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CITY OF YPSILANTI
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015
7:00 P.M. – OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. AGENDA APPROVAL –

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

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Vogt to suspend the rules and vote to approve and appoint the nominations to the Sidewalk Review Board.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if Mayor Edmonds was unable to find a nomination from Ward 3. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked the same question regarding Ward 1. Mayor Edmonds responded that she was unable to find interested residents in either of those Wards. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added if she was aware that a Sidewalk Review Board was being formed she would have been able to suggest a possible member residing in Ward 1. Mayor Edmonds replied that is something that could be discussed.

Council Member Robb removed Resolution No. 2015-191, renewing a one-year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan, from the Consent Agenda.

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

VI. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals: Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority (YCUA) Board Member John Ichesco, DPS Director Stan Kirton, Kent Early, OHM, Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, and YCUA Finance Director Dwayne Harrigan.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) – Economic Development Director Beth Ernat.

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat provided a presentation regarding the formation of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. **(See Website)**

Council Member Robb asked how many NEZ's are located in Michigan. Ms. Ernat responded she is uncertain, but Ecorse, Kalamazoo, Inkster, and Rouge have incorporated programs and they have been mostly successful. Council Member Robb stated Council is not being asked to approve a policy it is being asked to approve the actual zone. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Council Member Robb asked why is the approval of the policy and zone selection not happening at the same time. Ms. Ernat responded because the policy would require a public hearing and other taxing bodies in the City would need to be notified. She added she would never notify those entities without having the support of Council for an NEZ. Council Member Robb stated his concern is that might assist in creating predatory landlords. Ms. Ernat stated if Council wishes it can make it mandatory that only homesteaded properties are awarded NEZ grants, but she is not certain that is beneficial to the community.

Council Member Anne Brown asked what the percentage of renters in that area is in the proposed zone. Ms. Ernat responded she is uncertain of that data.

Council Member Robb asked if all improvements will be 50% of the millage rate of the City. Ms. Ernat responded there is some flexibility, and she was hoping Council would provide input on how to develop the program. Mr. Robb stated it seems that the reward of the NEZ does not match the effort it would take to file the necessary paperwork and staff time it would take to administer the program. Ms. Ernat responded the multiplier effect of the savings over time would make the program worthwhile. She added Habitat for Humanity has expressed that they are no longer taking on projects in Ypsilanti due to the tax rate, and this would create leverage enticing their projects in Ypsilanti. Mr. Robb asked what kind of housing is the City hoping to attract, and what is the best strategy to attract that housing. Ms. Ernat responded the City's strategy is to increase property values, but it must be realistic on what the property lots can hold and what the market is. She said the type of housing that should be encouraged is the type of house that is sellable.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she is very much in favor of this program and it aligns itself with many of the goals of the gateway project. Ms. Richardson prefers homes awarded this grant be owner-occupied.

Mayor Edmonds asked why the northern boundaries were selected. Ms. Ernat responded the northern boundary was selected not to be north of Frederick because it would require extending the zone to Michigan Ave. Mayor Edmonds asked why staff decided not to have Michigan Ave. as the northern boundary. Ms. Ernat responded she was not certain Council would be receptive to that boundary line. Mayor Edmonds stated the character of the Michigan Ave is similar to the character of the proposed boundary. Ms. Ernat replied through conversation with several Council Members, staff made the decision to not extend the boundaries of the zone to Michigan Ave. She said if Council is open to extending the boundary she would support that change.

Council Member Murdock stated recently there has been a great deal of literature discussing housing policies and the concentration of poverty, and asked how the NEZ would fit into that new ideal. Ms. Ernat stated every home highlighted on the map has a true cash value of under $80,000 which is concerning, and the way to improve that situation is to assist in increasing the value of homes in that area. She added this is one of the lowest census tracts in the City and it makes little sense to put unaffordable homes in that location.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would like to offer programs such as Habitat for Humanity's furnace replacement program, and asked if a zone such as this opens other potential funding mechanisms. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. She stated the City is partnering with Washtenaw County weatherization program which could be offered as a part of the NEZ.

Council Member Vogt stated the program lists that in order to be accepted the structure must be up to code, and asked if a person is applying for one project and are not at code they would have to complete both projects. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Vogt asked if staff is aware of how other cities handled the possibility of unscrupulous landlords. Ms. Ernat responded those cities put a requirement of only homestead properties would be eligible. Mr. Vogt stated he is unclear how a landlord could use this program in an unscrupulous manner. Council Member Murdock replied landlords can get higher rent when using a section eight voucher and his concern is that all section eight vouchers go into poor neighborhoods. Ms. Ernat responded the City cannot discriminate or know where section eight housing is located, and section eight vouchers can be used at any rentable property. Mr. Murdock stated HUD is trying to monitor rent in census tracts in order to diminish landlord's ability to take advantage of section eight voucher holders.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is a strategy to keep homes that are owner-occupied from turning into rentals. Ms. Ernat replied only properties currently listed as rentals would be allowed to utilize the program. Mayor Edmonds asked how code compliance works with owner-occupied homes. Ms. Ernat responded they are handled the same way as rentals. Mayor Edmonds stated that could create a problem being that owner-occupied homes are not inspected. Ms. Ernat responded unless there is an existing issue that has been cited by code enforcement. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated an owner-occupied home would only be inspected if that owner applied for the program. Council Member Vogt suggested in the NEZ area the community could be informed that the City will be increasing inspection in the NEZ. He added he does not see a downside to this program.

Council Member Murdock stated what is being asked is permission to proceed with formulating the ordinance, and return to Council with a policy. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative, and added Ecorse has a sliding scale determined by personal investment.

City Manager Lange stated Economic Development Director Beth Ernat has done a tremendous job, and the totality of Ward 1 should be kept in-mind when considering the formation of the NEZ. He added when Hurricane Andrew hit Florida 25,000 homes were destroyed and the homes that remained were mainly Habitat for Humanity homes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she is favor of this program but would want to work with Habitat for Humanity on their designs for new homes in that area. She stated they built many homes in this area in the past and they were very cookie cutter.

Council Member Nicole Brown stated she is in support of this program and is interested in further discussion of expanding the border to Michigan Ave. Ms. Ernat asked if Council as a body would like to see the NEZ expanded. Council Member Anne Brown added she would be in support of the program and the expansion of the zone. Council Member Robb stated he would be in support of homestead properties only and cannot have lived at the property longer than ten years. Mr. Robb added he is in favor of a sliding scale in one form.

Ms. Ernat stated the next step is the notification of the taxing bodies and a public hearing.

Council Member Vogt stated he is concerned with cutting the City off of future increase to the taxable value that is not related to improvements. Ms. Ernat responded the NEZ is only an improvement to the tax bill and if there is no change to the base tax.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she would like the zone to extend to Huron to include the entire gateway. She stated she would not like to exclude property owners that have been in there homes for a long period of time. Mayor Edmonds agreed. Mayor Edmonds asked if the entire census tract could be included in the NEZ. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mayor Edmonds stated she is in support of this program. Council Member Murdock stated if the zone expands to the east it will overlap the DDA and OPRA district, and asked what the effect would be. Ms. Ernat responded property owners would have the option of applying for whichever program would be more beneficial.

VIII. <u>AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION</u> –

1. Jeff Clark, 210 Oakwood, stated he wrote Council a month ago to decrease the legal assault on Anthony Morgan and none of Council has responded. He asked if Council is adhering to Section 46-74 of the City Ordinance that states no city officer shall interfere with the ordinary course of law enforcement in the city. He asked what about interfering with the biased course of law enforcement. He stated he has been thinking about white silence and how to interpret and analyze it.

2. D'Real Graham, 3018 Roundtree, stated they want to inform Council that they exercise their right to vote, and if Council is interested in seeking reelection it should consider how big its constituency is. He said he understands the hierarchy in Ypsilanti and he understands the power of the vote.

3. Emmanuel Jones, 6906 Plainview, stated Mentored Youth started a campaign called Stand Up for Youth. He said the focus of the money is to serve money to serve an additional 100 students in the school year.

4. City Attorney John Barr, stated this weekend is the Heritage Festival and the Rotary Club will be holding their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, August 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

   Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated City Attorney Barr normally asked Council if the Boy Scouts may use a City lot during Heritage Festival to raise funds for their troop, and asked if that is not the case this year. Mr. Barr responded that is the case this year and the Heritage Festival Committee have requested that the Boy Scouts handle parking for the festival.

IX. <u>REMARKS BY THE MAYOR</u> –

- Stated she will personally contribute the Mentor Youth campaign and thanked Mr. Jones for keeping Council informed of the Mentor Youth program.

- Stated Mr. Clark was invited to the Human Relations Commission to discuss and investigate the issues facing Mr. Morgan and declined that invitation. She stated Mr. Clark did encourage the HRC to examine documents provided by him and Mr. Morgan. She said she is eager to share possible policies with Mr. Morgan to improve relations moving into the future. She stated she has been speaking with the City Attorney to examine roles Council may take in an investigation and the reason for the separation of powers.

Council Member Murdock stated Council should hold a session with the Police Department to examine current policy. He added Council should work towards better communicating policy and Council should ask itself about in terms of policy involving the Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she agrees with Mr. Murdock and she has been trying to speak with Chief DeGiusti about police stops that were suspect. Mayor Edmonds asked if the next step is to schedule a work session to discuss. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she would be in favor of a Town Hall. Council Member Vogt added he would be more in favor of a work session rather than a Town Hall that could be deviated into side issues. City Manager Lange stated he is disappointed that Mr. Clark and Mr. Morgan will not be attending the Human Relations Commission meeting. He stated he and the City Attorney are willing to attend the HRC meeting to open dialogue. He said the HRC meeting will be held on August 24th at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Edmonds encouraged Council to attend that meeting and answer any questions that might be asked. Council Member Anne Brown asked that City Clerk McMullan provide this information on the list serve.

X. <u>MINUTES</u> –

Resolution No. 2015-176, approving minutes of August 3 and August 4, 2015.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Minutes of August 3, and August 4, 2015 be approved.

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

Council Member Robb asked why he was not excused on the August 3, 2015. Council Member Murdock responded Mr. Robb was excused at that meeting.

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

XI. <u>ORDINANCES – FIRST READING</u> -

Ordinance No. 1251

1. Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates by 8% within the City of Ypsilanti.

   A. Resolution No. 2015-177, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.

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

YCUA Dwayne Harrigan provided an overview of the YCUA rate changes.

B. Open Public Hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2015-178, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-454(b) of the Code of Ordinances to increase water rates within the City of Ypsilanti 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.

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Anne Brown to hold the public hearings for Ordinances 1251, 1252, and 1253 at the same time.

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

Ordinance No. 1252

2. Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 4% within the City of Ypsilanti.
   A. Resolution No. 2015-179, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 4% within the City of Ypsilanti be approved on First Reading.

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

B. Open Public Hearing

Nathan Philips, 509 Washington St, asked if this is an increase in taxes, and stated he is against taxes.

Council Member Murdock responded these are water and sewer rates.

C. Resolution No. 2015-180, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-455(a) of the Code of Ordinances to increase sewage disposal service rates by 4% within the City of Ypsilanti be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

3. Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills within the City of Ypsilanti by adding a surcharge of 63% (a 2% decrease) to each water and sewage bill for billings to be deposited in a restricted debt retirement and capital improvements fund.

   A. Open Public Hearing

      None

   B. Resolution No. 2015-182, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills within the City of Ypsilanti by adding a surcharge of 63% (a 2% decrease) to each water and sewage bill for billings to be deposited in a restricted debt retirement and capital improvements fund be officially closed.

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

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

Council Member Murdock stated for the last several years YCUA was asked if a rate structure could be based on usage, and asked whether the YCUA is on the completion of that rate structure. Mr. Harrigan responded last year the waste water reader program was implemented which placed meters in all contracted communities. He said part of that plan is once one year of data has been collected a proposed new rate structure can be completed which will be brought to the Township and the City. Mayor Edmonds asked if the new rate structure will result in decreased bills for properties that use less water. Mr. Harrigan responded the plan is revenue neutral, but there will be some properties that pay less and some that pay more.

Council Member Murdock stated the regional system has gone into effect and a rate increase went into effect before it was implemented with the promise that there would be no more than 4% increase. Mr. Harrigan responded that is a misconception what that meant was that YCUA could not increase its revenue by 4%.

Council Member Murdock asked what the amount of money under the current rates the City gets from the surcharge. Mr. Harrigan responded the debt is around $3 million for the City, YCUA brings in $3.1

million, and as the rates increase YCUA can maintain the surcharge. Mr. Murdock asked if the debt will decrease at some point. Mr. Harrigan responded about six years from the initial bonds maturing. Mayor Edmonds asked when the more progressive system will be implemented. Mr. Harrigan replied within the next fiscal year.

City Manager Lange asked if there are any industries that consume a lot of water. Mr. Harrigan responded the YCUA lost most of its industry. Council Member Murdock stated Eastern Michigan University is the largest user in the City. Mr. Harrigan responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if there are any communities that are discussing pulling out of the waste water treatment. Mr. Harrigan responded no.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-177 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	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-179 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	Yes
Council Member A. Brown	Yes		

VOTE:

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

C. Resolution No. 2015-181, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to amend Chapter 106, Article V, Section 106-499 to decrease the restricted debt retirement and capital improvement fund surcharge on water and sewer service bills within the City of Ypsilanti by adding a surcharge of 63% (a 2% decrease) to each water and sewage bill for billings to be deposited in a restricted debt retirement and capital improvements fund be approved on First Reading.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-181 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. 1254

4. Ordinance to rezone 908 N. Congress *(Little Bird Café)* from Core Neighborhood Mid to Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development.

   A. Resolution No. 2015-183, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT an Ordinance to rezone 908 N. Congress from Core Neighborhood Mid to Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

City Planner Bonnie Wessler provided a summary regarding the adaptive reuse planned unit development of 908 N. Congress.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is in-line with the Master Plan.

   B. Open Public Hearing

      1. Beth McCowski, owner 908 Congress, thanked Council and stated she has many friends in the community and is very excited to be a part of Ypsilanti.

         Council Member Anne Brown asked if this was Ms. McCowski's first business venture. Ms. McCowski responded in the affirmative. Council Member Anne Brown stated she should utilize the services of SPARK East.

         Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated that building has been there for a very long time and she is glad that it is being used.

      2. Mike Davis Jr., 905 Grant St., stated he is in support of the passing of the PUD for 908 Congress. He said this is a great opportunity to the community and a positive boost for Ypsilanti.

   C. Resolution No. 2015-184, close public hearing.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the public hearing for an Ordinance to rezone 908 N. Congress from Core Neighborhood Mid to Adaptive Reuse Planned Unit Development be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

Council Member Murdock stated it is fantastic to see this property becomes developed. He said the adaptive reuse PUD at one time only applied to the historic district. He said with this property in mind Council expanded the program and he is glad to see that it has been effective.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-183 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. 1255

5. Ordinance to rezone several properties along Towner Road from Neighborhood Corridor (NC) to Health and Human Services (HHS).

   A. Resolution No. 2015-185, determination

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   THAT an Ordinance to rezone several properties along Towner Road from Neighborhood Corridor (NC) to Health and Human Services (HHS) on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Anne Brown

City Planner Wessler provided background on the reasoning behind rezoning of Towner Rd.

   B. Open Public Hearing

   None

   C. Resolution No. 2015-186, close public hearing.

   RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

   THAT a public hearing an Ordinance to rezone several properties along Towner Road from Neighborhood Corridor (NC) to Health and Human Services (HHS) be officially closed.

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

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-185 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. CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution No. 2015-187

1. Resolution No. 2015-188, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

NAME	BOARD	TERM EXPIRATION
Martha Valadez 310 Maple Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (replacing Aricka Lycant)	**Human Relations Commission**	**11/1/2018**
Elizabeth Dahl MacGregor 103 N. Lincoln Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (replacing Nicki Sandberg)	**Planning Commission**	**5/1/2017**

2. Resolution No. 2015-189, supporting National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month and allowing teal ribbons to be tied throughout the city September 1st – September 30, 2015 along with lawn signs, awareness posters and information cards being provided.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecologic cancers and a leading cause of cancer-related death in women. There is no early detection test for ovarian cancer; It is referred to as "The Silent Disease"; and

WHEREAS, each year the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA), a nonprofit and partner member of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, sponsors "*Turn the Towns Teal,* a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, this is the 9th year of the "*Turn the Towns Teal"* campaign which is held in conjunction with National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, from September 1 to September 30; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance would like to tie teal ribbons throughout the city, post awareness posters at establishments, and distribute information cards; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA), will cover all expenses incurred by this campaign and there will be no cost to the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council supports this national campaign and approves of teal ribbons being tied throughout the city September 1st - September 30, 2015, along with lawn signs, awareness posters and information cards being provided for establishments that are interested.

3. Resolution No. 2015-190, appointing delegate and alternate to the 2015 Michigan Municipal League (MML) Annual Convention.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT <u>Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson</u> be appointed as Delegate and <u>Council Member Anne Brown</u> be appointed as Alternate for the Annual Convention of the Michigan Municipal League to be held September 16-18, 2015 in Traverse City, Michigan.

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-187 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

~~4. Resolution No. 2015-191, renewing a one-year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan.~~ **(Moved and heard under Section XIII, Resolutions/Motions/Discussions)**

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

1. Resolution No. 2015-191, renewing a one-year contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Ypsilanti deems it to be in the best interest of the City to continue to reduce health care costs where applicable; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare Advantage Plan would reduce retiree health care costs while still offering additional benefits to the retirees; and

WHEREAS, retirees currently enrolled in Medicare A & B would be eligible for this Medicare Advantage Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI to approve another yearly contract, from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Plan for all eligible retirees.

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

City Manager Lange provided an overview of the Medicare Advantage Plan and cost savings provided.

Council Member Robb stated when Council went through the goal setting process one of the goals developed is to reduce healthcare costs for existing employees. He asked if Blue Cross Blue Shield provided health benefits to retirees, does it force the City to select Blue Cross for current employees, and if there's any action on current employee healthcare this year. Mr. Lange responded staff has been discussing things with human resources and they are creating competition for current employee health benefits. He said it is staff's hope that by creating competition it will facilitate better rates.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-191 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. 2015-192, approving establishment of a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) in the City of Ypsilanti.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti is a qualified local unit of government and wishes to create a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) for the Southwest Gateway Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Southwest Gateway Area NEZ would be consistent with the 2014 Shape Ypsi Master Plan, the 2011 South of Michigan Needs Assessment and the Community Goal of creating a safe, diverse, and sustainable City; and

WHEREAS, the City prides itself on its diversity and has been a leader in civil rights, as the first City in Michigan to pass a living wage ordinance and an ordinance banning discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti has adopted 2012 ICC Property Maintenance Code, 2012 ICC Building Codes and Chapter 18 of

the Ypsilanti Municipal Code to create local construction and safety codes and require compliance inspections to the referenced codes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council wishes to create a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) for the South Gateway Area to encourage and promote neighborhood stabilization and revitalization.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Anne Brown
SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-192 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

3. Resolution No. 2015-193, approving renewal of the fire dispatch agreement with Emergency Health Partner (EHP), Inc.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Fire Department dispatching agreement needs to be renewed. Effective the 1st day of July 2015, between Ypsilanti City, 1 S. Huron, Ypsilanti MI 48197, a municipal corporation ("City"), on behalf of the Ypsilanti Fire Department ("Fire Department"), and EMERGENT HEALTH PARTNERS, INC., 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, ("EHP").

WHEREAS, the City is contracting with EHP to provide the Fire Department with certain dispatching services according to the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, EHP, is currently operating a secondary public safety answering point and is engaged in the communication and dispatch of fire departments and ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the City and EHP mutually desire and agree that EHP shall provide communications and dispatching services, on behalf of the Fire Department.

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

City Manager Lange stated this is a long term contract which is renewed periodically. He stated this document asks for the signature of the City Manager and it should read the Mayor and Council and the contract will be amended accordingly.

Council Member Robb moved a friendly amendment to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contract. Council Member Nicole Brown accepted the friendly amendment. Council Member Vogt accepted the friendly amendment.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-192 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

4. Resolution No. 2015-194, supporting recommendation of the Washtenaw County Road Funding Committee.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

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

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

Whereas, It is unlikely that the City of Ypsilanti will receive additional road funding from the State of Michigan in time to expand road repairs in the 2016 construction season; and

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

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

Whereas, The Roads Funding Committee has recommended that Washtenaw County levy a .5 mill millage for road maintenance in FY 2016; and

Whereas, The levying of such a millage would provide The City of Ypsilanti with an additional $145,000 in FY 2016 to effect road repairs; and

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

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

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

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners may consider the Roads Funding Committee recommendation as early as October 1, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti endorses the recommendations of the Roads Funding Committee; and respectfully request that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners exercise its statutory authority to levy a millage to raise additional monies for road repairs and submits Hamilton, Ballard, River, Lowell, First, Forest, Washtenaw and Cornell Streets/Avenues/Roads that will receive at least one of the following operations Microsurfacing, spot milling, asphalt overlay and concrete repair as the City of Ypsilanti's road projects for purposes of meeting the Act 283 of 1909 requirement.

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

City Manager Lange provided an overview of supporting the recommendation of the Washtenaw Road Funding Commission.

Council Member Murdock stated there needs to be discussion about roads, non-motorized transportation, and other issues, before decisions are made. He said he is not certain the County millage will be renewed and during the budget sessions many decisions were made that decreased the Major Streets Fund. He said it might be wise to wait on some of those projects until the state develops a funding plan for roads.

Kent Early, OHM, stated streets that are identified in the resolution are a part of urgent road repair program that began a couple years ago. He said the first six roads identified as a part of that program have been completed and these are the next on the list that can be done with the allotment available from the County and Act 51. He added the listed roads are major roads so they are federal fund eligible. Mr. Lange stated Prospect Rd. deteriorated to the point that it required a large amount of funding to repair. He said this will help to maintain roads so that they do not reach that level of deterioration.

Council Member Murdock stated the federal government granted a three month extension on funding for roads, and asked if there is an idea of the amount of funding the City will be able to capture from that extension. Mr. Early replied at this point no, and said the Department of Transportation is being told to budget similar to what was budgeted last year. He added historically projects did not have to be submitted to May or June in order to be obligated, but that has been pushed back and now projects should be submitted no later than February.

Council Member Robb stated this item is not on the County Board's agenda and this resolution is preemptive. Mr. Lange responded he believes this will be brought forward on an agenda in September. Council Member Murdock stated the Road Commission must provide a plan to the Board of Commissioners and the Board takes acts on that plan. Mr. Robb stated Council has discussed holding a special meeting for so long that it may have missed an opportunity to express its opinion to the County. Mayor Edmonds asked if there is a work session scheduled to discuss roads. Mr. Lange responded it is, but there has been confusion regarding Council's opinion on holding the work session an hour before a regular meeting, or scheduling it for an off Tuesday. He added he hopes to have that resolved tonight so that a firm date can be set.

Council Member Murdock stated last year Commissioner Rabbi voiced his opinion that non-motorized transportation be included in order to obtain funding, which is why Adams St. was selected due to its connection to the bus system. Mr. Lange stated there are many City projects that focus on non-motorized transportation and he feels that the city would meet that criteria.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-194 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

XIV. <u>LIASON REPORTS</u> –

A. SEMCOG Update – Stated the next meeting is next week and will be held as a walking tour.

   Mayor Edmonds asked if that will be the green infrastructure meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson responded in the affirmative.
B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – Meeting will be held tomorrow August 19th.
C. Washtenaw Metro Alliance – No meeting
D. Urban County – Stated there has been a change in staff and Stephen Wade has taken a position at the Public health Department.
E. Freight House – Stated OHM is reviewing the five bids that were submitted and will make a recommendation by September.
F. Parks and Recreation – Stated a kiosk will be located at Riverside Park as a part of Trail Towns. Council Member Anne Brown stated there will be four panels which will provide a description of Ypsilanti, a map, a welcome to Ypsilanti panel, and a list of permanent events, however this panel may change. She added the Huron River Watershed Commission has received grant funds from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation to enlist a landscape architect to design the butterfly pollinator garden including educational signage. She said the DIA Inside Out program kicked-off on August 7th and will conclude in October with a canoe day.

   Mayor Edmonds informed Council that an Ypsilanti resident will be kayaking the entirety of the Huron River in order to raise awareness of the River and the money that is raised will help to document their journey.
G. Millennial Mayors Conference – Stated the final full conference meeting will be August 26th and then the conference will transition to the MMC 2.0.
H. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority – Stated the August meeting will consist of orientating the new board members to DDA operations.
I. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance – No meeting

XV. <u>COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS</u> –

<u>Richardson</u>

- Stated a property on Hamilton has a for rent sign up, but there are several code violations on the exterior of the house. She asked that staff investigate the rental property.

- Stated there is a car parked in the yard of a property on Ainsworth Circle. She stated she informed staff of this matter weeks ago and the car is still parked in the yard of that property.

- Asked if the Farmer's Market went through the proper process to close Washington St. for its Tuesday event. She said she has spoken with individuals that have been to the market who have informed her that there is room in the rear of the property to hold the market and does not require a street closure.

  Mayor Edmonds responded she would love for the market to be completely within the property boundaries. However, there is a loading issue for market participants. She said the market manager has been instructed to pack as many booths within the property, and the proper processes were followed for street closures. She added the goal is to only close the street during the peak season.

Murdock

- Stated Council needs to schedule the needed work sessions and there are several that will require more time than an hour especially concerning roads. He added Council has also discussed holding a work session to discuss police policy which will also require a significant amount of time. He said healthcare, snow removal, vacant buildings, and sidewalks will also require work sessions.

- He said he would like to know what the strategy is for the sidewalk replacement program, especially on how this will be budgeted.

- Stated he attend a positive meeting with Amtrak regarding what the City needs to accomplish before the train stops in Ypsilanti.

- Stated he distributed a proposal for an ordinance amendment to the Depot Town TIF Plan that reflects a reset in capturing of revenues on any new TIF plan. He said the proposed plan would reset the taxable value captured at 75% with an increase of 1% a year. He said that would provide the DDA with funds to complete projects. He stated he and Council Member Robb would like to add it to the next agenda.

Anne Brown

- Stated if there was going to be a sidewalk program a communication should have been provided to the public. She said this could be done by emailing the residents of this community.

  Council Member Murdock added a lot of DPS activities occur without even the knowledge of Council. He requested that DPS inform Council of any knew installations so that they can communicate to the public what is happening.

  Council Member Anne Brown asked that the sidewalk program be explained on the City's website. Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage responded the sidewalk program is on hold until the Sidewalk Review Board is in place. Mayor Edmonds asked that this still be included on the website and the City's social media page.

Nicole Brown

— Stated she would like the proposed work sessions to be scheduled so Council is able to plan accordingly.

— Stated that the exterior of the Family Dollar looks horrible, and asked what has been happening through communications with that property.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated there is a retention pond on the eastside of the street which has trees and plants. Council Member Murdock stated that is a rain garden. Mayor Edmonds stated from speaking with the manager of the Family Dollar it seems that there is not a landscaper company in place to maintain the grounds.

<u>Vogt</u>

— Requested that a speed limit sign be installed at the East end of Gregory.

— Stated he walked the site of the Border to Border Trail and he realized how impressive the trail will be. He said on the east end of the trail, before it turns south, there is view of the entire Water Street River he said a photograph of that can be used in the promotion of the trail.

— Stated the shopping center west of Huron River Dr. has an issue with weeds.

<u>Robb</u>

— Stated the traffic signal cabinet at southwest corner of Prospect and Cross which used to hang on the pole, and asked if that could have been put anywhere as a part of the project.

Kent Early, OHM, responded he believes there were right-of-way issues, but it could have been placed issues. He stated there are five points there, and now there are residents that have a massive light pointing into their front yard. Mr. Robb stated when the City completes construction projects it never reviews plans and that cabinet could have been placed in City property.

Council Member Vogt moved, supported by Council Member Robb to extend the meeting by half an hour.

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

— Stated the Quatro property grass has grown even higher in the past 60 days and there is more construction debris. He said a semi-truck is parked there every night.

— He asked that the City Manager and City Clerk evaluations be turned in by Friday, August 21st so that he has time to meet with committee and sit down with the two employees.

Council Member Murdock stated he was under the impression that Council members wanted to make amendments to the form. Mayor Edmonds asked that the committee meet to finalize the form. Mr. Robb stated Council has had ample time to submit amendments to the form. Mayor Edmonds asked to be provided with written bullet-points of the process of employee evaluations. Mr. Robb stated the process is he distributes the evaluation forms, and then he waits until Council returns the evaluations after several reminders. He said once the evaluations are returned he tabulates the scores and meets with the committee. He said meetings are then scheduled with the employees and committee, and are eventually discussed during full closed session. Mayor Edmonds stated she would like the committee to meet and see if that is the process they wish to continue. Mr. Robb stated he has waited for over a month for the evaluations to complete. Council Member Anne Brown stated she takes issue with that statement, and said she was never instructed to complete the evaluation. Mr. Robb stated on July 15th he emailed Council and instructed them to complete the evaluations. Mayor Edmonds stated the emailed asked Council to review the form.

XVI. <u>COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR</u> –

- Mayor Edmonds stated she received a letter from a resident that spoke about the phenomenal condition of Prospect Rd.
- Stated there was an issue with a resident having a tree removed and was not provided any notification.
- Stated the groundbreaking for the Border to Border Trail will be held Thursday, August 20th at 4:00 p.m.
- Stated there was a meeting held with community leaders regarding the potential Amtrak stop in Depot Town. She said at that meeting clear directions for next steps were given as well as a timeline.
- Stated she had a meeting with the new CEO of AAATA Matt Carpenter.
- She stated she has met with the new superintendent for the first day of school.

<u>Nomination</u>:

Council Member Murdock moved, supported by Council Member Anne Brown to suspend the rules and vote to approve the nominations.

On a roll call, the vote to suspend the rules 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

<u>Sidewalk Review Board</u>:

Lena Reeves
717 N. Congress St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Term: 8/2015–8/2018

Kelly Kowatch
1207 Roosevelt
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Term: 8/2015-8/2018

Robert Vogt IV
520 Fairview Ct.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Term: 8/2015-8/2018

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT, the following individuals be appointed to the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions as indicated below:

NAME	**BOARD**	**TERM EXPIRATION**
Lena Reeves **717 N. Congress St.** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**Sidewalk Review Board**	**8/2015**
Kelly Kowatch **1207 Roosevelt** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**Sidewalk Review Board**	**8/2015**
Robert Vogt IV **520 Fairview Ct.** **Ypsilanti, MI 48197**	**Sidewalk Review Board**	**8/2015**

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2015-196 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

Mayor Edmonds asked who the staff contact will be. City Attorney John Barr stated it might be the Building Manager Frank Daniels, but he will discuss that with him.

- Mayor Edmonds stated the Parks and Recreation Commission is the one commission that is in need of members, and she was hoping to appoint a younger member. She stated the commission will also need other members.

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- Asked when Council would like to hold the work session to discuss roads.

  Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she would like to schedule meetings for 6:00 p.m. before a regular meeting as much as possible. Council Member Robb stated when the work session was held for the fee schedule the meeting did not begin until 6:15 p.m. because of lateness. Council Member Murdock stated he feels this topic will require more time. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated there was a time that Council did not require work session, and suggested the items be handled during the regular meeting. Mayor Edmonds asked how Council will decide if a work session should be held, should a vote be cast to decide. She suggested that during one of the regular meetings a month a work session could be scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. if needed. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated she supports that suggestion. Council Member Vogt supported that suggestion. Council Member Robb stated Council sets goals and in order to accomplish those goals it needs to provide staff direction, but Council does not want to meet in order to provide that direction. Council Member Anne Brown stated Council is willing to meet the only issues are the day and time. Council Member Nicole Brown stated she would not be able to be able to be at meetings that begin at 6:00 p.m. and prefers the off Tuesdays. Mayor Edmonds asked what the time limit on a work session dedicated to roads. Mr. Early responded no later than six weeks and added accept for September 8th OHM can make themselves available. Mayor Edmonds suggested Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

City Manager Lange asked to schedule a meeting for capital improvements Project and asked if that could be held on September 1st and held the work session to discuss healthcare on September 15th.

- Stated the issue with Bay Logistics is past its statute of limitations and the City will be unable to collect any extra personal property taxes.

- There has been progress the Smith's Furniture building.

- There has been a quasi-contract with DTE and have been working for the underground grid.

- Apologized for the sidewalk program, but it was a result of a single individual. He said city owned trees are also damaging sidewalks which if that is the case the City will pay 50% of the bill. He said the first notice that was sent was poor.

- Stated the City was asked if it would level a house by the Parkridge Center if it were purchased by a private party. He said if that is something Council is interested it would have to let the individual know.

  Council Member Murdock asked if there was any Community Development Block Grant funding available for demolishing.

- Assistant to the City Manager Ericka Savage stated she has received a couple of comments regarding the Simple Recycling information sheet, and if Council has any others to let her know and the program will begin in October.

- Stated all departments are going through a checklist for website improvements and she will provide one to Council.

- Thanked everyone for their attendance at the Spirit of 45.

XVIII. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> –

Depot Town Amended and Restated Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan

Council Member Vogt moved, Supported by Council Member Anne Brown to extend the meeting ten minutes.

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

XIX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Nathan Phillips, 509 N. Washington St. apt #2, stated last month he discussed being falsely arrested by Officer Smith for stealing a lawn mower. He said Officer Smith informed him that if he gave the accusers his lawn mower he would not go to jail and he responded the lawn mower he had does not belong to him and he would be unable to give it to him. He listed his military service and said freedoms that Americans enjoy are because of men like him. He said when he was released at 3:00 a.m. he was accused of being drunk even though he had been in custody for nine hours. He asked that Council stand up for the people against the Police Department and stand up for good police officers.

2. Kevin Hill, 108 Washtenaw #4 DDA Chairperson, stated it was decided as a result of the DDA Council meeting to supply Council with a list of alternatives. However, these have not been approved by the DDA Board but he wanted to indicate that there has been movement regarding the approval of the Depot Town TIF Plan. He asked if the ordinance is changed to pass that information to the DDA Board in order for that information to be digested by the Board. He asked that when "do not park signs" for events that were placed to inform the public before they are installed.

XX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

— Thanked those that spoke and stated she and Mr. Phillips have spoken on numerous occasions and encouraged him to use the police complaint form which is available at the police department and at City Hall. She informed him that the Human Relations Commission meets on Monday, August 24th and asked that he attend.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2015-195, 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 Robb
SUPPORTED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.