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CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 4819
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Council Member Anne Brown moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to excuse the absences of Council Members Robb, Nicole Brown, and Mayor Edmonds.

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the absences were excused.

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. AGENDA APPROVAL –

The agenda was approved as submitted.

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson introduced the following individuals: DPS Director Stan Kirton, Lt. Deric Gress, Ypsilanti Area Conventions and Visitors Bureau Debbie Locke-Daniels, Human Relations Commission nominee Martha Valadez, Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage, Downtown Development Authority Board Chair Kevin Hill, and local business owner Dave Heikkinen.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

- Proclamation in recognition of the WWII 70th Anniversary/City's Victory Homefront Celebration

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson read a proclamation in honor of 70^{th} Anniversary of the end of World War II, and presented the proclamation to David Callahan.

David Callahan stated those alive in 2015 are lucky that the allies were victorious. He stated those who fought, lived, and sacrificed 70 years ago are very thankful for proclamations such as these, and thanked those who have assisted and supported the planning of the "Spirit of 45" celebration.

Dave Hiekkinen stated the Spirit of 45 event will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14^{th} in the Library Plaza. He said the event will have several activities and prizes.

VIII. <u>AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION</u> –

1. Martha Valadez, 310 Maple, stated she has been a resident of Washtenaw County since 2010. She stated she stayed in the area because she became connected to the Latino community. She stated she possess a skillset that will be extremely useful to the Human Relations Commission. As a daughter of Mexican immigrants she feels very thankful to have been nominated to the Human Relations Commission, and thanked Council Members Robb and Murdock for communicating the Commission vacancy to her.

2. Benjamin Miller, 310 Maple, voiced his support of the nomination of Martha Valadez to the Human Relations Commission. He said he first met Ms. Valadez during the "More Buses, More Places" movement regarding the AAATA millage increase where he noticed her passion for community engagement. He stated Ms. Valadez has helped to facilitate an immigrant youth based raid show which literally provides a voice to the often voiceless.

3. Annie Hunter, 446 Burton Ct, stated her family has been living at 446 Burton for 64 years, and has had issues with neighbors for years. She stated her neighbors routinely break into her home and steal a multitude of items as well as damage her property. She asked for the assistance of Council to remedy the issue.

   Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked Lt. Gress to discuss these issues with Ms. Hunter. Lt. Gress responded he has had much discussion with Ms. Hunter about her concerns.

4. Dan Moss, 137 S. Grove, stated building and code enforcement may need to be reconsidered in the City of Ypsilanti. He said he is currently in the process of being evicted from his residence of which he has always paid rent on time. He stated he was informed his lease is a month to month contract which can be terminated by either party with a 30 day notice. He stated he informed his landlord on several occasions of needed repairs that were never addressed. He stated he contacted the Building Department regarding these repairs, and the repairs were made, however, the landlord never secured proper building permits to perform the repairs.

   Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked City Manager Lange to set an appointment with Mr. Moss to address these concerns.

IX. <u>REMARKS BY THE MAYOR</u> –

- None

X. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> –

Public hearing on a resolution to grant a permanent, non-exclusive 10,000 square-foot easement over a portion of the southeast corner of City-owned property to Adams

Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership for the purpose of constructing and operating an electronic outdoor advertising structure and access to said structure.

A. Resolution No. 2015-172, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership ("Adams") seeks to relocate existing sign on City owned property and seeks to buy-out existing lease agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City the understands the inability of Adams to lease south sign face on existing structures, be true to Its ordinances regarding locations of signs and type of signs, and act within the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, both parties mutually agree to dissolve existing lease agreement for digital billboard sign located at I-94 and South Huron with a one-time payment of $470,000 and grant a non-exclusive easement for the relocation of said sign at the expense of the owners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement to Grant Easement with Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Council Member Murdock stated Huron Drive should read South Huron. City Manager Lange responded he would make that correction.

City Manager Lange provided a synopsis of the history of the issue. He added the revenue created by this transaction will be funneled into the 466 account to pay down the Water Street debt. He added one sign will not be removed due to the yearly revenue that it creates for the City.

Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene explained the location of the signs that are being removed. He explained that the easement is non-exclusive meaning the City owns the land, but Adam's Outdoor is being granted a permanent easement. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the sign will be in the same location as the demolished sign. Mr. DuChene responded no, this sign will be closer to the interstate, in the southeast corner of the parcel. Ms. Richardson stated the complaint is the current sign is not visible to traffic heading east. Mr. Duchene responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Lange stated Adam's Outdoor does not sell the entire year, and will work with the City to use the sign for marketing at no cost to the City. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if that is part of the contract. Mr. Lange replied in the affirmative. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked how much the City will be paid other than the price of the contract. Mr. Duchene responded this is a onetime upfront payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated her concern is the City will not be receiving $38,000 per the lease. Mr. DuChene responded the issue is that amount is not guaranteed, and the 21 year lease had the ability to be terminated.

B. Open public hearing
    1. Debbie Lock-Daniels, CVB Director, stated the CVB uses the sign quite often and she is glad that it is staying in the control of Adam's Outdoor Signs.

City Manager Lange commented the sign benefits the Ypsilanti community as a whole and it is very fortunate to not have lost the sign. He added Adam's Outdoor will also move the landscaping around the current sign.

C. Resolution No. 2015-172A, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSLANTI:

THAT the public hearing on a resolution to grant a permanent, non-exclusive 10,000 square-foot easement over a portion of the southeast corner of City-owned property to Adams Outdoor Advertising Limited Partnership for the purpose of constructing and operating an electronic outdoor advertising structure and access to said structure be OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if a non-exclusive easement can be used by the holder of the easement as well as others. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative. Mr. Lange added the non-exclusive status also makes the property more attractive for sale.

Council Member Murdock stated the contract is not a transfer it is a change in control of the sign. He said the control is no longer with the CVB and EMU it would fall to the City. Mr. DuChene stated the City's lease with Adam's Outdoor made no mention of the CVB or EMU, which is why it not included in the easement.

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to amend the contract to stipulate that the $470,000 be placed, in the debt retirement fund and the account number be specified in the resolution.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2015-172, adding the account information, was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-172 as amended was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

XI. MINUTES –

Resolution No. 2015-165, approving minutes of July 21, 2015.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of July 21, 2015 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

XII. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2015-166

1. Resolution No. 2015-167, approving elevator maintenance contract with Schindler Elevator.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   Whereas, the current elevator service/preventative maintenance contract was executed in May of 1977; and

   Whereas, It is time to formerly renew the contract with a slight modification to the terms of the current contract; and

   WHEREAS, Schindler Elevator Corporation, 28451 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 has provided excellent service to the City over the past three decades; and

   WHEREAS, the new contract will provide a savings to the City's current costs for elevator service/preventative maintenance and is in the best interest of the City; and

   Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Council awards the elevator service/preventative maintenance contract to Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of $4,78.,00 annually; and

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

2. Resolution No. 2015-168, approving contract with the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (YDDA) for pedestrian trash pickup in DDA Area.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

The contract with the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority for the Ypsilanti Department of Public Service to pick up trash from pedestrian trash receptacles in the DDA district for $22,125 per year is approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

3. Resolution No. 2015-169, approving contract with Saladino Construction Co., Inc. for the construction of ADA sidewalk ramps throughout the city.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, bids were duly advertised for The Sidewalk Ramp Replacement Program; and

Whereas, one (1) bid was publicly opened on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and reviewed for compliance with bidding qualifications and project specifications; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Saladino Construction Co., Inc., 3303 N. Territorial Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, best meets the project specifications and qualifications and is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Funds have been allocated for the Sidewalk Ramp Replacement Program;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City awards the bid to Saladino Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $43,000.00 for the construction of ADA sidewalk ramps throughout the City during the 2015 construction season; and

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

FURTHER, that the City Manager is authorized to sign change orders for additional ramp repairs subject to the approval by the City Attorney.

4. Resolution No. 2015-170, recognizing the Ypsilanti Youth Athletic Association as a non-profit organization operating in the city of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming license.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council recognizes the Ypsilanti Youth Athletic Association as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Ypsilanti for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve the Consent Agenda was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

XIII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS -

1. Resolution No. 2015-171, approving First Amendment to the Purchase Agreement with Washtenaw County for the sale of a portion of the Water Street Project for the construction of a recreation center.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City and Washtenaw County entered into an agreement on July 14, 2014, whereby the City agreed to sell a portion of the Water Street Project to the County for the purpose to construct a recreation center; and

WHEREAS, since this agreement has been entered, certain issues arose that required time extensions and reconsideration of other terms in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, these issues have now been resolved and the Parties have agreed to a first amendment to the agreement to memorialize the terms so negotiated and discussed; and

WHEREAS, both parties are interested in moving forward with the sale of this land and agree to the terms laid out in this first amendment; and

WHEREAS, this first amendment does not extend the overall timeframe contemplated for closing in the original purchase agreement;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter into the attached First Amendment to Agreement to Purchase Real Estate between the City of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County, in conjunction with and subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that: the City Manager is authorized to complete the sale with Washtenaw county and sign any and all documents to close the transaction, in conjunction with and subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.

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

City Manager Lange stated he is very grateful for the hard work committed on this project. He said each side achieved the majority of what was sought for in this agreement. He added OHM is in the process of designing the infrastructure for this project.

Council Member Murdock stated he feels some preliminary numbers should have been included for the infrastructure, and he understands some items need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. DuChene responded there has been a number discussed but it has not yet been solidified, and to avoid spurring the contract the number was omitted. Mr. Lange added inflation is another issue, and until detailed specifications are prepared it is difficult to ensure accuracy of cost. He stated one concession the City made is Parsons St. will not be completed until after River St. Mr. DuChene added the reconfiguration of the site is what will be reconsidered by the Planning Commission. Council Member Murdock stated this has been a struggle since its inception, and he is glad that the City has reached this point. However, he would have liked to seen an entrance along Michigan Ave. and an inclusion of a green energy source, but he will approve this project with his concerns noted. Mr. Lange responded the

City has not signed over the land yet, and can use that as leverage if there are any serious adjustments to the agreement.

Council Member Murdock stated he assumes the project will be sent out for bid soon, which will need to be approved by the County in order to bond for the project. He said funds available to the County would allow the flexibility to adjust to fluctuations in cost. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson agreed with Council Member Murdock, and said it seems staff is not sure the County will complete the infrastructure they have agreed to install. Council Member Murdock stated he spoke with the Chair of the Recreation Commission who agreed to bring his issues up during the next commission meeting. Council Member Anne Brown added she would prefer an entrance along Michigan Ave., but the YMCA in Ann Arbor follows the same, and the building was built this way in order to allow easy access without creating a disruption to traffic.

Mr. Lange added the language in this agreement is the strongest it has been since the beginning of this process.

Council Member Murdock asked if there will be a bus stop planned for the recreation center. Mr. Lange stated the development is planned to be transportation oriented. Mr. Murdock stated the bus route will begin next year, and a plan needs to be in place for that location. Mr. Lange responded the City is in negotiation with AAATA regarding those issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked when the final designs will be shared with Council. Mr. Lange responded the last design shared with Council will be close to what was presented. Council Member Murdock added some of the presented design might change after the project goes out for bid.

Council Member Anne Brown stated she would like Council to be aware that during the presentation the design was explained to be 50,000 square feet, and Mlive listed the project between 40,000 and 50,000 square feet. Mr. DuChene asked what the County's commitment was for square footage. Mr. Lange replied he believes the commitment was for 35,000 square feet. Mr. Lange added the County has committed to share in the cost of the underground electric. Council Member Murdock asked when the construction of the grid scheduled to begin. Mr. Lange responded as soon as a contract can be reached with DTE.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-171 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

2. Resolution No. 2015-173, approving the City maintaining wayfinding and parking signs located within city limits.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti recognizes that wayfinding signage increases tourism by providing visual clues to help visitors find community destinations and recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, wayfinding signage helps our local businesses increase product sales by helping visitors find retail districts and parking; and

WHEREAS, the City accepts the maintenance costs associated with the wayfinding signage and agrees the signage will increase private investment in the City by conveying a sense of prosperity, influencing people's decisions to live and work in the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council the City of Ypsilanti supports the community wayfinding sign proposal as presented at the June 6, 2015 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City will maintain the wayfinding and parking signs located within the City limits.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Council Member Vogt
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

DPS Director Stan Kirton asked what the maintenance costs will entail. City Manager Lange responded the City will provide the labor, and the signs have a five year warranty. Council Member Murdock stated if a sign is damaged the City will be responsible for replacing. CVB Director Debbie Locke-Daniels added the City is not responsible for installing the signs, if the signs are knocked over, to her knowledge the City would be responsible for replacing the signs. Mr. Kirton asked what entity would provide the parts to repair the signs. Ms. Lock-Daniels responded the company has not yet been selected. Council Member Murdock stated the City would be financially responsible to supply the materials needed for repair. Ms. Lock-Daniels responded in the affirmative after the five year warranty has expired. She stated she is sitting in for Eastern Leaders Group Executive Director Tony Vanderworp and will be able to provide more information at a later date. She added the entire project will cost $170,000 per year for three years, which City Council will not be responsible for any of it. She stated once the company that will develop the signs is chosen, Department of Public Services can be informed and brought to the negotiations table. She added the signs are durable, and it will be made certain that there will not be a horrendous charge for replacement.

Council Member Anne Brown asked how many signs will be located in the City. Ms. Lock-Daniels responded the first round will include approximately 20 signs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the packet states the vinyl has a ten year warranty. Ms. Locke-Daniels responded in the affirmative, and explained the signs themselves have a five year warranty, and the vinyl has a ten year warranty.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-173 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2015-174, approving a two-year extension of the city's towing services contract with Wall Street Towing, Inc. (D.B.A. Budget/Stadium Towing).

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CITY'S TOWING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WALL STREET TOWING, INC. (D.B.A. BUDGET/STADIUM TOWING)

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Police Department issued a request for proposals for a police department towing contract on April 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Wall Street Towing, Inc. (d.b.a. Budget/Stadium Towing) was the sole bidder at that time; and

WHEREAS, Ypsilanti City Council approved this bid by adopting Resolution 2012-176 and authorized the Chief of Police to sign all necessary documents needed to execute the contract, subject to approval by the City Attorney; and

WHERAS, this contract provided for an original three-year term commencing on July 26, 2012, with a two-year extension at the discretion of the City; and

WHERAS, the Parties are both interested in continuing under the existing contract and executing the two-year extension;

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: the Chief of Police be authorized to sign all necessary documents needed to execute a two-year extension to the contract with Budget/Stadium Towing, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

Council Member Murdock stated the resolution indicates the Chief of Police is to sign the contract, and he was under the impression that contracts need to be signed by the Mayor and the Clerk. Mr. DuChene responded contacts over $25,000 are subject to the approval of Council, however, Council can delegate authority to other parties to sign a contract and the original contract stipulated the Chief of Police had the authority to sign, and that authority was carried over to the extension.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if this was the second extension. Mr. DuChene responded this is the first extension, and explained the original contract had duration of three years beginning in 2012.

Council Member Murdock asked if the City would need to instigate the towing of the vehicle. Lt. Deric Gress responded in the affirmative.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-174 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSENT: 3 (Edmonds, Robb, Nicole Brown) VOTE: Carried

XIV. <u>LIASON REPORTS</u> –

A. SEMCOG Update – Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the main focus of the last meeting was the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). She stated Michael Ford was the speaker at the meeting, and he provided an outline of how to begin the RTA, and Mr. Ford asked for support from the involved counties for passage of a millage.
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – No meeting

C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance - None
D. Urban County - None
E. Freight House – Council Member Murdock stated the project received four bids, which are being reviewed.
F. Parks and Recreation – Written report is included in Council Packet.
G. Millennial Mayors Conference - None
H. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
I. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – Council Member Anne Brown stated another meeting has been scheduled.

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Vogt

- Stated the DTE coalition filed its response brief to DTE's final request. He stated the coalition's response is that DTE is dissembling. He stated the opinion is the issue should be resolved by negotiation, and a type of mediation. He added it will be several more weeks before a decision is made.

  Council Member Murdock stated part of the strategy is to remove municipal street lighting from the larger package to be negotiated separately. He said he is not certain that DTE has agreed to that, but the commission is in favor of that proposal.

- Asked for an update on the recent wave of violence, and he would like to see a report fairly soon. He stated he would like to update the public on the progress of the investigation as much as possible. He stated many of the comments being made are out of touch with what is actually happening, and a report would help avoid misinformation, and market the City's success.

  Council Member Murdock agreed with Council Member Vogt, and added a report should be given updating the success of an investigation. He stated if you read the news reports there is information of arrests being made, and that story should be told.

  Lt. Deric Gress stated there are two subjects in custody in the Keandre Duff homicide, however, there is a lack of witnesses willing to come forward, and the suspects are being held on unrelated issues. He said evidence was acquired from the homes of one of the suspects, which has been sent to the lab. He added patrols have been expanded however the state police presence has decreased. He stated the Citgo homicide has been determined to not be gang related, and a suspect has been identified. He added it is department policy not to release the suspects name until a warrant is obtained. He stated the assault with the attempt to murder at a green road apartment complex is still under investigation. He stated the victim is unable to speak at this point, he added this appears to be a relationship issue and not gang related. He stated the Gary Schneider homicide is positively progressing. He stated there have been hit and runs, and one instance a young man with autism was struck by a car after his glasses were tossed into the road, and the driver did not have time to stop the vehicle. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the individual who through the glasses into the street is liable. Lt. Gress stated the department will follow-up with the prosecutor's office, but that individual also has diminished abilities. Lt. Gress stated a woman who was struck on Second Ave. received only minor injuries.

  Council Member Murdock added the individual responsible for the bank robberies has been apprehended. Lt. Gress responded in the affirmative, and stated the department recently tracked down the individual's cell phone. Mr. Murdock added there are suspects in custody for the drive-by on Cross. Lt. Gress responded in the affirmative. Lt. Gress stated the shooting took place during the "Stop the Violence Rally", which was very successful. Lt. Gress stated police are aware of the individual who fired the shot, but there is a question of if it was self-defense. He added that instance is gang related. Mr. Murdock stated there have been individuals arrested for home invasions on the west side. Lt. Gress replied in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated this all transpired over a month and a report will be useful.

<u>Anne Brown</u>

- Stated Council agreed that every first Tuesday a work session will be held if needed at 6:00 p.m. She requested Clerk McMullan circulate notices for those work sessions.

  Clerk McMullan reported there is a work session planned in September regarding healthcare. She stated she will provide Council with a reminder email. Council Member Murdock stated Council needs to schedule a work session to discuss City roads. Ms. McMullan responded that work session has been planned for 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with a regular meeting. Mr. Murdock added Council Member Robb will have difficulty being to a meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- Asked what the timeline is for the City Manager and City Clerk evaluations.

  Mr. DuChene responded that will be discussed at a later date.

- Asked if Joe Golder's property issue could be discussed.

  Mr. Lange responded Mr. Golder agreed to split the cost of the surveyor 50/50, but then changed his opinion and said he would only contribute $550. He said the City Attorney created an RFP for a surveyor; unfortunately the RFP did not produce a bidder. He said the City Attorney eventually found surveyor that would complete the project for $5,000. However, Mr. Golder stated he would only pay the cost of the survey if he were the survey was not in his favor. Until then Mr. Golder would only be willing to pay $550. Mr. Lange said it seems unlikely to pay the full cost of the surveyor. He stated the principal issue is Mr. Golder has a complaint against the City however he is insisting the City fund the prosecution of that complaint. He stated if the City were to fund that prosecution it would set a bad precedent. Council Member Murdock requested that issue be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting, in order to vote on the matter. Council Member Vogt asked what would be the purpose in voting on this issue, and stated the issue will be solved without Council action.

- Stated if communication training regarding recent violence is something that will be completed. She asked if the Mayor has spoken with Clerk McMullan regarding communication training. Ms. McMullan responded in the affirmative. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked for clarification of what was meant by communication training. Ms. Brown responded crisis communication, and policy for what is communicated. Ms. McMullan responded City Attorney Barr also can provide training on how to communicate with the media, and is willing to provide that service.

- Stated she and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson have been discussing board relations and communications, and how Council generally works together. She said she and Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson are suggesting that Council undergo leadership training and Council development. She stated Mr. Barr informed her that several communities have undergone this training. She added the training will most likely be held in the fall on a Saturday, and she hopes that Council will be willing to participate.

Murdock

- Stated the work session to discuss roads should be a standalone meeting. He said there are many issue involved, particularly: federal funding, state funding, and non-motorized transportation. He said the amount of information requiring discussion will require more time than an hour. He added Council Member Robb would like to spend a significant amount of time discussing employee healthcare, and there are issue with code enforcement, including snow enforcement and dangerous vacant buildings, that require work sessions.

- Stated the ADA ramp contract was approved today, and asked for a schedule of what ramps will be completed.

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR PRO-TEM –

- Asked what the evacuation plan is fir the area by I-94, and if there is not a plan one should be developed.

  Council Member Murdock stated the County is responsible for the completion of emergency evacuation plans, and the Emergency Manager could be invited to provide a presentation regarding that plan. Lt. Gress added he will speak with Fire Chief Anthouard and Emergency Manager Mark Breckenridge for an update on that plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she wants to ensure the plan is known throughout the community.

- Stated she received a letter from Robert Hunter asking about clarification about a violation of the sidewalk ordinance. She said the letter informed her trees had been planted on the City's median, and if they continue to grow the roots might damage the sidewalk of which he is responsible. She said Mr. Hunter requested a letter stating he would not be responsible if trees planted on the median causing damage to the sidewalk. She stated she chose to read this letter because she receives this complaint from residents frequently. She asked the City Manager to follow-up with Mr. Hunter's, issue and examine if there are any remedies available.

  Council Member Murdock stated it seems ordinance enforcement has been changed. He said in the past if there was a complaint the City would take issue. He asked if the City is examining the entire sidewalk system in the City. He added there is a policy regarding City trees damaging sidewalks. Mr. Lange responded the City pays 50% of any damage caused by City trees. He added the reason sidewalks are being examined is the result of a citizen who received a complaint, and traversed the City looking for any damaged sidewalk. Mr. Murdock stated when the City last performed this process it was the entirety of the City, but was completed section by section, unfortunately the project ran out of funding.

  Council Member Vogt asked if the trees planted by the City are non-evasive that will not damage sewer lines or sidewalks.

Council Member Murdock stated there are certain areas of the City that had sidewalks installed in the 50's. That will need repair.

- Stated the "Stop the Violence" event had a strong turnout was very successful. She said Ms. Hayden and her daughter did a wonderful job, and should receive some recognition. She stated a community meeting was held last Monday, July 27th at Community Church of God which was well attended, but the event was unable to attract the right people. However, at that meeting it was planned to meet every month until the problem is resolved.

  Council Member Vogt asked if the recent gang activity is a result of the merging of Willow Run and Ypsilanti High School. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded no, it has nothing to do with the school. Lt. Gress stated he would not say it has nothing to do with the school, but there are small pockets of activity involving BOH, Rakk Life, and Finesse. He added it is a small percentage of the school population. Council Member Murdock interjected that the small percentage can still cause havoc. Council Member Anne Brown added that the situation is mostly drug related, and older individuals are pressuring younger individuals. Lt. Gress responded that is a fair assessment, and in the future the community will need to begin influencing middle school aged children. Ms. Richardson agreed, and said the new superintendent was asking for help from the community.

- She asked for clarification of Annie Hunters issue with her neighbor.

  Lt. Gress responded there is not an issue with her neighbor, and he has investigated this situation several times.

Nominations:

Human Relations Commission
Martha Valadez (replacing Aricka Lycan)
310 Maple
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Expiration: 11/1/2018

Planning Commission
Elizabeth Dahl MacGregor (replacing Nicki Sandberg)
103 N. Lincoln
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Expiration: 5/1/2017

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Stated the Boogey down Motorcycle Club rally did a fabulous job.

- Stated Fiscal Service Director Marilou Uy sent out a report regarding the $90,000 owed to the City.

- Stated the Chess Club has not had much success during the evening hours, and there are plans to change the club to the middle of the day.

Council Member Murdock stated the report Ms. Uy sent included an explanation of the money Economic Development Corporation owed the City. He said during the budget process $100,000 was transferred from the EDC to the City, and asked if the City should consider that the payment of the $90,000. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Anne Brown stated during a tour of the DTE facility on Michigan Ave., she was told by Paul Gaines that City Manager Lange has been outstanding to work with.

XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2015-175, adjourning the 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 Anne Brown

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.