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**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR/BUDGET COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
Thursday, May 19, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Anne Brown	(7:23)	Present	Council Member Robb	Present
Council Member Nicole Brown		Present	Council Member Vogt	Present
Council Member Murdock		Present	Mayor Edmonds	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson		Present		

III. INVOCATION –

Mayor Edmonds asked all to stand for a moment of silence.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

V. INTRODUCTIONS –

Mayor Edmonds introduced the following individuals; Principal at Municipal Analytics John Kaczor, Representatives from the Ypsilanti Senior Center, and Department Heads.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to approve the agenda.

Council Member Robb asked to remove Resolution 2016-114, requesting polling location changes.

City Clerk Frances McMullan stated that she spoke about the location change during the last meeting. Council Member Robb responded that the resolution can be placed on the June 7th agenda. Ms. McMullan stated that if this is approved in June, it will not meet the deadline for the notification requirements. Council Member Murdock added that relocating precincts could be put off until the November General Election. Ms. McMullan responded that it is her plan to have the new precincts in August, and by the November Election, voters would be used to their new locations.

Mayor Edmonds proposed to leave the resolution on the agenda and have further discussion and possibly amend the resolution. Council Member Robb approved of discussing the agenda item.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

None

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Monica Prince, Senior Center, 1015 Congress, stated she has been with the Senior Center for ten years and wanted to update Council on what is happening at the center as well as trends. She stated that the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation prepared a statistical analysis that showed a nine year difference in life expectancy between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor adding that it is her opinion that something that needs to be examined to understand why. She added that she has been speaking with the Gerontology Department at EMU to see if they would be willing to perform an analysis. She stated 20% of Ypsilanti Households include a person over 60 and 11% of those homes are seniors living alone. She continued by stating that 10% of the senior population in Ypsilanti lives below the poverty level and that 80% of seniors in Ypsilanti have at least one chronic illness and many have more than one. She also stated many of the activities available at the Senior Center have helped this issue. She stated that the center can always use help to improve and works with a lot of volunteers and agencies in the area.

IX. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Stated the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation can be examined by both zip code and municipality and the highest life expectancy is in Chelsea, which is 84. She said the average life expectancy in Ypsilanti Township is 66 and in the City 70. Ms. Edmonds said that is the same life expectancy as countries such as Burundi. Ms. Edmonds stated that based on the County Epidemiologist, the life expectancy is low based on cardiovascular issues brought on by poor exercise and diet. These issues are related to poverty, income, food access, physical activity, mental health, and etc...

X. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. Resolution No. 2016-111, awarding contract for the Residential and Commercial Demolition Package.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, The City of Ypsilanti seeks to reduce blight and demolish unsafe structures owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City let bids and received six qualified bids for the demolition of City owned property and the bids are within the project budget; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to reject the lowest bid by Simply Construction based on having an irregular low bid and seeks to accept the second lowest bidder, McMillian Group, due to price and experience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council awards the Residential and Commercial Demolition package bid to the second lowest bidder, McMillian Group, and seeks to have Its Mayor and Clerk enter into a

contract to be approved by City Attorney for the amount of \$147,213.75 and allow change orders to be signed by the City Manager.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat explained this project is being financed by the Blight Elimination Grant the City received from the Michigan Land Bank in the amount but not to exceed \$250,000. Ms. Ernat said within that amount, a contract has been approved for AKT Peerless to perform Phase I studies and Phase II where required on all of the houses and the former Boys and Girls Club to be demolished. Ms. Ernat said the project will fall well within the \$250,000. Ms. Ernat said the contract received identified demolition for 220 N. Park at \$36,000, which seemed irregular given the size of the building; hence the reason the lowest bidder was waived. Ms. Ernat said the McMillon is a minority woman owned company out of Detroit with extensive experience who are able to begin as soon as possible. Ms. Ernat said every lot that is demolished must be brought back to grade and will be sold as developable lots. Ms. Ernat stated that once the Boys and Girls Club lot is completed, an RFP will be prepared seeking a developer for townhouses. Ms. Ernat said she is asking that Council waive the lowest bidder and provide staff permission to proceed to contract the second lowest bidder.

Council Member Robb stated Council did not receive supporting documentation on all companies who bid on this project. Ms. Ernat apologized and said she would provide that information to Council.

Council Member Murdock asked how many bids were received. Ms. Ernat responded "six" adding that she could forward the information to Council immediately.

Council Member Murdock stated that the Federal Government is investigating Detroit's Blight Elimination Program, to which Ms. Ernat agreed. Mr. Murdock asked if McMillon performs work in Detroit, to which Ms. Ernat responded that they do not. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if this company would be willing to hire people living in Ypsilanti, to which, Ms. Ernat responded she has not discussed that with the company.

Mr. Lange added that once the property has been demolished, the debris will not be buried underground - it will be removed from the site and continued by saying that these sites will be redevelopment ready. Council Member Murdock asked if the contract includes the environmental and asbestos, to which, Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative and that the contract includes environmental monitoring.

Council Member Murdock stated he would like to postpone this item until Council had time to review the other bids. Ms. Ernat responded she takes responsibility for the other bids being left out of the packet but to postpone this would create an issue with the timeline.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Robb to table Resolution No. 2016-111 until later in the meeting.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the resolution was tabled.

2. Resolution No. 2016-113, approving a budget amendment for a new Edith Hefley Park sign in the amount of \$1,500.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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WHEREAS, the Edith Hefley Tot Lot signage has been missing for many years; and

WHEREAS, after investigation, the original plans for the Charles Street Tot Lot were located and it was agreed that the signage for the Edith Hefley Tot Lot be consistent with that; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the sign is \$1,500.00 and the Department of Public Services will install the sign; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Committee were contacted and after reviewing the sign and the cost of same, they agreed at their May 10, 2016 meeting to pay the \$1500 for the manufacture of the sign, with the approval of City Council, and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting that City Council approve amending the Parks & Recreation Budget to include payment of this invoice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council is willing to amend the Parks & Recreation Budget to include payment of this invoice in the amount of \$1500 for manufacture of a sign for Edith Hefley Tot Lot.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

Council Member Robb asked when the City's parks signs were designed and installed. DPS Director Stan Kirton responded in the mid to late 1990's. Mr. Robb said he is not against the sign but all the City's signs are in poor condition and they look very dated. Mr. Robb said this gives the City an opportunity to create a modern design.

Mayor Edmonds asked who designed the sign. Mr. Kirton responded Huron Signs. Ms. Edmonds asked if the Huron Sign bid is the same as the other park signs. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds asked if Council is approving a contract or an amount and asked if it is possible to research other designs. Mr. Kirton responded the posts do not require changing and said it would be more expensive to change the design. Council Member Robb said he would forward the design of the Charles St. Tot Lot.

Mayor Edmonds stated if this is approved could further research be done regarding design and vendors. Mr. Kirton responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked if the amount will still be \$1,500 for the sign and said she is not certain what the city is being asked to vote on. Mayor Edmonds added that what is being voted on is \$1,500 for replacement. Ms. Richardson asked if the signs are changed is it certain that the sign will cost \$1,500. Council Member Murdock asked if there would be an obligation to change the other park signs. Council Member Robb said the sign to the tot lot is faded and cannot be read and as these things happen if they are kept the same it makes the City look like it makes no progress.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2016-113 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Murdock) VOTE: Carried

3. Resolution No. 2016-114, approving the relocation of precincts 1-3, 2-4 and 3-1, effective August 2, 2016 and for all future elections.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is always striving to improve efficiencies when conducting elections and ways to make voting more assessable and convenient for the citizens of the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve upon space, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of Ward 1, Precinct 3 from Perry School (550 Perry St.) to Second Baptist Church (301 S. Hamilton); and

WHEREAS, in order to improve upon space, efficiency and parking, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of Precinct 2-4, primarily a student precinct, from Estabrook Elementary (1555 Cross) to Eastern Michigan University (McKinney Union on Cross Street, the EMU Honors College – former Trinity Church on W. Forest, or a 3rd alternate location); and

WHEREAS, in order to improve upon space, efficiency, and to provide a voting place for students, the City Clerk is recommending the removal of 3-1, from Emmanuel Lutheran Church (201 N. River) to Eastern Michigan University (McKinney Union on Cross Street, the EMU Honors College – former Trinity Church on W. Forest, or a 3rd alternate location).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the relocation of precincts 1-3, 2-4 and 3-1, effective August 2, 2016 and for all future elections.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Nicole Brown

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

City Clerk Frances McMullan stated she is willing to entertain postponing this until the November General Election. Ms. McMullan stated that it was her plan to make the change for the August Primary. which has a lower voter turnout to allow inspectors to be trained and citizens familiar with the change. Ms. McMullan said she understands there is a proposal on the ballot and there is concern about confusing voters. Ms. McMullan said if Council is opposed to approving this for the August election, it can be amended to have the change begin for the November Election.

Mayor Edmonds asked for more explanation about the need to move Ward 3-1 to a new location. Ms. McMullan stated staff has received requests from Eastern Michigan University to have a polling location on campus. Ms. McMullan explained Ward 2-4 and Ward 3-1 contains the student population of EMU which is why staff would relocate those two precincts to the same location. Ms. McMullan stated currently 3-1 votes at Emmanuel Lutheran, which has issues with space, and if this is not approved she will still look for another location for 3-1. Ms. McMullan said her overall goal is to make voting as convenient as possible. Ms. McMullan added the City has attempted to have a polling location on EMU's campus but this is the first time that EMU has reciprocated.

Mayor Edmonds stated she and Clerk McMullan have been discussing this for a number of months and she has been contacted by both students and student leadership and other interested parties in the community. Ms. Edmonds said she supports having a polling location on EMU's campus; however, she does not support moving 3-1 out of Emmanuel Lutheran. Ms. Edmonds explained many people voting in that precinct walk to Emmanuel Lutheran and she will need to take further time to examine that possibility. Ms. Edmonds supported moving 1-3 to Second Baptist and moving 2-4 to EMU's campus.

Council Member Robb stated his issue with moving 3-1 and 2-4 to McKenny Union is the handicap parking is not close to the building. Mr. Robb said he understands making voting more convenient for students but there should be an examination if the increase in voting at these precincts is a result of students voting. Ms. McMullan responded that staff will be meeting with university officials to discuss other possible locations on May 20th and she will be certain that accessibility is at the top of the list.

Mayor Edmonds stated the Honors College, former Trinity Church, might be a viable location. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked where the parking lot is located at Trinity Church. Council Member Murdock responded the Church has a small parking lot. Ms. McMullan replied that staff is going to examine the location, which is why the resolution is structured in the manner it is. Ms. McMullan added the reason this has been brought to Council now is to try and get the citizens acclimated to the new location and to meet the state deadline. Ms. Edmonds said she would like to move forward. Ms. Richardson asked when the deadline is for the location change. Ms. McMullan responded she would like to have the notifications out by next week.

Council Member Murdock stated before the current City Charter went into effect, the City had five wards, one of which encompassed the entire campus. Mr. Murdock said the university was separated into two precincts but when the number of wards was reduced to three, the student population was split into different wards. Mr. Murdock explained it was done for political purposes to ensure that the student body could not influence the vote. Mr. Murdock added that when registration requirements changed, in effect, out of state students voter turnout dropped and because of this, there is not much activity at the student locations. Mr. Murdock said the issue with relocating a poll is trying to make it central with the precinct, which is not always possible. Mr. Murdock said there was an issue with 1-3 which was removed from East Middle School and the City was unable to find a location inside the precinct. Second Baptist Church is within the precinct but it is on the edge. It is Mr. Murdock's opinion that 2-4 is unique because moving into McKenny Union is almost the same distance as Estabrook. It is also Mr. Murdock's opinion that the August Election precincts 2-4 and 3-1 will not have a large turnout. Mayor Edmonds replied that in terms of training, she would rather inspectors be bored during the August Election rather than unprepared for November.

Council Member Vogt asked if the university will have classes during the November Election. Ms. McMullan responded classes are held on that day but the university has assured her the suggested locations are open spaces. Mr. Vogt said his concern is for parking. Ms. McMullan responded the parking will be free. Council Member Robb asked if the parking will be dedicated to voters, to which Ms. McMullan responded dedicated

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parking has not been discussed but those logistics will be worked out. Mayor Edmonds stated she attends a lot of events on EMU's campus that have free parking and even when there are classes, parking is available. Council Member Nicole Brown disagreed and said there is always parking issues on campus. Mr. Robb said polls open at 7:00 a.m. and if parking is free, it will be filled by people who do not want to pay for parking. Ms. McMullan responded staff will request voter designated space. Mr. Robb asked how it will be enforced. Ms. Edmonds responded the August election will be a great time to see if the location is functional. Mr. Vogt said the August Primary would not act as a test and the parking volume would not be an issue during that election. Mr. Vogt added his son attends Eastern and every minute of every day there is an issue finding parking. Ms. McMullan replied since they are the student precincts, the hope is most voters will walk. Ms. McMullan added each election, staff receives calls from student voters who would go to Emmanuel Lutheran only to find they are registered in 2-4 and be required to walk all the way to Estabrook. Mayor Edmonds suggesting temporary parking signs for 30 minutes. Mr. Vogt replied students in the Leforge area would drive to the location.

Council Member Vogt stated he is leaning on beginning the location change for the November General Election. Mr. Vogt said he does not want to discourage students from voting for the millage during the August Election because he feels they would overwhelmingly support it. Mr. Vogt added if the change is made in August, communicating the change will fall directly on the City, but if the change is made for the November Election, the university could assist in informing the student body of the change in location. Ms. Edmonds responded the university could assist for the August election. Mr. Vogt responded no one would receive the notification.

Council Member Murdock stated that in the past, Student Government has run a shuttle from the student union to Emmanuel Lutheran for General Elections but that service is not provided for the August Primary because there is no one at the university. Council Member Robb stated during the 2014 August Primary, 16 people voted in 2-4 and 26 voted in 3-1 and the turnout was similar in the 2012 Primary. Ms. McMullan responded that the decision is Council's but she would like to know so plans can be made moving forward. Council Member Robb replied he would like to have more information on the parking situation at EMU. Ms. McMullan responded there is already a parking problem at Estabrook, which is the reason staff would like to remove a precinct from that location.

Council Member Murdock suggested amending the resolution to relocate 1-3 for the August Primary and wait for more information before relocating 3-1 and 2-4 to Eastern's Campus. Ms. McMullan responded that staff is meeting with EMU tomorrow, Friday, May 20th and Council's concerns will be addressed.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded Council Member Robb to relocate 1-3 to Second Baptist Church for August and strike 2-4 and 3-1.

Council Member Murdock stated his motion does not preclude moving the two precincts to EMU for the November Election, it just removes it from this resolution.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2016-114 was as follows:

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

VOTE:

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

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Resolution No. 2016 – 114 as amended.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves the relocation of Ward 1, Precinct 3, effective August 2, 2016 and for all future elections.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2016-114 as amended 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

Mr. Lange stated he understands why Council wants to see the information on the bids for the Residential Demolition Package, which had some very large bids and why the lowest bid came in at \$119,000. Mr. Lange stated that the fact that the recommended company is a minority female owned business, should be worth the increase in cost. Mr. Lange asked what the total amount was for this project if all other contracts are factored in, to which Ms. Ernat responded "if McMillion is awarded the contract for \$147,000 and is coupled with the \$40,000 from AKT Peerless, the total is \$187,000." Ms. Ernat added that if funds are available, she might be able to add one to two homes to the package but if she can't meet the dates ,that can't be done. Mr. Lange added that Mr. Barfield will also be purchasing a home and asking the City to demolish it, hoping to add it to this package.

Council Member Murdock stated when the City has a bid, there is usually a low and high offer and the rest are clumped in the middle, which is not the case for this bid. Ms. Ernat responded that based on the size of the company, in order to mobilize for a project like this, it is not profitable. Ms. Ernat added companies that have environmental in-house have lower bids because they would not be required to partner with another company. Mr. Murdock asked if the contract is only for demolition. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative and said AKT provided preliminary studies.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown to remove Resolution No. 2016-111 from the table.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and Resolution No. 2016-111 was removed from the table.

Council Member Robb stated he would like this to be tabled in order to follow the process. Mr. Robb said Council keeps making exceptions to not follow the process which ultimately gets the City in trouble. Mayor Edmonds appreciated Council Member Robb's sentiment but she does not have the expertise to make judgments

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based on the information included in the bid. Ms. Edmonds said looking at these numbers in more depth will not change her opinion of this resolution. Ms. Ernat stated she does not have a process for this and reviewing past bids that Council approved, they run the full gambit. Ms. Ernat added the Freight House bid recently passed by Council was submitted to Council in the same manner and was approved unanimously. Council Member Vogt asked why the lowest bid is not being recommended, to which Ms. Ernat responded that it was because of the lack of conformity in the commercial demolition price, and based on her past experience, she did not feel comfortable that a 150,000 square foot building could be demolished for \$36,000.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2016-111 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	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Anne Brown) VOTE: Carried

XI. BUDGET SESSION -

- General Fund Revenues and Non-General Funds Expenditures Review/Questions (FY2015-16, 2016-2017, 2017-2018)
- Five year projections July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021 – John Kaczor

Mr. Lange and John Kaczor provided a presentation regarding the City's overall budget. **(See Presentation in City Council Meeting Packet)**

Mr. Lange stated the City was bleeding one third of \$1 million a year from the General Fund to the Motor Pool and then to the Garbage Fund, which was able to be balanced as a result of the new contract with republic. Mr. Kaczor added moving funds from the General Fund to support other funds is not sustainable and more permanent solutions need to be found.

Mr. Lange stated the original strategy was to pay the \$700,000 for Water Street and wait until September to be certain as to the amount of the loss. Mr. Lange stated that because of the Adam's Outdoor deal, the City was able to make a payment before that time.

Council Member Murdock asked if the City has any large appeals pending with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy responded there are several pending, which she will provide to Council but the amount is around \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if there is an estimate to replace the underground storage tank, to which, Mr. Lange responded "\$150,000."

Council Member Murdock asked about Tridge repairs required on the Tridge. DPS Director Stan Kirton responded that the railing is beginning to get loose. Mr. Murdock responded it has become loose because the bolts are loose, to which, Mr. Kirton replied "the wood is rotting and the bolts are loose."

Mayor Edmonds asked for a graph that illustrates actions the City has taken in alleviating budgetary issues by comparing what the budget was to what it currently is. Mr. Lange added the City has stretched out its surge with employment levels and there is a limit to how long the City can sustain this without increased economic development over the next couple of years. Mr. Lange said if the millage passes the City will have another revenue stream which will assist in balancing the budget.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if there is a way to manage worker's compensation. Mr. Kaczor responded the City can contract an actuary to examine historic numbers but self-funding worker's compensation was designed to assist the City in saving money. Mr. Kaczor added "worker's compensation is accident related and it is difficult to predict, but to minimize claims, the City uses workplace safety training and making sure policies and procedures are followed." Council Member Robb replied to Mr. Kaczor's comment that worker's compensation can be trended and said there are a lot of high risk positions in the City. Mr. Robb added that without seeing the data, he can assume that the Fire Department has the most claims because of the risk involved with the job and it would be interesting to see what the trend is over time. Human Resource Manager Kevin Welch stated that worker's compensation claims vary from department to department. Mr. Welch explained there were a few claims from the Police Department, an ongoing one in the Fire Department, and he has not had any with the Department of Public Services. Council Member Murdock stated the worker's compensation for DPS employees working in recycling was at around 28%. Mr. Murdock said there are things that can be done to minimize injury. Mr. Lange said the average City has a 10% to 15% fund balance but with insurance and worker's compensation, the City's experience has been better because the City buys the stop loss but it needs to be constantly monitored.

Council Member Murdock asked if the \$500,000 for roads is Act 51 and Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) funding. Mr. Kaczor responded the majority is Act 51 funding. Mr. Murdock clarified if the funding is for tasks such as street paving, to which Mr. Kaczor replied that the \$500,000 listed in the budget is to test the impact and if it was not included, the budget would be skewed. Mr. Lange added that this does not include the annual \$350,000 the City receives from WATS. Mr. Murdock stated it is unclear if the City will be receiving those funds this year. Mayor Edmonds stated in terms of assumptions, the money for the train stop might come out of this fund but these line items do not include the \$2 million the City has committed to that project. Mr. Lange stated that will not be included until the City receives hard numbers in terms of cost. Ms. Edmonds responded that Council already approved \$2 million for the train. Mr. Murdock stated the reality is, the City does not have the \$2 million. Mr. Murdock said the point of committing that money is to put some aside to have a match for the grants. Mr. Murdock continued that it is his understanding that the project was primarily going to be funded by grants. Mr. Lange responded he understands the funding could not come from the General Fund but he is working hard to find a way to use funding from the Major Streets Fund. Ms. Edmonds asked if part of the \$500,000 is going to be used for the rail stop. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative and said WATS funding will also be used. Mr. Murdock stated in the next two years, the City will not receive funding from WATS. DPS Director Stan Kirton stated the City has not submitted any projects to WATS for those years. Mr. Kaczor added that the 2018 budget does include some funding for the platform but it is an unknown without a number attached to it.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if most Cities are contributing to their garbage fund. Mr. Kaczor responded that not every City has a garbage fund but those that do, it would depend on the contracts they have. Mr. Kaczor added most cities he is familiar with do not carry a lot of cash in the garbage fund. Mayor Edmonds replied there are many different systems that have been tested to complete garbage services.

Mr. Lange stated the Motor Pool's big capital item for next Fiscal Year is a new fire engine.

Mayor Edmonds asked when the 2017 elections are scheduled. City Clerk Frances McMullan responded there are not currently any elections scheduled for 2017.

Mayor Edmonds stated she is curious about property tax projections for a best case scenario in terms of economic development. Ms. Edmonds said Council is being asked to pass a budget based on scenarios of increased revenue and asked if Council should be approving a budget that is much more conservative. Council Member Murdock responded that the budget is adopted on the best possible projections available and at the first meeting after the August Primary, Council can make adjustments to the budget if needed. Council Member Robb interjected that even if the millage is passed, it will not take effect until next fiscal year's budget. Mr. Robb added whether the millage passes or not, the City is still going to budget the same amount of money. Mr. Murdock said it would not be wise to begin to hire people to fill vacancies. Ms. Ernat stated the property tax forecast is looking positive and the decline is no longer in effect, but real impact will not be felt because

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assessments come in three year cycles. Ms. Ernat added that the only way to dramatically increase any property capture is with new development. Ms. Edmonds asked when the next tax assessment wave would be. Ms. Ernat responded this year was a reassessment year but the City will not experience an increase until next year. Mr. Murdock replied taxable values will only raise a small amount no matter what the real value of the property is, to which, Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock added the only new development the City is going to see will be subject to Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Grants or tax abatements, which the City will not see the impact of for 20 years. Ms. Ernat agreed and said the City is not in the position to not offer incentives to spur development. Mr. Robb said he does not disagree but what the Mayor was asking for is not necessary because there will not be an increase in revenue. Mr. Kaczor stated tax increase is based on three factors; Proposition A, uncapping due to sale of property, and new construction. Mr. Kaczor said if there is new construction on Water Street, the City is creating revenue that can be used to pay the debt, which will decrease the millage. Council Member Murdock stated the assessed value over the past year increased 9%, however, the taxable value only increased by 1%.

Mayor Edmonds stated she presented the millage to the Chamber of Commerce Policy Committee last week and she was asked about a scenario if a person offers the City \$15 million for Water Street. Mr. Lange replied if the millage does not pass, the City still has the option of a streetlight special assessment as well as further cuts.

Council Member Robb stated the message the graphs illustrate is that the Water Street Millage will not solve the debt which raises concern. Mr. Robb said the City should be balancing its budget if the millage is approved and the slide should reflect that. Council Member Vogt agreed. Council Member Murdock that the message that is being conveyed is that the City will be in trouble no matter what as long as the state continues to do municipal financing under its current practices as will every other municipality. Mr. Robb agreed but it is not a winning campaign. Mr. Lange responded if the City is able to navigate through this, it will have accomplished the almost impossible. Mr. Lange added in order to balance the budget into the future it will have to make appropriate cuts. Mr. Kaczor added there are other revenue possibilities for the City to examine but to get to a balanced line, there would need to be positions and services cut. Mayor Edmonds said to consistently project in the red is not a responsible way to budget. Mr. Kaczor responded that is the way the City has been budgeting for years and this situation is very familiar to communities throughout Michigan and the reason these models work is because it wakes people up. Ms. Edmonds stated what she would like to see is a budget scenario that does not project the City in the red every year. Mr. Murdock stated economic growth will impact the budget and if there is development on Water Street and funding is put in the TIF, it will assist in paying down the Water Street debt but this will not occur this year or next. Mr. Murdock said in terms of the millage and what has been occurring the past several years, the budget is looking positive. Ms. Edmonds agreed the budget is looking more positive but she would rather communicate a balanced budget to the public. Council Member Vogt agreed and said he has been voicing that opinion for some time. Mr. Vogt added he has been telling the public if the millage is passed the City will be able to balance the budget because of that but he would rather reflect the cuts in the budget. Ms. Edmonds stated she is less interested with the now and more concerned with having a balanced budget in 3 years. Mr. Murdock stated "basically, the City is running a \$250,000 deficit and it needs to be decided if the City should make adjustments or cuts to recover that \$250,000." Mr. Murdock added that most likely those cuts would come from personnel. Mr. Lange responded he will do what he is directed to do by Council but he would prefer to wait until after September 1st of next year to see what the deficit actually is. Mr. Lange added he would hate to cut personnel that could have an effect on creating revenue for the City. Ms. Edmonds said she is not suggesting cuts be made immediately, her concern is the long term outlook and what needs to be planned.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the budget reflects employees that are approaching retirement by 2018. Mr. Lange responded that it did for the Police and Fire Departments. Ms. Anne Brown asked if there are any expected retirements in other departments. Mr. Lange responded no, but the budget can be adjusted as retirements occur. Mr. Kaczor stated one option is to numerically graph a balanced budget each year and another is a narrative that states adjustments will be made and what they are. Mr. Kaczor added what he is showing is not the budget; it is a forecast, which is created based on information that is available. Mayor Edmonds stated it is not just a forecast it is also a plan to show the public.

Council Member Murdock stated the reason why there were unexpended funds from the last budget is because there were positions that were not filled and capital projects that were delayed. Mr. Murdock said if the positions were not filled, are they actually necessary? Mr. Murdock added "to claim the City saved money by not completing these projects or filling these positions is not accurate." Mr. Lange responded that deficits have been lower than expected over the past three years and he feels comfortable that he can deliver a balanced budget.

Council Member Robb stated Mr. Kaczor is correct in stating this is a predictive model but it needs to be fed back to the budget and make adjustments so the budget is balanced. Mr. Kaczor responded that he appreciates Mr. Robb's insight and in the past three years, this presentation included a slide for the "City Manager's Plan". Mr. Kaczor said a plan is needed that dictates what the City will do if these benchmarks are not reached. Council Member Murdock said in the predicative model there is a \$200,000 gap and asked if there are capital projects that can be removed in order to balance. Mr. Murdock added that if the City finds itself in the position to complete that capital project, the budget can be amended. Mr. Kaczor stated there are capital projects that are less critical that can be postponed but next year the City would need to find another cut to make. Ms. Edmonds said there are items like that in each departmental budget to balance the City's budget. Council Member Vogt stated there must be cuts in what has been proposed thus far. Mr. Murdock stated when the Planning Department was expended it was supposed to be temporary and when the City is able to shrink that department, it should reflect in the budget. Mr. Lange agreed. Mr. Murdock said if the millage proposal is approved, it will still leave \$250,000 in debt payment a year, which was discussed as manageable and now Council is asking to see it managed. Mr. Robb said the forecast is a predictive tool and if it is not used for budgeting why is it completed. Mr. Lange asked how Council would like to see the budget balanced. Ms. Edmonds said through 2019. Mr. Robb responded he would like to see the budget balanced if the millage is approved. Council Member Vogt suggested the budget should be shown as balanced as of 2018.

Marilou Uy, Fiscal Services Director

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Fiscal Services Director Marilou Uy provided a presentation regarding the City's overall budget. **(See Presentation in City Council Meeting Packet)**

Council Member Robb noted that the General Accountant II received a pay increase in FY 2016, to which Ms. Uy responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb stated in FY 2017 there is \$16,000 jump in salary. Ms. Uy responded the wages were also adjusted for the Payroll Technician because she is now the Payroll Administrator and assisting the Human Resources Department. Mr. Robb stated healthcare is also projected to increase 30% but

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the premiums decrease \$5,000. Ms. Uy responded that has been corrected. Mr. Robb asked for clarification regarding the salary increases. Mr. Lange responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked why the City only received one bid for the Assessing Contract. Mr. Lange responded WCA is the only company that provided a bid. Mr. Lange added the City was given two options from WCA; the CPI could increase by 1% or charge the City a fixed amount.

Mayor Edmonds asked if staff is not proposing providing the Senior Center with the previously approved \$10,000 in operating support. Ms. Uy responded in the negative. Council Member Anne Brown asked if there is an estimation of how much the Senior Center raises. Ms. Uy responded it is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. Ms. Edmonds said the \$10,000 previously budgeted by the City for the Center is instrumental in keeping it open. DPS Director Stan Kirton stated part of the funds raised by the Senior Center is a result of renting the facility.

Mayor Edmonds asked how much the Parkridge Center is supported by the City. Ms. Uy responded it was approximately \$4,000 per month and they have yet to pay for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. She added that the City pays 50% of the utilities and recently paid \$11,000 for operating expenses. Council Member Anne Brown asked how much the Parkridge Center is in arrears. Ms. Uy responded they owe the City approximately \$28,000. Mr. Lange interjected that the Center is going to go in a different direction and will be putting funding into a trust. Ms. Anne Brown said at this point the City has contributed \$28,000 because there is no money coming in to Parkridge plus the \$11,000 in operating expenses plus 50% of the utilities. Ms. Edmonds asked Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson if the Parkridge Board was aware the contribution was changing. Ms. Richardson responded the lead donor has had some family issue but the funds will be covered. Ms. Edmonds said next year's budget is based on the fact that this funding mechanism will still be available for Parkridge. Ms. Edmonds asked if Washtenaw Community College is paying for programing and what exactly is the \$4,000 a month covering. Ms. Richardson responded it covers the 50% in operating costs plus one or two staff. Ms. Edmonds asked to see an overview of the three recreation facilities in the City in order to determine an appropriate City contribution.

Mayor Edmonds asked why the City is funding the pool \$10,000 a year and not the Senior Center as requested. Council Member Robb stated years ago, the City began moving the recreation centers to become self-sustaining and last year a decision was made that the City would begin subsidizing these groups. Ms. Edmonds responded she does not feel it is realistic to think these groups can operate without subsidies. Mr. Robb replied now the Freighthouse requires to be subsidized and that is the danger and how can the City say no when it is already subsidizing Parkridge, Rutherford Pool, and the Senior Center. Council Member Anne Brown said a system needs to be set up in order to make City contributions equitable to these facilities.

Mayor Edmonds stated the County has not charged the City for their lost taxes. Ms. Ernat responded their funds are recouped by chargebacks. Ms. Edmonds stated she thought the County was not charging the City for lost taxes. Ms. Ernat responded the County has not charged for the past three years for foreclosures but there are chargebacks that occur throughout the year. Ms. Edmonds asked if that practice will continue. Ms. Ernat responded she does not believe the City should depend on that practice to continue. Ms. Edmonds said when the Attorney's Office was asked to inquire with the County Treasurer's Office about the delay in the foreclosure list being submitted to the City, the response was the County is not charging the City for foreclosure chargebacks, which she took as a threat. Council Member Murdock added the County has also spread the cost of the chargebacks over everyone else in the County. Ms. Edmonds responded a threat is not a good way to negotiate. Mr. Murdock replied "some things are threats some things are facts."

Council Member Robb asked for an update on Downtown Development Authorities expenses for the Water Street District, which Ms. Uy provided.

Mayor Edmonds asked how the City compares to other municipalities in terms of the City's obligations. Council Member Murdock responded that the City cannot go over a certain percentage of the state equalized value and does not think they are anywhere close, to which, Ms. Uy added "10%."

Council Member Robb stated he is confused why the City is still carrying the Biltmore Debt and said the original agreement stated after five years if the City was not successful, it was forgiven. Ms. Uy said the opinion of the Attorney's Office is the City should keep that debt on the City's books. Council Member Murdock said the agreement read if there was development on that site it would need to be paid off. Mr. Robb stated the contract read the City needed to pay off \$385,000 over five years and the remaining balance would be paid after five years if the project was successful. Mr. Robb said since that was in August of 2005, the risk should be gone. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene responded he would follow-up with the City Attorney.

Council Member Murdock asked when the DDA bonds expire. Ms. Uy responded the bonds began in 2004 and expires May 1, 2024.

Mayor Edmonds asked the cost of the new police dog. Chief DeGiusti responded the purchase price was \$7,000. Ms. Edmonds asked if that included training. Chief DeGiusti responded the dog will require additional training and total budget for the animal is \$16,000.

Council Member Murdock asked how much the City funded for the Heritage Bridge, the Mid-Block Crossing, and River's Edge. Ms. Uy responded she will provide that information to Council. Mr. Murdock stated in FY 2016-17 there is a large expense budgeted for Water Street and asked the reason for it, to which, Ms. Uy responded that it was for the underground electric grid. Mr. Murdock asked if that includes Herman Kittle's share of the cost. Mr. Lange responded that it did not, adding that the \$800,000 is the City's share of the project. Mr. Lange asked if the Border-to-Border Trail fence is included in the Water Street infrastructure. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Murdock asked what the connection is between the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the TIF capture from the Family Dollar. Ms. Uy responded it used to be Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) but during last meeting of the EDC, it was decided to combine them because of the audit. Ms. Ernat said the City is holding \$3,500 with the BRA and she would like to build up the fund as a front end incentive. Mr. Murdock said the Economic Development Commission no longer has a TIF. Ms. Ernat responded it does not but does have a minimal balance of around \$44,000 and said she would like to keep the Commission because some Local Development Funding Authority (LDFA) funds might become available and staff would like it to flow through the EDC. Mr. Murdock said he never understood a connection between Family Dollar and the EDC. Ms. Ernat responded there is no connection. Mr. Murdock asked what produced the funds held by the EDC, to which, Ms. Ernat responded through the selling of property. Ms. Ernat stated she would like to reactivate the EDC and sees the entity useful in the buying and selling of property. Mayor Edmonds stated she and Ms. Ernat have discussed entities that could assist in the economic development of the City. Ms. Edmonds said the land bank is used very successfully in other parts of the state unfortunately, the County Treasurer does not allow land banks. Ms. Edmonds said there is not an economic development tool available in the City such as land banks and Community Development Corporations. Ms. Ernat added she is not sure land banks are eligible since the one the County had has since been dissolved.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the City would be able to utilize Habitat for Humanity as it has done in the Township by purchasing foreclosed properties and selling them to Habitat. Ms. Ernat responded they have minimal interest in that because of the City's tax rate. Mayor Edmonds added Habitat's approach is going neighborhood by neighborhood for multiyear investment. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson added one of the main reasons Habitat stopped investing in the City was the City encouraged Habitat to invest in other communities. Ms. Ernat added Habitat will still do home rehabilitation in the City. Ms. Anne Brown asked about the Washtenaw Community College's program and Mr. Kirton responded they are assisting in painting the City's pavilions.

Council Member Robb stated Council receives periodic updates on how the Pension Board is managing its investments and asked for the most current update. Mr. Robb said the City is paying six figures for a money manager and he is curious to the return the manager is producing. Council Member Murdock replied there should be an annual report given to Council every year. Mr. Robb asked how many City employees sit on the pension board. Mr. Murdock responded the board has five members and the Treasurer is the only non-City Council Meeting Minutes

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appointed member. Mr. Robb said the board has enough votes to control who manages pension funds and it might not be in the best interest of the City for the board to manage its own money. Mr. Lange stated he was a delegate for the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and the Fire and Police Pension Fund was examined and it compared well to the PERS. Mr. Lange said the savings on retiree health insurance is also having a positive effect on the fund. Mr. Lange added if the City hires all 32 police officers plus 7 firefighters as a part of the SAFER grant, the City would have 22 people from the Police and Fire Departments contributing money to the pension. Mr. Robb responded he understands but the City is paying \$110,000 for a money manager to manage \$29 million and questions if the City is getting the most out of what it is paying. Mr. Lange responded the City can get more involved with the management of the pension fund. Mr. Murdock asked the City Manager to check if any pension funds are invested in the private prison industry.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Council Member Nicole Brown to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

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

R. Lange, City Manager

- Administration Pages 11-12
- Community Services Page 12
- Wrap-up

City Manager Lange provided a presentation regarding the City Administration budget. **(See Presentation in City Council Meeting Packet)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson asked why the Assistant to the City Manager is represented as equal to the Human Resources Manager on the organizational chart. Council Member Robb responded both employees report directly to the City Manager. Mayor Edmonds asked for the organizational flow chart to be prepared in levels that better illustrates the hierarchy. Mr. Lange responded he would make that adjustment. Council Member Murdock added the chart is an organizational flow chart of all City employees and not just the employees included in this Department's budget.

Mayor Edmonds asked for clarification of contractual services slight increasing. Mr. Lange responded that the line item has been consistent over the past few years and with higher staff levels there is less need for contractual services.

Mayor Edmonds stated she understands the City now has a newsletter and has increased its presence on social media and the web but it is not meeting the communications needs of the City. Ms. Edmonds said the City needs a communications professional to meet these needs. Ms. Edmonds said she does not know if that can be handled in house or if the City needs to contract for these services but it is a very specialized skill set. Mr. Lange said staff is certainly open to some ideas of with whom to consult. Mr. Lange stated if the marketing is geared toward the campaign for the Water Street Millage, then the administration cannot assist. Ms. Edmonds responded she is referring to external communication in general. Council Member Anne Brown stated the City needs to develop a communication plan. Ms. Edmonds added the City would need that person to be able to communicate issues to the public as they happen. Mr. Lange asked for suggestions for a contact person in order to solicit a proposal.

Council Member Anne Brown asked if the end product of the IT negotiations with the County will be either a better deal or moving to another IT provider. Mr. Lange responded that the end of the first phase of negotiations is to produce a more comprehensive agreement and better define the services.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the Human Resources line item for training is allocated to. Human Resources Director Kevin Welch responded it was increased for general training for staff. Ms. Edmonds asked if that is included in the contractual service line. Mr. Welch responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds asked what the

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goals this training will achieve. Mr. Welch responded that the money being budgeted will only afford two sessions and will be geared toward basic management training. Ms. Edmonds stated one of the items discussed by the community-policing and Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force is increased training for police officers and the budget should reflect the possibility of that training.

Council Member Anne Brown suggested meeting with Emma Jackson, Public Relations Director for Washtenaw Intermediate School District or Walter Kraft, Vice President of Communications for EMU regarding the development of a communications plan.

Council Member Anne Brown asked for a salary comparison to be completed. Mr. Welch responded he is already working to complete that. Ms. Anne Brown asked if from his search he has found any that are out dated. Mr. Welch responded some are and said he has gone through ten. Mr. Welch said as a job becomes open, that job should be reviewed at that time and said he has come across some job descriptions that are pretty outdated. Mayor Edmonds asked when Council should schedule time to have a discussion regarding employee compensation. Mr. Lange responded he is not recommending any across the board wage increases given the issues of the City. Ms. Edmonds said Council sets the salary for the City Clerk and having just completed that employee review, an increase is under consideration. Ms. Edmonds added there also have been discussions regarding wages and wage disparities. Council Member Robb responded Council can have that conversation during the June 7th Council Meeting. Ms. Edmonds asked if the meeting should have a start time of 6:00 p.m., to which, Mr. Robb responded this discussion would need more than an hour. Ms. Edmonds asked if Council feels this is a discussion that should happen before the budget is approved. Mr. Lange stated there are no wage increases or bonuses in the budget for non-union employees and all other contracts are in place until June 30, 2017. Mr. Lange added the only pay increases will be for the Economic Development Director, City Planner, and General Accountant II.

Council Member Murdock stated he asked for a breakdown of the fund balances for the General Fund and Major and Local Streets according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board to understand what is in reserves and what is committed and uncommitted. Mr. Murdock said he would also like the report from the Pension Board of what they have accomplished over the past year. Mr. Murdock added he would also like the history of the energy fund and what levels it is. Mr. Murdock asked for a report of new positions, the cost of those positions, and how to offset those costs. Mr. Murdock asked if the City can budget for additional police training. Chief DeGiusti responded that the line item for training has been increased by \$5,000 and said some of the issues with training is not necessarily the cost of the training, it is the auxiliary cost of sending the officer to training and the need to fill that position while at training. Mr. Murdock said there have been a lot of vacancies in the Police Department as a result of officers leaving their positions with the City and asked for a synopsis of the exit interviews. Chief DeGiusti responded one officer was lost to retirement, one officer had family issues, two officers said they were overworked and there was too much overtime involved, one officer who was a ten year veteran was spooked when the City starting talking about \$300,000 in cuts, and one officer could not handle the pace and went to the EMU Department. Council Member Anne Brown asked what the cost of turnover is going to be. Chief DeGiusti said he would be able to give an estimation of the cost. Mr. Murdock stated it will have an effect on the cost of overtime, to which, Chief DeGiusti agreed.

Council Member Murdock stated there are issues with the parks that Council would like to address and he would like an overview of what the City is going to do to improve the park system. Mr. Murdock added during last year's budget sessions, funding was allocated to non-motorized improvements and he would like to know what is planned. Council Member Anne Brown stated there seems to be some disparity when it comes to the parks and said Council just approved a sign for Carrie Mattingly Park at the cost of \$1,500 but other parks also have signage issues that needs to be addressed. Ms. Anne Brown said the City moved away from Parks and Recreation and it is now spending \$50,000 on the park system and it should be equitable.

Mr. Lange asked if there is a capital project Council wants to add to the project. Council Member Robb stated Council has heard three meetings of presentations and he will more than likely propose something but he needs time to prepare data. Mayor Edmonds asked for a deadline to submit proposed projects. Ms. Edmonds requested Council have proposed projects by June 1st. Council Member Murdock stated for the last several years

the City has budgeted fund balance both for Major and Local Streets and for non-motorized and traffic calming devices which is not included in this budget. Mr. Murdock stated he wants to know what is in the budget to complete those projects such as traffic calming on Ferris. Ms. Edmonds stated that what Mr. Murdock is proposing is exactly what she would like to have to the City Manager do no later than June 1st. Council Member Vogt asked that all of Council be copied in any email proposing possible capital projects. Mr. Vogt suggested having a consensus of Council on any major increases or decreases to the budget. Council Member Robb said Council will not be able to have a discussion on the philosophical questions regarding the budget.

XII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Freight House - None
- E. Parks and Recreation
- F. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
- G. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- H. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force - None
- I. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None

XV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

None

XVIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

None

XIX. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

None

XXI. ADJOURNMENT -

Resolution No. 2016-112, adjourning the City Council meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.