non-conforming rules could be applied to the situation at Chidester Place regarding the need to clear out storage units. She asked that the Building Department provide time to allow residents to clear out space in storage units.

XIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Stated that the City Inspector abides by State Adopted Building and Fire Codes and has already stated that he would allow residents time to clear the storage units.

City Attorney Barr stated the City cannot change the Fire Code that is adopted by the State.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS -

- Chidester Place Inspection Documents.

- Parks and Recreation Commission Liaison Report.
- Council Work Session scheduled for April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Items for discussion are parking, motor pool, and other items.
- Council Budget Sessions are scheduled for May 12th, 14th, and 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2015-099, 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 Vogt

SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.