



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ONE SOUTH HURON ST.
YPSILANTI, MI 48197
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Richardson, to excuse the absence of Council Member Bashert.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the absence was excused.

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; City Clerk Frances McMullan, City Attorney John Barr, City Manager Darwin McClary, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, City Planner Bonnie Wessler, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Fire Chief Max Anthouard, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, and Assistant City Attorney Jesse O'Jack

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to approve the agenda.

Mayor Edmonds requested Resolution No. 2017-081, be moved to after audience participation.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to move Resolution No. 2017-081 to after audience participation.

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

VII. PRESENTATIONS -

- Medical Marijuana Presentation – Katie Parrish and Alexa Timmreck, EMU Students

EMU students Alexa Timmreck and Katie Parrish provided a presentation regarding the new state law regarding medical marijuana.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is. Chief DeGiusti responded a licensing agency that regulates training and academies for the state.

Mayor Edmonds asked what types of waste were grow facilities creating in Colorado. Ms. Parrish responded the trimmings from the plants.

Council Member Robb stated the presentation quoted newspaper articles, a secondary source, and the minutes or audio of the meeting should have quoted. He said it is interesting because of Ypsilanti's small size and the amount of facilities in the City over the six year life time of the ordinance. He asked why Ypsilanti's data was not used more as a part of the research. Ypsilanti businesses could have been referenced to see how dispensaries have affected business and the police department about crime rates. He mentioned two businesses have purchased buildings that have increased property values, which runs contrary to the presentation. He asked for an explanation of the \$1,800 share per unit for processing facilities. Ms. Timmreck responded processing was one of three types of businesses that shared in the additional 10%. He asked why the 50/40/10 split was developed. Ms. Timmreck replied it was based on a model developed in Oregon, which values dispensaries at 50% and all other business encompassing the other 50%. The additional considerations were based on the impact grow facilities.

Mayor Edmonds asked if scale of business size was reflected in the research. Ms. Timmreck responded not all states are separating the data by business type.

Council Member Murdock stated the 3% excise tax is only charged through dispensaries, and asked why not eliminate grow facilities from the formula. Ms. Parrish responded the process begins at the grow facility which is why it is included. She added in some states they employ a multipoint system in which there is a tax at each level. He replied grow facilities will be increasing their profits but do not pay the 3% tax. He added a grow facility in rural area will not create the same amount of traffic a dispensary would in an urban area.

Council Member Robb stated the formula is dependent on what Ypsilanti wants to do as a community. He explained it was only a few years ago the City wanted to cap the amount of medical marijuana businesses that could operate in the City, and unless zoning is changed only one more facility would be permitted. He asked if the City wants to "de-diversify" the City's business product and operate as an economy based on marijuana. He is not certain many communities are going to completely embrace this change because there is not a great amount of tax revenue this will create.

Council Member Richardson stated Ypsilanti needs to decide what it wants to be known as, not just now but in years to come. She feels if it is medicine it should be dispensed through a pharmacy.

Council Member Vogt thanked Ms. Timmreck and Ms. Parrish for the presentation.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Libby Hunter, 827 Bruce, Ann Arbor, stated an eighth grade Ypsilanti girl has been pepper sprayed in school by a police officer. The quality of public schools has decreased over the past years, and there needs to be a movement to get schools back to the level they once were. She said for many years she was a middle school teacher and taught a diverse cross section of

students. She stated during her tenure a student was never pepper sprayed, and she could not tell from the MLive article if the student was handcuffed prior to being pepper sprayed.

2. Ruth Cosaby, 2969 W. Clark Rd, spoke in favor of strengthening the Community Policing Action Council (CoPAC). She said incidents involving the police should be evaluated by citizens and held accountable by citizens.
3. Jamie Goldsmith, 180 Rosewood Ave, stated marijuana should be made legal in the City. He explained states that have made marijuana legal have increased revenue and Ypsilanti could do the same.
4. Adam Gainsley, 409 Adams, stated he is speaking on behalf of Citizen's for Ypsilanti to provide an update on the signature drive to place a Water Street Debt Millage on the August ballot. He said signatures have been being collected for 79 days with 70 volunteers working to collect 900 signatures of the 850 goal. He encouraged everyone to continue their efforts collecting signatures.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Chief DeGiusti stated the pepper spraying of a middle school student was an unfortunate incident. He explained the student was not able to be controlled by the staff who were assaulted by the student. The student was not handcuffed when she was pepper sprayed and it has a compliance technique in order to control the student. He stated there was no lasting damage and was immediately taken for medical treatment. He met with the student's parents who did not take issue with the actions of the officer.
- Council Member Murdock stated Council was not given a report on the incident. Chief DeGiusti replied generally that type on compliance technique would not be included in the TASER report, but if it is something Council would like he would be happy to include it in subsequent reports. Mr. Murdock responded Council is given a report when an incident is given news coverage.

1. Resolution No. 2017-081, approving the city's medical marijuana revenue sharing proposal. (Economic Development)

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat stated the purpose of the EMU student's presentation purpose was to provide an executive summary essentially create a formula to provide to the City's legislative consultant to the state. The City is not legislating this it is only a recommendation to the state on how the City would like the state to promulgate the rules.

Council Member Robb stated based on the current law not all communities provided zoning for medical marijuana facilities. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb asked if the previous law was widely accepted throughout the state. Ms. Ernat responded it was widely accepted in southeast and northern Michigan, but not necessarily throughout the state. She added Ypsilanti is the community that sets the tone of the state for this matter. Mr. Robb asked if she foresees Ypsilanti's leadership role changing because more communities are interested in housing this business type within their borders. Ms. Ernat responded she has had conversation with an attorney who represents two communities interested in housing grow facilities based on property tax revenue. In her opinion she believes once the new rules of the law take affect she believes there will be a boom in interest followed by a plateau. Mr. Robb asked what would be the estimated increase. Ms. Ernat replied the boom will be in grow and processing facilities. Mr. Robb asked how additional tax revenue would be created. Ms. Ernat responded through increased property taxes. Mr. Robb responded property taxes will not increase unless a warehouse is built. Ms. Ernat responded someone will build a warehouse with industrial kitchens which would increase personal property taxes.

Council Member Robb asked what the zoning is like in Colorado and what the limitations are. Ms. Ernat responded it is a difficult comparison to make because Colorado has recreational marijuana. Mr. Robb stated he is trying to rationalize why dispensaries are more valuable for tax revenue. Ms. Ernat responded because the greatest impact to a community comes from dispensaries.

Mayor Edmonds asked how many grow facilities currently operate in the City. Ms. Ernat responded the cap is three for grow facilities, which all three have been awarded. Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene stated currently seven dispensaries and three grow facilities are operating in the City.

Mayor Edmonds stated a grow facility has less of an impact on the community, and the City has relatively few places for those facilities to operate. She sees possibility in the City's industrial complexes to house additional facilities. Ms. Ernat interjected under the new legislation the City would be able to stack facilities. Mr. DuChene further explained the statute allows for certain license holders to hold a license for another business type while others do not. Ms. Ernat stated the City's existing license holders would like to employ the stacked feature provided by the statute. However, it is at the pleasure of Council to allow stacking.

Council Member Vogt stated the size of a facility has a great effect on how much can be created by an excise tax. The recommendation to the legislature is to ensure that communities with facilities that create the greatest sales should capture the most revenue.

Council Member Murdock stated only dispensaries generate the 3% excise tax. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated a community with twenty-five grow facilities are not providing into the 3% excise tax capture, but will get to share in that revenue. Mr. DuChene replied a recommendation to cut out communities without facilities that generate a tax most likely would not be accepted by the legislature. Mr. Murdock responded he is not suggesting that, but he is suggesting a weighted system that considers business type. Ms. Ernat responded it has been considered because a dispensary would not have anything to supply without a grow facility.

Council Member Robb appreciated the City not wanting to propose something that would be rejected by the state. However, this is direction to the City's lobbyist, and the City lobbyist should be concerned only with the City of Ypsilanti rather than communities across the state. He said it is a good point that rural communities that only have grow facilities would not be generating the 3% excise tax. Mayor Edmonds asked Council Member Robb had a different formula he would like to propose. Mr. Robb responded in the affirmative, but he cannot make a motion because there is not a resolution on the floor. He asked if staff envisions requesting Council lift the moratorium to have more grow facilities. Ms. Ernat responded in a few months she believes she would seek Council if it would like to allow stacking of facilities and processing facilities. At this point staff is trying to be proactive to ensure the City gets its fair share in revenue developed by the 3% excise tax. Mr. Robb stated if the Economic Development Director advises Council the City needs more dispensaries and grow facilities that has an impact on Council's decision. He asked if she is prepared to make that recommendation. Ms. Ernat replied she would need to review the rules from LARA. But currently she would recommend increasing the amount of grow facilities and allow processing facilities. She said Ypsilanti has been progressive regarding this subject, and believes Ypsilanti should continue leading the state and it should continue to support a diversified tax base. She believes eventually recreational marijuana will be legal in Michigan and Ypsilanti should not be behind the curve.

City Attorney John Barr stated when medical marijuana was initially on the ballot 81% of voters in this area were in favor of its passage. At that point the City could have chosen to do nothing or it could regulate it. Council's decision was to regulate medical marijuana and staff took great care and time to develop the current ordinance. During that process the law was unclear and this legislation, while more certain than the previous there are still grey areas because the regulations were not in place.

Council Member Vogt asked what the perceived difference is going to be in law enforcement with an increased amount of grow facilities versus dispensaries. Chief DeGiusti responded the Police Department has had very few issues with any of the marijuana facilities in the City. There have been two attempted break-ins to the same dispensaries and because of a grow facilities non-descript nature there have been no issues. He said the Colorado has created a billion dollars in revenue but school test scores have decreased and marijuana induced accidents have increased by 35%. There are many hidden problems caused by marijuana and some are very costly.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has created an excise tax to be placed on medical marijuana of three percent; and

WHEREAS, the state statute identifies a distribution to municipalities but does not identify a formula for such distribution; and

WHEREAS, the city of Ypsilanti seeks to recommend to the state rule making authority that a higher consideration be made to communities, such as Ypsilanti, that house multiple and end-user operations related to medical marijuana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs its consultant, GCSI to propose to the state rule making authority to use Ypsilanti's proposed allocation model for recommended revenue distribution; no less than half of all revenue collected via the three percent excise tax be allocated to municipalities based on the number of dispensaries in the municipal boundaries.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Council Member Robb stated the rules are coming out in December of 2017 and asked if the rules will include how the five facility types will operate and what the distribution formula is. Mr. DuChene responded when discussions began the City lobbyist held a meeting with staff, and the distribution formula was one of the main topics. The consultant suggest the City provide a recommendation to the state legislature regarding the distribution formula. He said he is uncertain what will be included in the rules but does recommend Council makes its suggestion before the rules are created. Council Member Murdock added the state could evenly distribute revenue to each community, and his intention is for the revenue distribution to reflect the difference is amount of businesses in a community.

Ms. Ernat stated LARA has its administrative team in place and plans to hire 900 employees. Then the rule making body, which is create by governor appointments, has not yet been formed. She said the City should be in the ear of the legislature before that body is in place.

Council Member Robb stated if he would like to be a processor would a commercial kitchen be required. Mayor Edmonds responded it would not fall under the Cottage Industry Food Law. Council Member Murdock added the state could create another set of rules for marijuana. Mr. Robb stated staff is not recommending a 50/40/10 split it is recommending no less than half. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Richardson stated revenue sharing between the state and local governments has all but been eliminated, and what makes everyone certain it would see this money. Council Member Robb replied this would be similar to a sales tax. She asked that Council be realistic in its thinking.

Council Member Murdock stated the state is going to do something whether or not the City makes its recommendation.

Mayor Edmonds stated she will support the resolution, and sees it as a great starting point. She stated there are hundreds of migrant farm workers homes and less than five inspectors and 900 employees are going to be hired for this topic.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-081 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

IX. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING –

Ordinance No. 1286

1. An ordinance to establish the Ypsilanti Community Policing Action Council (Attorney)

A. Resolution No. 2017-074, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to establish the Ypsilanti Community Policing Action Council” be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

Mr. DuChene stated he was submitted a draft ordinance from the Task Force and made some edits based on Charter requirements and some other minor edits. He explained he tried to keep as close to the intent of the Task Force as possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown explained the sub-committee of the Task Force reviewed other community’s police oversight boards and made its recommendations. After meeting with the Task Force and having discussions with the Police Chief and examining what would be feasible for Ypsilanti and what was found is the recommendation being formulated looked similar to CoPAC original mission. She said CoPAC could be reenergized to meet the goals outlined in the ordinance rather than create an entirely new body.

B. Open public hearing

None

C. Resolution No. 2017-275, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on an ordinance entitled “An ordinance to establish the Ypsilanti Community Policing Action Council” be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

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

Mr. DuChene stated Council's options are to pass as submitted, pass with amendments, table and send back to the Task Force for further consideration. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown added the Task Force is open to the direction Council is willing to take.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would not be able to vote for this ordinance as is, or even with amendments but she does look forward to hearing what Council's opinion.

Council Member Vogt asked how this ordinance would differ from how CoPAC is currently operating. Chief DeGiusti responded CoPAC was founded in 2008 and was very robust for a period of time, however, since 2013 its attendance has decreased and is basically failing. He said he presented this ordinance during the last CoPAC meeting and the remaining members were enthused about the prospect of engaging in the activities outlined in the ordinance.

Mayor Edmonds stated there are several organizational and dynamic reasons for why CoPAC is where it currently is. Further structure could help the organization and feels it's an interesting approach to utilize that structure. However, Council approved a resolution stating the goals of this organization were to review police misconduct, facilitate two to three police policies per year, promote community policing, and promote the citizen's police academy and she did not feel those requirements were included in the ordinance. This body should provide a level of oversight and that was lost in this ordinance. Also, missing from the ordinance was how this body would affect the creation of policy. She added in her understanding CoPAC was designed to be represented by neighborhood associations and resident's councils as well as the Ypsilanti Housing Commission. She agreed with the City Manager that this body should have term limits and wondered why the term "president" was used rather than "chair". Chief DeGiusti replied during the Task Force meetings and during the Council Goal Session meeting there was discussion of this body reviewing two to three goals per year, however, the Department is moving to an Michigan Association Chiefs of Police accredited which is policy driven. He explained the accreditation process has 108 standards and best practices, which would remove the need for the review of two to three policies a year. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown added the ordinance states CoPAC will advise and recommend procedures to the Chief. Ms. Edmonds responded she would prefer the body would recommend and advise on policy rather than procedures. Chief DeGiusti stated it might be disingenuous to tell be people the can make recommendations on policy when the Department will be following the accreditation. Mayor Edmonds asked if there is a possibility policy recommendations from this body might be over and above the accreditation standards. Chief DeGiusti responded it is a possibility.

Mr. DuChene stated it would be clearer to list the "term limits" as "term length". Mayor Edmonds replied she would like to see this body actually employ term limits.

Council Member Vogt stated he agreed the representation should be spread out across the City evenly to gain different points of view. He added he would not want to see one group gain too much control over a body of this nature. He also agreed with the community organizations making recommendations for its nomination, and by helping to restart CoPAC it might restart those neighborhood associations. Mayor Edmonds stated if the resident high rises were added and examine neighborhoods population to decide representation.

Council Member Murdock stated there are a couple issues with this ordinance; one is its purpose. He explained every other board of this type always included an element of complaint review, and this body would not. He said he likes the CoPAC in principal because it creates a widely based body, however its size could make it dysfunctional. He would prefer the board would be seven or nine members so it could actually get something accomplished.

Council Member Richardson stated she is not in support of this ordinance. This model in no way addresses the issues that led to the development of the Task Force. She explained CoPAC was designed in 1998 to assist with community policing. Before budget concerns overwhelmed the City to goal was to nurture the entire City and the neighborhood associations grew out of that. She stated during the summer the neighborhood associations would gather, which the neighborhoods would come together and get to know other members of the community. She believes nineteen members would be much too large to be effective and the design doesn't provide for the hearing of police complaints. She understands the Police Department does not want community oversight, but a positive can be the result of that oversight. As it stands she would be unwilling to vote to approve the ordinance.

Mayor Edmonds asked what if the larger group was represented by an executive committee. Council Member Richardson suggested revitalizing CoPAC as it stands and creating another body for these purposes. Council Member Murdock stated if this is a mayoral appointed committee there is nothing to prohibit individuals from the neighborhood associations to the body, regardless of size.

Council Member Richardson stated Council is not at a point to vote on this, and suggested tabling the resolution.

Chief DeGiusti stated union contracts play an issue when discussing having citizen oversight on the Department. Also, there are aspects of labor law that keep certain items confidential considering response to a complaint. Mayor Edmonds asked how these issues are considered in other communities with these type of bodies. Council Member Murdock replied there are several ways in which a commission could review complaints; one might perform the investigation, work on the investigation with the department, and one that reviews the police performed investigation. Chief DeGiusti stated he has no problem sharing that information.

Council Member Richardson stated the commission could be a positive tool for the Department. Chief DeGiusti replied he has not recoiled at the idea of this Commission and a number of what is included in the ordinance he suggested. Ms. Richardson replied she has heard both the Chief and other Officers state they were not in favor of an oversight board. Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson stated the review of data and presenting that data is included in the ordinance, however, not in the context of oversight. It is written that way because of limitations to oversight included in the union contracts.

Mayor Edmonds stated when she examines what the purpose of this body would be it is to have a further chance for the community to have a voice. She said what the community wants to know is trends with how people are treated by the Police Department based on their identity. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated it was the intention of the Task Force to bring this proposed ordinance to allow Council to make desired changes before its final passage. Ms. Edmonds asked how this structure would or would not facilitate a community voice. Ms. Brown responded her thinking was steered by what would be the legal ramifications of a complaint process, which was discussed with the Chief. If there is a way to add an oversight component she would have issue, except if it would violate any standing contracts.

Mr. DuChene stated the way the ordinance was designed was that the meetings and documents created by CoPAC would be public and subject to FOIA and the Open Meetings Act. If all the meetings of this body are public then it might prohibit the use of an exemption when reviewing confidential materials. His advice would be to make this body subject to both the Open Meetings Act and FOIA.

Mayor Edmonds requested a memo from the Attorney's Office to outline what would be legally permissible in the establishment of this body. Council Member Robb stated before an assignment is given it should be explained what information is being sought. He explained only two bodies in the City have subpoena power, Council and the Zoning Board of Appeals. If this body wanted to investigate complaints subpoena power is required to call witnesses and take testimony. If the desire is to investigate a complaint Council is the body that should perform the investigation. He stated he is not quite certain what it means to provide in voice in this context. He stated this matter was given to the Task Force to complete but if Council wants to do something it should be that body. He said if people want to have a voice they can address Council, possibly holding an event once or twice a year to specifically hear comments from the public. One of the reasons a recommended reenergizing CoPAC is to enhance police and community relations. He asked for a description of what it would mean for this body to investigate complaints and he will design the ordinance in that way.

Council Member Murdock stated the difficulty in created a board in the manner that Council would like are the same difficulties as Council found in the 1980's in attempts to form a similar body. He explained the reason the public wants a review board is because they do not trust the police to complete a proper investigation against themselves. Council Member Robb responded that investigative power should be in the hands of Council because it is the only body with that authority.

Council Member Vogt stated when complaints of this kind are dealt with there is a great deal of volatility and emotion. He said the legal issues surrounding the development of this body make it difficult and it is not constructive if the panel is not composed of highly knowledgeable and trained individuals. He added Ypsilanti is not large enough to produce experts in this area and limits what the City can do. He said a sounding board panel that would bring an issue to Council could be a possibility but a decision making body would not function. Mayor Edmonds agreed. Mr. Vogt stated the City has a need for this body, however, not a daily need like a larger city. Council Member Richardson stated Ypsilanti is not a big City but the greater Ypsilanti area can produce the individuals with the necessary skillsets for this body to be effective.

Council Member Richardson asked for a review of how a complaint is investigated. Chief DeGiusti responded it varies because now there are many mechanism that a complaint can be filed. Depending on who the complaint is filed against the next highest chain of command would investigate. Chief DeGiusti stated he is informed when a complaint is made and the protocol outlined in the contract is followed until a conclusion is made. Ms. Richardson stated the police are policing themselves. Chief DeGiusti responded in the affirmative. Ms. Richardson stated that is one of the reasons the Task Force was formed, and Council needs to develop a body to change it. She said the proposed ordinance dilutes what the Task Force mission was to create. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown disagreed it dilutes the original intention, however, it does not have the bite. She asked for direction on how Council would like this board designed.

Mayor Edmonds asked when the City Manager is informed of a complaint being filed. Chief DeGiusti responded the City Manager would not be informed of anything minor. Ms. Edmonds asked how many complaints the Department receives a year. Chief DeGiusti responded between seven and nine a year.

Council Member Robb stated the idea the police are investigating the police can be extrapolated to not trusting any governmental body you could submit a complaint to. He said if the intention is to truly have a separate body Council should budget \$125,000 to hire on outside independent arbitrator to review complaints. He said everyone wants oversight regardless of actually defining what that oversight would look like. He said Council is attempting to create something without clear understanding of what it is or if it will solve the problem it is intended to solve.

City Manager McClary stated he is not certain this is an issue of just social justice. He believes there is a much deeper issue of feeling powerless, and it needs to be expressed to the community they have more power than they think they have. That power flows from Council, which has investigative powers and an oversight function of this municipality. He said any citizen, or group of citizens, with a concern or complaint can bring it to Council. He explained the City needs to be sensitive to why this discussion is taking place, and why people feel this commission is necessary. The best answer to this question is to establish a process to handle complaints through Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated there have been several times complaints have been submitted to Council on a number of different mediums. Making the resolutions of those complaints more visible might be helpful to the community. She said it needs to be marketed more to the public that Council is whom they should contact when they do have a complaint. Council Member Murdock asked if Council really finds resolutions to problems that are stated during audience participation. He explained when complaints are made the work to resolve them is given to members of the staff, or another commission. If Council wanted to create a sub-committee to address complaints it could.

Mayor Edmonds suggested greater clarity in the review process and how often complaints be heard by Council. Council Member Richardson responded most of that information was in the sub-committees report. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown disagreed, and explained the sub-committee's report was very general and did not touch on these specific questions. Ms. Richardson asked if Council ever asked the sub-committee to produce more information. Ms. Edmonds stated the Task Force was charged with forming the police advisory body. Ms. Brown replied in the affirmative, and explained the sub-

committee provided its report to the Task Force whom decided to ask Council for direction. Council Member Robb stated the only objective not completed by this ordinance is adopt community policing, which is constrained by budgetary issues.

Mayor Edmonds summarized Council is giving direction to further develop the hearing structure the proposed ordinance allows for the body to be too large. She suggested those items be adjusted in the ordinance. Council Member Richardson suggested Council call a work session to develop this body. Mayor Pro-Tem Brown stated if that is what is decided the Attorney's Office would need to provide information on what this body could legally do. Ms. Richardson replied the Attorney's Office would be present during the work session. Ms. Brown stated there would need to be background work completed before the work session. Ms. Richardson replied not necessarily and some work has already been completed. Mr. DuChene stated not just the Attorney's Office, but staff in general, would need specificity when looking into matters. Ms. Richardson stated the work session would draw out the specifics. Mr. DuChene stated if Council schedules a work session the Attorney's Office could provide it at that time. Council Member Murdock stated the complaint review process seems to be the highest area of contention. He said it has been mentioned several times that other communities have boards that review complaints, however, through his research he has not found any with ordinances that provide that power. He said if there are communities with that power they should be researched to understand how they are able to. He said he looked at Southfield ordinance and it did not provide this power. Ms. Richardson interjected she attended a Southfield meeting and it was totally different then what the City is looking to create. Ms. Edmonds asked for clarification of what Southfield is doing. Ms. Richardson responded Southfield is actively using community policing tactics because of that crime has decreased to very low levels. She added anyone you goes through the police academy is eligible to be on Southfield's Police Advisory Board.

Mayor Edmonds stated during a work session it would be helpful to have examples from other community police advisory boards. Council Member Richardson added the work session should include members of the Human Relations Commission, and other commissioners throughout the City.

Council Member Murdock stated much of what has been discussed can be completed by CoPAC. The issues is how to develop an oversight component of that group. He said Council can codify CoPAC and then try to resolve how to develop the complaint review component.

Council Member Robb stated Detroit has a Police Advisory Board that has discipline power, Michigan State University has an oversight board, which was enacted by the state legislature, Washtenaw County has an advisory board, as does Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Kalamazoo. He said those municipalities provided the most disciplinary power that is allowed in this state, which is mostly lip service. Council Member Murdock stated if those models do not include what this City wants Council will need to develop a new model. Mr. Robb asked for Council to decide what it wants and an ordinance will be drafted. Council Member Richardson responded that is why she is asking for a work session.

Chief DeGiusti stated every month Council receives a report from the Police Department and suggested sending general information regarding complaints and discipline given as a result with that report. He said that will provide quick Council oversight and then move toward accomplishing other goals.

Mayor Edmonds asked if a Council Member would move to table this item. Council Member Robb replied this item will not be coming back to Council and procedurally it should just be voted down.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Murdock to table Resolution No. 2017-074.

On a roll call, the vote to table Resolution No. 2017-074 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	No	Council Member Robb	No
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: 3 (Brown, Robb, Vogt) ABSENT: 1 (Bashert) VOTE: Failed

Council Member Murdock called to question.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-074 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	No
Council Member Richardson	No	Council Member Vogt	No
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

YES: 3 NO: (Richardson, Edmonds, Vogt) ABSENT: 1 (Bashert) VOTE: Failed

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Murdock to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.

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

- Ordinance No. 1287
2. An ordinance to amend the Ypsilanti City Code to combine the subsection that makes it illegal for a person to allow occupancy without a valid Certificate of Compliance in a multiple dwelling with the subsection that makes it illegal for a person to allow occupancy without a valid Certificate of Compliance in one- or two-unit rental dwelling. (Attorney)

- A. Resolution No. 2017-076, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 18 "Building and Building Regulations", Article VI "Inspection and Control of Certain Buildings", Division 3 "Certificate of Compliance", Section 18-146 "Required" to update and combine subsections (a) and (b)" be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Assistant City Attorney Jesse O'Jack stated basically this would make no changes it would only simplify the ordinance to avoid confusion.

- B. Open public hearing

None

- C. Resolution No. 2017-077, close public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ypsilanti City Code Chapter 18 "Building and Building Regulations", Article VI "Inspection and Control of Certain Buildings", Division 3 "Certificate of Compliance", Section 18-146 "Required" to update and combine subsections (a) and (b)" be officially closed.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

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

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-0076 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2017-078

1. Resolution No. 2017-079, approving appointments to Boards and Commissions. (Mayor)

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:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BOARD</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Beth Ernat 584 N. Harris Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48198 bernat@cityofypsilanti.com 734-945-9270 (cell) 734-482-9774 (office)	LDFA SmartZone (filling vacancy)	June 30, 2020

2. Resolution No. 2017-080, approving minutes of February 7 and February 21, 2017. (Clerk)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of February 7 and February 21, 2017 be approved.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-078 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

XI. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS –

1. ~~Resolution No. 2017-081, approving the city's medical marijuana revenue sharing proposal. (Economic Development)~~ **(Moved and heard during Section VII, Presentations)**
2. Resolution No. 2017-082, approving Ordinance 1285 to amend Section 58-32 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add two youth non-voting members to the Human Relations Commission. **(Second Reading)** (Attorney)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI THAT:

The ordinance entitled: "An ordinance to amend section 58-32 of the Ypsilanti City Code to add two youth non-voting members to the Human Relations Commission" be adopted on Second and Final Reading.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson
SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Mayor Edmonds stated one of the Human Relations Commissioners and another community member are already working on a strategy to recruit youth members for this commission and others in the City.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-082 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

3. Resolution No. 2017-083, renewing the dispatch service agreement with Emergency Health Partners, Inc. (EHP). (Fire)

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 2017, 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"); and

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.

Now Therefore, the contract with EHP to provide dispatch services be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Council Member Murdock

Council Member Richardson moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Council Member Murdock to add "Now Therefore, the contract with EHP to provide dispatch services be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement, for and on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti, subject to the approval of the City Attorney."

Council Member Murdock asked what the amount will be for FY2016-17. Fire Chief Max Anthouard responded it is a \$100 difference.

Council Member Robb asked if there is a contract that currently exists. Chief Anthouard responded in the affirmative. Mr. Robb asked that in the future to provide the contract for future requests. Mr. McClary asked if in the future both the current and proposed contracts be included in the packet provided to Council. Council Member Murdock asked that the numbers be included in the Request for Legislation (RFL).

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-084 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

4. Resolution No. 2017-084, approving a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) certificate for 705 Franklin St. (DDA/Planning)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRIZE ZONE HOMESTEAD FACILITY CERTIFICATE FOR CHARLES RICHMOND LOCATED AT 705 FRANKLIN ST, YPSILANTI MI

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti established a Neighborhood Enterprise Homestead Zone on April 16, 2016 as required under PA 147 of 1992 after a public hearing held on April 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the homeowner Charles Richmond is not delinquent on any taxes related to the home; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti and hereby is granted a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Homestead Exemption for property located at 705 Franklin Street, Ypsilanti MI 48197 for a period of 15 years, beginning December 31, 2017, and ending December 30, 2032, pursuant to the provisions of PA 147 of 1992, as amended.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Ms. Ernat stated this is the City's first investment since the creation of the City's NEZ. This investment should total \$75,000 and the improvement to the land should total \$150,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Council Member Richardson to change the "307 Franklin" to "705 Franklin".

Mayor Edmonds stated this is a perfect use of the NEZ program.

Council Member Murdock asked for clarification regarding the \$75,000 investment. Ms. Ernat responded the investment is based on the purchase of the modular home, foundation, and garage. Mr. Murdock asked how the property increases to \$150,000 taxable value. Ms. Ernat replied that is the figure provided by the assessing department. Mr. Murdock responded that would be assessed value not taxable.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-084 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

5. Resolution No. 2017-085, directing staff to release the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the sale and development of 220 N. Park.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti owns the property at 220 N. Park and the property has been prepared for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directs staff to offer the property for sale through a Request for Proposal that has been drafted with the assistance of the Michigan Municipal League; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to redevelop the property to increase the taxable base of the City and provide additional housing options within the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ypsilanti City Council directs staff to release the Request for Proposals for the sale and development of 220 N. Park.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Vogt

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Ms. Ernat stated the Planning Department held three charettes in which the public made it clear what would be acceptable at this property. They wished to not have high density housing, but did agree if something was developed they townhomes would be acceptable. This coupled with the grant the City received in 2015 allowed the City to demolish the structure on 220 N. Park. This property would also be eligible for technical assistance from the Michigan Municipal League. The technical assistance provided came in the form of creating a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document and contacts to distribute the RFQ with the purpose to solicit qualified and interested developers. Beckett and Raeder has hired be MML to create a proforma to find a valid pricing point and with that analysis a site plan was created.

Mayor Edmonds asked if staff is requesting Council's blessing on the RFQ. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Ms. Edmonds agreed with some of the thoughts and suggestions made during the joint ZBA, HDC, and Planning Commission meeting, however, she would like to add sustainability aspects to the RFQ. She said there has been conversation to examine what role tiny homes could play at that property, and she would like to further that possibility. There is also interest in co-housing at this location. Council Member Vogt stated he is in support of anything that gets built at this point.

Council Member Robb stated this site is going to create negative reaction from the current residents of that neighborhood. The density is going to be much higher than the block north of the site plus the City recently closed to roads there will funnel traffic through that neighborhood. Ms. Ernat responded on goal to relieve that concern is to extend Locust through the project.

Council Member Robb stated the idea of tiny houses are the modern equivalent to trailer parks it provides no taxable value and is not something the City should be soliciting. He added the minimalist idea to spend \$80,000 to live in 200 square feet is incredibly pretentious. He said anything that does not create property taxes should not be included in an RFP. Mayor Edmonds disagreed when considering affordability and things that people in different generations are looking for as products. The City needs to continue to look at the value in different housing markets and she is concerned that property values could continue to rise such as those in Ann Arbor and she wants this community to stay affordable. Ms. Ernat stated this discussion was held at the joint meeting and her response was there is always a need for affordability but there is also a need to be development that people want to live. She said there can only be so much housing types on four acres of land, but this is an opportunity to address low maintenance housing. She added condos and townhomes Are built modern and are sold before hitting the market and the City is lacking in this type of housing. Ms. Edmonds agreed, but wants Council to continue to thinking about affordable housing. Council Member Murdock agreed tiny homes make little economic sense at this time. Ms. Edmonds responded tiny homes make sense in some parts of the City.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-085 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

6. Resolution No. 2017-086, approving creation of a combined Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Administrator position and authorizing the City Manager to proceed to recruit and fill the position. (City Manager)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti human resources management functions are currently being handled on a temporary basis by the city's payroll administrator; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fill the human resources position; and

WHEREAS, due to limited staffing, the City Manager is also in need of assistance with day-to-day organizational management and coordination of special projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the City Council approve the creation of a combined Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Administrator position within the Office of the City Manager to handle general management assistance, coordination of special projects, and human resources management; and

WHEREAS, budgetary appropriations are available for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the City Council does hereby approve the job description for the Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Administrator position, with the position to be placed in Pay Grade 4 of the city's non-union pay scale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to proceed to recruit for, and fill, the position of Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Administrator.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Mr. McClary stated he is requesting Council approve the job description for a combined position that would mainly focus on the Human Resources functions, but would provide assistance to the City Manager's Office for special projects and general management issues. The position would be non-union and FLSA exempt, and appropriations are available as well as additional funding for assistants to that position for the payroll and benefits administrator. He is not certain if those positions will continue to be budgeted through the Human Resources Department, or if they will return to Finance. Mayor Edmonds stated this position will be mostly geared toward an HR professional. Mr. McClary responded in the affirmative.

Council Member Robb stated years ago the City employed an Assistant City Manager who would have been second in command behind the City Manager. After that employee took a City Manager position in another municipality an employee was hired as the Assistant to the City Manager who was not thought of as second to the City Manager. He asked will this position be an Assistant City Manager or an Assistant to the City Manager. Mr. McClary responded the Assistant City Manager position by itself is a pay grade five and the Human Resources Manager position is in a pay grade three which is why it was placed in the middle. Mr. Robb replied he wants to understand the succession plan if this individual is hired and the City Manager leaves his position. Mr. McClary responded this position would be an Assistant City Manager if they possess the experience. Depending on the applicant pool he may want to change the title and job description to make it more of an Assistant to the City Manager in a lower pay grade. He will return to Council with an

amended resolution once he evaluates the applications. Mayor Edmonds asked when the City Manager is away, either on vacation or another reason, will this person be acting City Manager. Mr. McClary responded at this point he is hoping this person will have expertise in both job classifications, if so they would act as City Manager. However, if that is not the case and this person's expertise is more in the realm of Human Resources he would ask for a reclassification of the position, and the City would abide by the Charter. Mr. Robb stated when Council approved the budget amendment this position was added for 2018 this position created a \$92,000 deficit, and he asked if that amount will be increased. Mr. McClary responded no.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-086 was as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Yes	Council Member Robb	Yes
Council Member Murdock	Yes	Mayor Edmonds	Yes
Council Member Richardson	Yes	Council Member Vogt	Yes
Council Member Bashert	Absent		

VOTE:

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

XII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update – Council Member Richardson stated the General Assembly was Thursday, March 30th and the meeting was held at the GM Heritage Facility in Dearborn Heights. It was an excellent venue and would be a great place for car lovers to visit. There was a demographic report that discussed birth rates and mortality rates both decrease.
- B. Washtenaw Area Transportation Study - None
- C. Urban County - None
- D. Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority - None
- E. Eastern Washtenaw Safety Alliance - None
- F. Police-Community Relations/Black Lives Matter Joint Task Force - None
- G. Friends of Rutherford Pool - None
- H. Housing Equity Leadership Team - None
- I. Economic Development Coordinating Committee - None

XIII. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Richardson

- Stated there is still not a Black Lives Matter sign in Council Chambers and asked to take down the One Human Family sign until a Black Lives Matter banner is complete.

Mayor Edmonds replied she has secured a graphic designer and is working on a final design. Council Member Richardson stated the banner should be removed because the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, who developed the banner, agreed with her that all peoples should be included. Ms. Edmonds stated she is currently working on language.

- Still waiting on a Water Street report.
- City Attorney John Barr received the Jim Sinclair award from the Michigan Municipal League.
- In March she was appointed the MML Worker's Compensation Board of Trustees.

Murdock

- In December Council approved a truck route ordinance and has asked several times of how that ordinance will be communicated to the public.

Mr. McClary responded Council will be receiving a report this week regarding that matter. Mr. Murdock stated much of the communications needs to come through conversations with various truck companies operating in and around the City.

- Several weeks ago a Resolution was passed directing staff to apply to MDOT for signs on W. Cross Street and to evaluate that intersection.

Mr. McClary responded he will follow up with staff regarding the status of the application process. Ms. Ernat added OHM has been asked to prepare the request and at this time the City is waiting for that request completion.

- Around a year ago a resolution was passed to extend the bike lanes on Forest and Prospect and he wanted to make sure it is scheduled for installation this spring.

Vogt

- He is also interested in how the Truck Route Ordinance will be implemented.
- He would like to have an additional streetlight added to Hewitt near the Border to Border Trail.

Robb

- Asked if the parking on the front of 311 Ballard is permitted by the Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Ernat responded the parking is legal.

- Asked for the information regarding the dispute with the downtown dumpsters.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- The membership of the Islamic Center in Pittsfield Township mostly are Iraqi Refugees who live in, or around the City. The members are still researching what there next steps are, however, in the meantime she offered City Hall as a drop of center for letters of support. Recently, a box was left in her office filled with many cards written by local children.
- Stated she will be absent the next two meetings while represented the City abroad.
- On Friday Morning she had a chance to have been in a second grade classroom at Ypsilanti International Elementary School that the students made posters that Ypsilanti is welcoming.
- Students want to implement a buddy bench for children to meet other children.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

- He was provided Council with a written update of the budget preparation.
- He provided Council with a tentative update on the collective bargaining schedule, and there a closed session scheduled for the next regular meeting. The City is employing an aggressive schedule to have contracts complete by June 30th.

- A summary of the 2016 - 2017 goals have been forwarded to Council, and a more comprehensive report will be given in the near future.
- The Council Information Letter will be sent out later this week.
- The Michigan Black Caucus and Local Officials is holding a "Race and Law Enforcement Community Forum" will be held on April 8th at 9:00 a.m.
- City Administrative Office will be closed on Friday, April 14th.
- First Friday's is Friday, April 7, 2017.

Council Member Robb moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m.

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

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS –

XVII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Dave Calkin, 302 Elm, stated he and his wife have been residents of the City for 26 years and have a group of people who would like to invest in a medical marijuana facility. He stated he was a little concerned with EMU's presentation related to revenue allocation. He said he assumed the tracking system would be used to tally up transactions between various facilities. He said the state will monitor each of the transaction and a way to encourage success is to reward municipalities based on the volume. He said the EMU report also put medical marijuana facilities in a bad light, when suggesting they would attract crime. We wondered how crime was impacted when the 2008 Medical Marijuana Ordinance and his research showed no increase.

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2017-087, 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.