



**CITY OF YPSILANTI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ONE SOUTH HURON STREET
TUESDAY, June 6, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Council Member Bashert	Present	Council Member Robb	P A
Mayor Pro-Tem Brown	Present	Council Member Vogt	P A
Council Member Murdock	Present	Mayor Edmonds	P A
Council Member Richardson (7:08)	Present		

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and 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 Manager Darwin McClary, City Attorney John Barr, Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene, City Clerk Frances McMullan, Deputy City Clerk Andrew Hellenga, Finance Director Marilou Uy, Accounting Supervisor Rheagan Basabica, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, Economic Development Director Beth Ernat, and Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director Zach Fosler.

VI. AGENDA APPROVAL-

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to remove Resolution No. 2017-137 and the OPRA presentation for 400 N. River, and for the Budget items to be moved to after Section No. XI.

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

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Nathanael Romero, 413 W. Cross, stated he has lived in Ypsilanti for the last five years, and is slowly becoming more involved in local government. He expressed his support for the residents of Cross Street Village, and feels no one should have to struggle to stay in their housing. He explained he is low income making around \$16,000 a year and housing affordability is important to him. He encouraged Council to make affordable housing as its mission. He added any development to occur in the City should have affordable housing as an objective which raises concerns about the proposed Water Street development.
2. Beverly James, 958 Monroe St., stated the curb in front of her home has begun to crumble and recently destroyed her tire. She showed Council a piece of the curb and informed there are larger pieces she has removed from the street and placed in her yard. She asked when the City will do something to replace, or repair damage curbs. She stated in the last week, or two, gravel was dumped in her neighborhood but it was not padded down properly. She said she is not sure if it was City employees that dumped the gravel or a contractor but it needs to be fixed.
3. Mark Hergott, 111 Miles, stated a friend of his was on the gazebo at Riverside Park and a police officer approached him and asked "where his fishing pole was". The police officer then said he smelled marijuana. He said his friend is a minority and wants to speak up for him. He said other than the Chief body cameras assist in keeping police officers honest. He stated body cameras are being proposed to be cut from this budget, he urged Council not to cut that item.
4. Sylvester Smith, 212 S. Hamilton, stated Hamilton Rd. produces a great amount of traffic noise during the night making it difficult to sleep. He explained he has already brought it to the attention of the Police Department. He is not certain how MDOT's evaluation of the road ended up increasing the speed, and he does not know if a noise reduction as strategized. He said it is not reasonable for taxpayers to live like this and he hopes the City can find a resolution.
5. Sue Melke, 330 Chidester #409, stated police body cameras are a commitment the City made to the community that must be honored. She understands the City's fiscal concerns but that must continue to stay funded.

VIII. REMARKS BY THE MAYOR –

- Mayor Edmonds asked City Manager McClary to follow-up with Mrs. James regarding issues with her curb.
- Stated both Hamilton and MDOT continue to be a struggle in the City.

Council Member Richardson stated she understands the issue with Hamilton, and even though she lives a street away and there is a wall between her property and Hamilton she can still hear the traffic at night. She said she was shocked when MDOT informed the City speed limits on the street were going to be raised, and did all she could to inform them it was a residential area. She said she hopes the City will find a way to find relief for people living along that street. Mayor Edmonds suggested asking State Representative Ronnie Peterson for assistance on this matter.

Council Member Bashert stated there is an active conversation amongst Council about body cameras. She hopes everyone who has concerns about body cameras vote for the Water Street Debt Millage last August and will vote to approve it this coming August 8th.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown asked Mr. McClary to keep Council informed about the curb issues brought up by Mrs. James.

IX. PRESENTATIONS –

- Resolution No. 2017-140, proclaiming the week of June 18th through June 24th as Gun Safety week in Ypsilanti.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti and the Ypsilanti Police Department are committed to enhancing the safety and well-being of all the residents and public safety can be increased by raising awareness and educating residents about how to keep themselves and their families safe; and

WHEREAS, educating the public and increasing knowledge about gun safety issues and encouraging responsible gun ownership can help protect our communities and our families, and provides a public service which benefits everyone, especially our children; and

Whereas, in Michigan, according to the AP and USA TODAY analysis, there were 49 accidental shootings involving minors age 17 and under that resulted in death or injury between Jan. 1, 2014 and June 30, 2016, and of those 49 shootings, 17 children were killed with 29 children and 3 adults injured; and

WHEREAS, though national attention is often drawn only to large scale tragedies, gun violence is a serious local, state, as well as national problem, with gun violence and injuries occurring daily throughout too many of our municipalities and the number of gun deaths in Michigan exceeding those caused by traffic accidents, and

WHEREAS, in Washtenaw and most Michigan counties, the majority of gun deaths are by suicide, and access to firearms in domestic abuse situations increases the risk of homicide by more than 5 times with guns the most commonly used weapon, recognition of early warning signs and knowledge of how to respond to potential suicide or domestic abuse situations can reduce gun violence and save lives; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, Michigan aggravated assaults with a firearm at 7,679 were the seventh highest in the country in 2011 and according to the Michigan Dept. of Health and Humans Services between 2008 and 2013, which is the most recent state data available, 77 percent of all homicides in the state were gun related, and in 2015 Michigan firearm deaths rose to 1,164; and

Whereas, June 21st is National "Ask" Day (Asking Saves Kids) which encourages parents to help prevent gun injuries and deaths to our children by asking relatives, friends, and neighbors where children visit and play if guns are in the home and if so are they secured safely so that they cannot be accessed by children or young people; and

WHEREAS, during the week of June 18, 2017 through June 24, 2017 law enforcement agencies in Washtenaw County in order to increase the safety of our residents will be providing free gun locks and gun

safety information to members of the public and collaborating with community organizations to enhance public knowledge and promote gun safety; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti City Council in order to increase public safety and awareness about gun safety hereby declares the week of June 18, 2017 through June 24, 2017 as Gun Safety Week in the City of Ypsilanti.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Richardson

SECONDED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

Chief DeGiusti stated as in years past the City is participating in this countywide initiative. He emphasized the gunlocks are free and there is not a limit on how many locks a person can get. A press conference will be held on June 20th in front of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office at 10:00 a.m. He added on Saturday, June 17th the annual Interrupters information meeting in conjunction with the Sherriff's Department. The Interrupters are a volunteer group that walk door to door to provide information to interrupt violence in the City.

Council Member Richardson asked where people can pick-up gunlocks. Chief DeGiusti responded at the Police Department lobby. Mayor Edmonds asked what the lobby hours are. Chief DeGiusti responded normal lobby hours, Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm. Ms. Richardson asked where the Interrupters event will be held. Chief DeGiusti responded Grace Fellowship Church 1302 Harris Road. Ms. Richardson asked if there will be a gathering held inside City limits. Chief DeGiusti responded that is where a person would be registered but groups would operate in the City.

Mayor Edmonds asked for a press release to be completed regarding both this resolution and how to get a gunlock.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-140 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

— Housing Commission Update – Zachary Fosler, Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director.

Ypsilanti Housing Commission Director provided a presentation regarding the Housing Commission.

Council Member Richardson asked if the Housing Commission has caught up on its PILOT payments. Mr. Fosler responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Edmonds asked for amount of units per location. Mr. Fosler responded in Commission has 342 units in its portfolio; 144 of those are Hamilton Crossing, Deborah Strong Housing is the second largest with 112 units, and has gone under two RAD conversions, Towner has 26 units, Hollowed Creek on South Grove has 24 units, and the remaining units are scattered throughout the City.

Council Member Richardson stated the original plans included single level building, which she does not see when she drives past the site. She asked if that is still going to be included in the construction. Mr. Fosler responded in the affirmative, but it would be included in a duplex. He explained the bottom unit would be handicapped accessible and another unit would be stacked on top. Ms. Richardson asked if the

original plan outlined standalone single units. Mr. Fosler responded no. Ms. Richardson asked who Hilyard Robinson is. Mr. Fosler responded a very prominent African American architect who designed the original Parkridge homes. Ms. Richardson stated Amos Washington was an Ypsilanti resident who was very prominent in bringing public housing to the City, and she has not heard his name mentioned. She asked if there are plans to acknowledge him at commission properties. Mr. Fosler responded there have been discussions at board meetings and he has reached out to his daughter if she would be interested in the community building being named after Mr. Washington. Beverly James stated Burton Ct. was originally named after Amos Washington and Andy Smith, and when John Burton was Mayor it was renamed Burton Ct. Ms. James stated there are some inaccuracies in how some of Ypsilanti's history was recorded. Ms. Richardson stated she wants to be certain there is a tribute to Amos Washington.

Mayor Edmonds asked for clarification on how the Housing Commission operates. Mr. Fosler responded there are a number of ways Housing Commissions are converting under the RAD program. The Ypsilanti Housing Commission converted its subsidy to project based rental assistance. Meaning the YHC no longer reports to HUD the property management companies do. Essentially, a limited partnership was formed between the investors, the properties, and the YHC. Now the YHC contracts out for much of its work rather than employ personnel for those jobs. Ms. Edmonds asked if this is a common model. Mr. Fosler responded it depends, and explained one of the reasons the YHC went to property management with tax credit experience is to achieve greater points when applying for tax credits, and because of staff capacity.

Mayor Edmonds asked about current waitlists for YHC properties. Mr. Fosler responded the waitlists were opened around a month, or two ago with a very robust marketing campaign. Ms. Richardson asked if former tenants would be first on the list. Mr. Fosler responded those individuals are not required to be on the list if they are current residents.

Council Member Murdock stated the organizational chart illustrates there are three layers between the Housing Commission and the housing complexes. Mr. responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked if the property managers would be responsible for the day to day operations of the properties. Mr. Fosler responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated years ago housing commissions were given funds from HUD in order to operate, and asked if that is no longer the practice. Mr. Fosler responded the YHC does not receive funding from HUD. He explained YHC revenue is generated by cash flow from the properties and developer fees.

Mayor Edmonds asked what opportunities this model would create. Mr. Fosler responded the YHC has been thinking about how it can further enhance the services it provides, maintain its properties, and assist in helping people remove themselves from poverty. The YHC is also looking for another site and there have been discussions about taking on a senior, or a veterans project.

Mayor Edmonds stated the YHC could be one of the City's biggest assets and has shown its capability of developing and maintaining assets.

Council Member Murdock stated the YHC has the ability to acquire new projects. Mr. Fosler responded in the affirmative, but explained the YHC would still need to solicit financing. Mr. Murdock asked if the YHC could enter a partnership, or take over an existing facility. Mr. Fosler responded in the affirmative, and said acquisition is something the YHC is interested.

— Bell/Kramer Environmental Testing Update – Beth Ernat, Economic Development Director.

Economic Development Director Beth Ernat provide a presentation regarding Bell/Kramer Environmental Testing.

Council Member Bashert asked when staff expects the results of the tests. Ms. Ernat responded between fourteen and twenty-one days.

Council Member Murdock asked how many locations agreed to testing. Ms. Ernat responded seven. Mr. Murdock asked if the properties nearest to the old site of the dump agreed to test. Ms. Ernat responded all but one, and explained staff was reached out in every possible form to get them to agree to test.

Council Member Bashert stated she appreciates how hard staff has worked to facilitate agreements for testing in the Bell/Kramer neighborhood. Ms. Ernat give credit to the neighbors and residents of the neighborhood who made this possible.

— Parking System / Administration Hearings Bureau Collections – City Clerk Frances McMullan & Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene.

City Clerk McMullan and Assistant City Attorney Dan DuChene provided a presentation regarding parking ticket collections.

Council Member Murdock asked what the process is for when a person does not pay the fine. Mr. DuChene responded in order to begin "collections" of unpaid tickets first a court must enter a judgment. He said in his limited history representing the City a judgment has not been entered for parking citations. Mr. Murdock replied when the City oversaw parking citations in the past he does not recall the court being involved, however the City was still able to send tickets to a collections agency. Mr. DuChene responded he is not certain how the Credit Bureau proceeded with that collection, and it is possible it had the court enter a judgment. However, Duncan never received judgments, which is why it was only able to send letters for collections. Ms. McMullan added some of the data the City received from Duncan had unpaid tickets from the 1990s.

Council Member Bashert stated if a person has unpaid tickets in the City of Detroit that person cannot get their driver's license renewed. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative, and explained in order to do that the City would need to have judgments entered for unpaid tickets. Once a judgment is entered it can then be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and the City's issue is having the judgment entered by the court. Ms. Bashert asked if involving the court would require thousands of processes, or is there a way to automate making it more efficient. Ms. McMullan responded that is the ultimate goal, and added Ypsilanti is not the only municipality facing this issue. She explained Ann Arbor is going through the same problem.

Council Member Murdock asked in order to move to the proposed system what would be both the operating cost and capital cost. Ms. McMullan responded payment would either be a monthly fee or a percentage of what is collected.

Mayor Edmonds asked if there is a way to partner with other communities are regionalize parking collections. Mr. DuChene responded it is possible to use a shared vendor, or contract, but he doubts there is a possibility of a shared bureau. He added it would definitely not be possible to share a court because there is jurisdictional control.

Council Member Bashert asked how long it would take to execute this program. Ms. McMullan responded four to six months. Ms. Bashert asked how much staff time this would be required. Ms. McMullan responded three hours weekly.

Council Member Robb stated he would like to see the Request for Proposals (RFP) before it is issued. He stated he does not want a company to take parking revenue from the City. He suggested all costs be factored into the ticket as a surcharge, or administrative fee. Mr. DuChene stated that would be automatic and would not depend on the RFP. Mr. Robb responded he wants the RFP to be written to state the company would not be taking a 15% fee it would be taking a surcharge. Council Member Vogt stated he would also like court costs and collection fees to be included in the ticket. Mr. DuChene responded that would be assessed at time of collections and would not be necessary to be included in the ticket amount. Mr. Vogt stated a collection agency would want to tap on its 50%, and how would the City address that. Mr. DuChene responded essentially at each step fines would increase. Mr. Robb

stated the step increase will be included in his proposed fee schedule, and asked how waiting ninety days for a court judgment would affect his proposed step increases.

Council Member Robb asked if the backlog of unpaid tickets could be split into a separate RFP. Mr. DuChene responded that is the strategy staff is requesting. He explained one RFP would be for the Parking Bureau operations and one for collections, which would include the Administrative Hearings Bureau. Mr. Robb asked if the backlog includes all tickets the City can still statutorily collect, or does it include only the tickets written after the formation of the Parking Bureau. Ms. McMullan responded the backlog is 2010 through 2015 pre Parking Bureau. Mr. Robb asked who will collect fines owed from the time of the Parking Bureau's inception in December of 2015. Ms. McMullan responded any agency that submits a bid in response to the RFP will have a chance to bid on the collection piece. Mr. Robb stated until a new Fee Schedule is adopted the 15% surcharge does not exist. Mr. DuChene responded the City cannot retroactively add 15% to tickets already written. Mr. Robb responded the collection RFP should be in two parts; one to collect fines for backlog tickets and one for tickets and one for future tickets.

Council Member Bashert stated the RFP needs to include parking meter maintenance. Ms. McMullan this RFP would not include meter maintenance, in would include parking software and collections. She added that would need to be a part of union negotiations.

Council Member Murdock asked if a company could bid on just one of the pieces. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative.

Deputy City Clerk Hellenga provided a presentation regarding collection of overdue Administrative Hearings Bureau fines.

Mayor Edmonds asked what the difference is between informal and formal cases. Mr. Hellenga responded for informal cases the attorney is not present and formal cases the respondent is required to appear.

Council Member Murdock stated the Administrative Hearings Bureau at one time was referred to as "blight court" and was developed so the City would not have to rely on the district court in these matters. A power of the AHB is to assess liens based on failure to pay fines resulting from AHB judgments. He said it might be easier to employ a collections agency rather than increasing fines to cover costs of filing liens. Mr. DuChene responded it than would be assessed to the property taxes for payment. Mr. Murdock stated he believes several of these properties are going to either be vacant or foreclosed, and fees incurred through title searches would not be collectable.

Council Member Vogt asked if the judgments carry interest at a statutory rate. Mr. DuChene responded in the affirmative. Mr. Vogt stated he would not like to see fines decreased if paid within a certain amount of time. He added he feels all costs are not covered in current scheduled fines of the AHB such as software. Council Member Robb stated the title search is a threat and if the respondent pays within 30 days they will save \$200. Mr. Vogt stated the City cannot not afford any loses. Mr. Robb responded it would not be a loss because the City would not have expended that money.

Council Member Robb asked why a title search is necessary to file a lien. Mr. DuChene stated it is inadvisable to file a lien without insuring the person who owes the money is the owner of the property. If it is the incorrect owner a "cloud of title" could be created and the City would be susceptible to liability.

Council Member Robb stated he did not include the cost of staff time because it is an amount already paid in salary. It was his intention for staff to look into contracted labor to perform the tasks necessary to file the liens.

1. Resolution No. 2017-123, directing staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to locate a third party to collect outstanding fines.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council amended Ypsilanti City Code Section 102-81 to establish a Parking Violations Bureau for the purpose of handling all alleged parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, Public Act 154 of 1968, as amended (MCL 600.8395); and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1130 to establish an Administrative Hearings Bureau to address blight violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to Section 4q of the Home Rule City Act, Public Act 279 of 1909, as amended (MCL 117.4q); and

WHEREAS, judgments issued by the Administrative Hearings Bureau for unpaid fines for blight violations and judgments issued by the 14A2 District Court for unpaid fines for parking violations may be collected upon according to law; and

WHEREAS, there are outstanding fines for both blight and parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti is interested in contracting with a third-party to collect upon judgements for such outstanding fines and to help increase efficiency in obtaining said payments and judgments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff of the City, the Parking Violations Bureau, and the Administrative Hearings Bureau are directed to issue a request for proposals to locate a third-party to provide such services, with a proposed contract from the successful bidder to be approved by City Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-123 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2017-124, directing staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to locate a third party capable of supporting the Parking Violations Bureau's need for hardware and software support.

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council amended Ypsilanti City Code Section 102-81 to establish a Parking Violations Bureau for the purpose of

handling all alleged parking violations within the City of Ypsilanti pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act, Public Act 154 of 1968, as amended (MCL 600.8395); and

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti City Council adopted resolution No. 2016-005, approving the rules of the Parking Violations Bureau; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Parking Violations Bureau and enforcement officers have been utilizing Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System ("CLEMIS") for its hardware and software needs; and

WHEREAS, CLEMIS has advised that they are phasing out its hardware for parking violations and has encouraged agencies to find other solutions to the parking needs; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in contracting with a third-party capable of supporting the Parking Violations Bureau's need for hardware and software support, particularly to provide handheld devices and printers; software to track, find, store and share data between devices and agencies within the City, Courts and State of Michigan; and for increased efficiency, including the issuance of notices for payment of outstanding violations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff of the City and the Parking Violations Bureau is directed to issue a request for proposals to locate a third-party to provide such services, with a proposed contract from the successful bidder to be approved by City Council.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb
SECONDED BY: Council Member Bashert

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-124 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

~~VIII. ORDINANCE FIRST READING~~ (Moved and Heard following Section XI)

~~Ordinance 1289~~

- ~~1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2016—2017 AND 2017—2018 (Finance)~~

- ~~A. Resolution No. 2017—125, determination
B. Public Hearing
C. Resolution No. 2017—126, close the public hearing~~

~~Ordinance 1290~~

~~2. An ordinance entitled, "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance". (Finance)~~

~~A. Resolution No. 2017-127, determination~~

~~B. Public Hearing~~

~~C. Resolution No. 2017-128, close the public hearing~~

IX. CONSENT AGENDA –

Resolution No. 2017-129

1. Resolution No. 2017-130, approving the minutes of May 9th, May 11th, and May 16th, 2017 be approved. (Clerk)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

THAT the minutes of May 9th, May 11th, and May 16th, 2017 be approved.

2. Resolution No. 2017-131, approving a Special Merchants License for Cool Restaurant Group LLC. (Clerk)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, Cool Restaurant Group LLC has applied to the City of Ypsilanti and Michigan Liquor Control Commission requesting the following:

Adding a Specially Designated Merchant Liquor License, as defined by MCL 436.1111(13), is a business licensed to sell, at retail, beer and wine in the original package for consumption off the premises, and Sunday sales at 207 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the proposed Specially Designated Merchant was duly noticed and held on May 16, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the request of Cool Restaurant Group LLC for the property located at 207 W. Michigan Ave. be approved.

3. Resolution No. 2017-132, approving Ordinance 1288, An Ordinance to Repeal Article II of Chapter 114 "TAXICABS" of the Ypsilanti City Code and Replace with "LIMOUSINE, TAXICAB, AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY." (**Second Reading**) (Attorney)

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE an ordinance to Repeal Article I and II of Chapter 114 "Vehicles for Hire" of the Ypsilanti City Code and Replace with Limousine, Taxicab, and Transportation Network Company Ordinance

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that: An Ordinance entitled: An ordinance to Repeal Article I and II of Chapter 114 "Vehicles for Hire" of the Ypsilanti City Code and Replace with Limousine, Taxicab, and Transportation Network Company Ordinance, with provision prohibiting intent to defraud driver, etc., Be approved on second and final reading.

4. Resolution No. 2017-133, authorizing the City Clerk to submit a grant application for election equipment on behalf of the City of Ypsilanti. (Clerk)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti City Council wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached Hart Interactive quote.

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017.

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the required State Grant Application is July of 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of The City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County on this day of June 6, 2017.

5. Resolution No. 2017-134, authorizing the City Treasurer to levy and assess the unpaid special assessments to the July tax roll. (Treasury)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That, the City Treasurer be authorized to levy and assess on the July 2017 tax roll the attached listing of unpaid bills totaling \$91,830.36

6. Resolution No. 2017-135, 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>
Heidi Frankenhauser 217 Oak Ypsilanti, MI 48198 (Replacing Valerie Brannon)	Housing Commission	12/31/2018

OFFERED BY: Council Member Murdock
SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-129 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

X. MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, DISCUSSIONS -

1. Resolution No. 2017-136A, granting permission for Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air of Ohio and Indiana to use the city's Frog Island Park for a temporary heliport for public helicopter rides as part of the 2017 Heritage Festival event. (City Manager)

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival is an important annual community event that provides activities and entertainment for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Festival desires to provide public helicopter rides as part of the 2017 Heritage Festival event; and

WHEREAS, the organization has requested that the city grant permission for the use of the city's Frog Island Park as a temporary heliport for takeoffs and landings for a helicopter for public helicopter rides; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to grant permission for this use under certain conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that the City Council does hereby grant permission for Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air of Ohio and Indiana to use the city's Frog Island Park for a temporary heliport for public helicopter rides as part of the 2017 Heritage Festival event, and for the City Manager to execute the Property Owner Information section of the MDOT Temporary Field Permit Application (Heliports), with the following conditions:

1. Helicopter rides shall only be permitted between the hours of 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM on the following dates: Friday, August 25, 2017; Saturday, August 26, 2017, and Sunday, August 27, 2017.
2. Helicopter rides, including but not limited to designated flight paths, shall comply in all legal respects with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
3. Helicopters shall take off and land at a heliport location within Frog Island Park as approved by city administration, and the helicopter flight path shall follow as closely as possible the Huron River and commercially zoned areas of the city. The detailed flight path shall be submitted to the city not later than one (1) month prior to the event for approval.
4. Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air shall be responsible for obtaining all required permits and all other authorizations as may be legally required to provide public helicopter rides on city premises.

5. **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air shall be responsible for taking all necessary safety precautions, installing appropriate safety barriers, and entrances to the rides to insure public safety.**
6. **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air shall execute hold-harmless agreements as required by the city not later than two (2) weeks prior to the event that indemnify and hold harmless the city from any and all claims whatsoever related to the event.**
7. **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and Paratus Air shall provide appropriate certificates of insurance for liability and property insurance coverage in amounts required by the city and naming the City of Ypsilanti as additional insured for the event not later than two (2) weeks prior to the event.**
8. **Failure to fully comply with the conditions and deadlines set forth above will result in the immediate revocation of approval of the use of city property for this event.**

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

City Manager Darwin McClary stated the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival is requesting the City approve the organizations request to use Frog Island Park as a temporary heliport. Due to potential impact on surrounding properties he requested this item come before Council for approval.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would like to see residents informed this was going to take place.

Les Heddle stated this is approval is necessary for this activity to be included in this year's festival. He explained the flight path of the helicopter is to follow the river which is primarily commercial properties. He asked for approval in order for the board to get approval from the Department of Transportation and then finalize a contract with the company.

Council Member Bashert asked what elevation the pilot would be required to fly. Mr. Heddle responded he believes FAA regulations is 1,000 ft. Ms. Bashert asked what the fees will be and how many passengers. Mr. Heddle responded three people may ride at a time at \$20 per ride. He asked the resolution be amended to 9:30 a.m. rather than 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Murdock moved, seconded by Council Member Bashert to amend the resolution to have a start time of 9:30 a.m.

On a roll call, the vote to amend Resolution No. 2017-136A 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

Council Member Vogt asked for clarification of liability coverage. Mr. Heddle responded there are three layers of liability coverage; the festival has general liability, Paratus Air carries its own liability, and the Heritage Festival carries a policy with the City. Mr. Vogt asked the amount of the coverage. Mr. Heddle responded \$1 million. Mayor Edmonds added she is certain the helicopter company would carry liability insurance greater than \$1 million. Mr. Heddle agreed.

Council Member Richardson asked if other festivals that have had both balloon and helicopter rides. Mr. Heddle responded both companies have very well developed websites which list events they have done in the path.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-136A as amended 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	No
Council Member Bashert	Yes		

VOTE:

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

2. Resolution No. 2017-136, requesting support for Cross Street Village residents. (Council)

Whereas the 210 West Cross Street is the former Ypsilanti City High School and a building of historical importance to our community

Whereas in 1998 the former high school was purchased from the Ypsilanti School District with the intention of creating affordable housing for senior people

Whereas MSHDA initially awarded \$934,941 with the intent of creating housing for fixed income elderly people in the Ypsilanti area and continues to receive annual similar financial benefits from this building and providing housing to senior residents

Whereas the residents of Cross Street Village are elders, many are disabled, and all are on fixed incomes

Whereas the City of Ypsilanti holds the stability and wellbeing of our senior and low income residents in high importance

Whereas Cross Street Village rent formula is based on an Average Median Income (AMI) of the county, is significantly higher than the City of Ypsilanti, causing residents to pay a higher rent than is reasonable for our community

Whereas the waiting list for affordable housing in Michigan is extensive and will cause economic and personal hardship to residents forced to move

Whereas the management of Cross Street Village has indicated intent to move to commercial rates and abandon the MSHDA program despite 17 years of tax credits and other benefits from the IRS

Whereas the City of Ypsilanti and MSHDA contracted and approved the Village in good faith assuming the 35 years of quality affordable housing

Now therefore be it resolved that The City of Ypsilanti requests that HUD and MSHDA seek solutions for the residents of this community including addressing the escape clause in the program that allowed this problem to occur.

Now therefore be it resolved that The City of Ypsilanti requests that MSHDA protect the interests of the community Ypsilanti and the residents of Cross

Street Village from the practices already mentioned by taking immediate action with the management of Cross Street Village.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Bashert

SECONDED BY: Council Member Richardson

Council Member Robb asked the source of “99 years of affordable housing”. He said it was a number brought up during audience participation but no evidence has been presented. Ms. Ernat responded 99 years is the standard with no opt outs. However, the City or the developer has the option to opt out. Council Member Bashert stated Council Member Robb has the option to make an amendment. Mr. Robb stated the resolution does not state the whole truth. Ms. Bashert responded it does because MSHDA and the City did not provide the tax credits with the idea that only seventeen years of affordable housing would be available. She said had the City thought the developer would have used its fifteen year opt out more than likely it would not have entered into a contract with the company. Mr. Robb responded what is codified is thirty-five years. Ms. Ernat agreed. Mr. Robb stated this is going through the state and he wants it to be factual. Ms. Bashert responded she is open to a friendly amendment.

Council Member Robb asked if the City is asking the state to reconsider the average median income (AMI). Mayor Edmonds responded the state does not have control over AMI that is set by HUD. Council Member Bashert asked that the resolution be changed to read 35 years instead of 99 and HUD instead of MSHDA. Council Member Murdock suggested leaving MSHDA in the resolution and just add HUD.

Mayor Edmonds stated she would like to strike “aggressively seek solutions...” because it could hurt the City and cause the opposite of what the resolution’s intent is. Ms. Ernat stated by changing the AMI it would affect others with a higher salary which would no longer be eligible for this assistance. Council Member Murdock stated the AMI hasn’t changed from last year and some of the rents at Cross Street Village have increased 40%. Ms. Ernat responded it has to do with the structure of the unit, and the purpose of the resolution is to protect Cross Street. She recommended postponing the discussion of AMI to a later meeting.

Council Member Richardson stated if Council does not address AMI to HUD now it must be a high priority in the future.

Council Member Bashert stated she is willing to remove the statement, “including the addressing of AMI and...”

Mayor Edmonds stated the County’s study on affordable housing states Ypsilanti does not need more affordable housing. She stated she challenges that at every meeting she attends. She warned against changing the AMI because it could hurt the City’s ability to preserve affordability. Mr. Robb added changing the AMI could also result in clustering of affordability rather than spread it throughout the County.

Council Member Murdock stated this conversation is specific to Cross Street Village, which currently is affordable housing and the City is about to lose that.

Council Member Richardson accepted the friendly amendment.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-136 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

3. ~~Resolution No 2017-137, approving the City of Ypsilanti Social Media Policy. (City Manager)~~ **(Removed until June 20th)**

4. Resolution No. 2017-138, approving the Brownfield Plan for 400 N. River. (Economic Development)

RESOLUTION APPROVING BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR 400 N. RIVER STREET

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County established the Washtenaw County Brownfield Development

Authority (WCBRA) in accordance with the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act") to encourage redevelopment of contaminated, functionally obsolete or blighted property by providing economic incentives; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 400 North River Street (the "Property") has been determined to be a Facility, functionally obsolete by a Level III Assessor and deemed blighted by Council resolution, and located in a qualified local unit of government, thus the property is considered to be an eligible property as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, The Brownfield Plan for the Thompson Block Redevelopment (the "Plan") has been created to facilitate the redevelopment of the Property to include a 12,000-square foot commercial space on the first floor and portion of the basement and approximately 20 high end upper story residential units for an overall investment estimated at \$9,750,000 of which \$1,329,197 is proposed for brownfield reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will allow application for a State of Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment

Michigan Business Tax Credit valued at \$175,578.31 to assist in the financing of the redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Plan must be approved by the City of Ypsilanti, then the WCBRA, with final adoption by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, neither Washtenaw County nor the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment

Authority will incur a financial note or bonded indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti City Council approve The Brownfield Plan for Thompson Block Redevelopment for the property located at 400 North River Street as authorized by the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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

Ms. Ernat introduced John Carlson, Marilyn Crowley of Kincaid Henry, and Nathan Vought of Washtenaw County.

Council Member Bashert moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Ernat stated staff is requesting the brownfield plan be approved for 400 N. River, the "Thompson Block". She updated Council on the projects current state.

Council Member Robb stated the way this project is designed it will not be paid by City funds. He asked why this project amount is five times greater than the one proposed three years ago. Nathan Vought responded this project calls for a lot more demolition and stabilization inside the structure the previous team did not identify. Ms. Ernat added the plan approved three years ago yielded very little change to the building. Mr. Robb stated the proposed investment of the OPRA is \$8 million and the proposed investment of the brownfield is \$9.75 million. Ms. Ernat responded the difference is caused by the structure involves two lots, one in the DDA district and one that is not.

Council Member Bashert stated there is a requirement for a brownfield plan to have a public hearing, and asked if that will be provided by the county. Ms. Ernat responded the process is to hold a public meeting with the Washtenaw County Brownfield Development Authority, the City holds a public meeting, and the County Board of Commissioners holds a public meeting. Community Development Coordinator Joe Meyers added all the taxing jurisdictions are required to be notified.

Council Member Murdock stated basically this would require an OPRA and a Brownfield Plan to be approved simultaneously. He explained an OPRA would freeze the taxable value for its duration of twelve years, which result in zero taxes captured by the brownfield TIF. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock stated after the OPRA expires the 95% captured by the TIF would go to reimburse the Brownfield Authority meaning the City would not generate additional revenue from this property for twenty-eight years. Ms. Ernat responded in the affirmative. Mr. Murdock asked how the City would get its Police and Fire Pension Millage from properties with similar restrictions. Ms. Ernat responded it is not included in the legislation. Mr. Vought added the legislation requires that all taxes be applied equally. Ms. Ernat stated the hope is with a building with greater value the TIF would be able to be paid off more quickly.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-138 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

~~5. Presentation of the OPRA application for 400 N. River. (Economic Development)~~
(Removed until June 20th)

XI. ORDINANCE FIRST READING –

Ordinance 1289

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2016 – 2017 AND 2017 – 2018 (Finance)

- A. Resolution No. 2017 - 125, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Fiscal Years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018", be approved on First Reading.

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

- B. Public Hearing

1. Kyle Hunter, 109 Ferris #4, stated he hopes there will be increased community engagement for the brownfield development. He said there is a possibility that the development of the Thompson Block would add to the gentrification of Ypsilanti.

Mayor Edmonds stated the County Board of Commissioners will meet Tomorrow with a public hearing for this item on its agenda.

2. Amber Fellows, 312 Maple, stated Ypsilanti has given up its public hearing for its brownfield plan. She asked if there would be a way to have the public hearing back in Ypsilanti, because it affects this community.

Council Member Robb responded the City has no authority so a public hearing carries no weight. Ms. Fellows asked if there will be multiple hearings or just Tomorrow, June 7th. Mayor Edmonds stated the project has been before the Downtown Development Authority and Council. Ms. Ernat added she will provide information of when the County Board of Commissioners will vote on the brownfield plan. Ms. Ernat explained the process for approval begin with the DDA on May 18th, which held a public hearing. The second meeting to discuss the topic occurs locally and a brownfield meeting was held on June 1st. There are two more meetings before final approval, tomorrow, which includes a public hearing at the Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Commissioners. The last meeting will be a final vote of the full Board of Commissioners.

City Manager McClary responded simply because the City does not hold a public hearing for this topic does not mean the residents of Ypsilanti do not have a voice. He explained City Council does make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioner and it is important to make your position known to Council. Ms. Fellows stated her issue is this issue was not made known to the public. Mayor

Edmonds responded with the lack of media presence it is important to read Council agenda packets. She added the City follows all legal noticing requirements.

3. Sam Jones-Darling, stated a budget priority for the City needs to be the public security of its citizens. By that he means the public security that is seen and the security that isn't seen. He explained police body cameras are essential and must be kept up-to-date so citizens can keep track of public safety. He stated not only to people need to feel safe they need to be secure in their public housing. When a community gives up its jurisdiction with regards to Public Act 381 means citizens no longer have the ability to hear things in their neighborhood. It is his recommendation as a Human Relations Commission and a citizen of the City that a policy be made to hold public meetings with regards to brownfield plans in City limits.

C. Resolution No. 2017 – 126, close the public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the Public Hearing to consider an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to Amend Budget Appropriations by Department and Major Organizational Unit for the Amended Fiscal Years "2016 – 2017 and 2017 - 2018", 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.

Mayor Edmonds suggested the budget be tabled to allow time to review any amendments to the budget. Council Member disagreed, and suggested the budget be approved on First Reading, as always, and amendments be made before final approval on Second Reading. Ms. Edmonds responded this will allow people more time to review the budget. Mr. Robb replied there is no reason why the budget cannot be amended after being approved on First Reading. Mr. Robb asked the Attorney's Office opinion on why the budget should not be voted on for First Reading. City Manager McClary responded it is appropriate for the budget to be approved on First Reading, and hold a work session next week and provide amendments. During Second Reading the amendments can be voted upon and a vote held for final approval on Second Reading. He recommended this process so the budget can be approved by the June 20th meeting to have a budget in place by July 1st. Ms. Edmonds stated she would prefer not to vote on the budget tonight because she was provided information on the budget by Council Member Robb without time to review it. Mr. Robb responded after staff offers the budget to Council it is no longer in the possession of administration it is in the possession of the Council, and it is theirs to amend it the way Council sees fit. He added the amendment he provided to Council has not been offered and not voted upon therefore it is not part of the budget.

Council Member Murdock asked for clarification of the proposed "elimination of DDA stipend" offered by Council Member Robb. Council Member Robb replied it is to eliminate stipends City staff receives for completed DDA work, and would not result in anyone losing their job.

Council Member Bashert asked for clarification of "adding a Police Officer". Mayor Pro-Tem Brown responded she proposed that amendment, and explained the budget proposes the elimination of three officer. She stated this amendment would lower that to eliminating only two, the officer would act as the DDA officer to meet the requirement of the contract. Council Member Robb asked if budgetary offsets are being proposed. Ms. Brown responded not at this time.

Council Member Bashert stated she wanted to add the body cameras to the budget, as did other Council Members, but the program is cost prohibitive. Ms. Ernat asked if the additional parking revenue is based on the plan proposed earlier during this meeting. Council Member Robb responded no, it is based on increasing fines. Ms. Bashert stated she would like to see both revenues and expenditures of the propositions of the Parking Bureau and Administrative Hearings Bureau built into the budget. Council Member Robb stated the City has been collecting parking revenue in house since December of 2015. If the past twelve months, ending May 31st, are examined \$270,000 in tickets were written. He is confident the City has hit equilibrium as far as revenue, the majority of tickets written are either for expired meter or residential parking without permit. He said if the grace period is eliminated for expired meter and make it \$15 and increase parking without a permit to \$60 it will generate \$350,730 of revenue. He added his estimations are based on 75% of payment received for fines, which is based on discussions he has had with the City Clerk. He stated this amount is based on accountability he sees it as City revenue and he believes 75% is obtainable. Mayor Edmonds asked if the estimations detailed in the information sent to Council. Mr. Robb responded in the affirmative, and explained what his estimation does not consider is changes in the Fee Schedule which he is going to offer tier increase for parking tickets. He added he is confident the revenue he is estimating is lower than what will actually be achieved. Ms. Edmonds stated she would like expected expenses of these programs to be included in the budget.

Council Member Bashert stated the DDA stipend will be a contentious item on this budget. Mayor Edmonds asked for staff to have a presentation for this item at the June 13th Special Meeting. Ms. Ernat responded she would provide that to Council.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-125 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

Ordinance 1290

3. An ordinance entitled, "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance". (Finance)

A. Resolution No. 2017-127, determination

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the proposed ordinance entitled "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance", be approved on First Reading.

OFFERED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Brown

SECONDED BY: Council Member Vogt

B. Public Hearing

C. Resolution No. 2017 - 128, close the public hearing

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

That the public hearing on the proposed ordinance entitled "2017-2018 Tax Levy Ordinance", 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.

On a roll call, the vote to approve Resolution No. 2017-127 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	Yes		

VOTE:

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

XII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

1. Kyle Hunter, 109 Ferris #4, stated he hopes there is a more consistent attempt to advertise public hearings.

Mayor Edmonds asked if he is a member of the listserv to receive notifications of public hearings. Mr. Hunter responded no. Ms. Edmonds replied to receive these notifications a person can sign-up. Mr. Hunter responded he understands there are things he can do, but his concern is promoting things to people that might not know what to do.

XIII. LIASON REPORTS –

- A. SEMCOG Update - None
- 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

XIV. COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS –

Brown

- She's was invited to speak in honor of Mr. Agnew at Perry School regarding his years of service. She said it was a very beautiful celebration and Mr. Agnew is a wonderful person and an excellent community member.

Murdock

- The Council Information Letter listed an increase in the residential parking permits.

Ms. McMullan stated it is being proposed as a part of the Fee Schedule.

- He asked if the trail clean-up day ever happened.

Mr. McClary responded he will have an answer very shortly.

- Two weeks ago a copy of a letter he received regarding a police complaint and he has not heard a response.

Mr. McClary stated he will forward a response to Council.

Bashert

- She and Council Member Vogt will be holding a town hall meeting on June 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. which will include a presentation about Penn Park. She added conversations will also focus on the Water Street Debt Millage.

XV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR –

- Stated Ypsilanti is a Climate City and was mentioned on CNN.

Council Member Richardson moved, seconded by Council Member Vogt to extend the meeting until 11:05 p.m.

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

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER –

XVII. COMMUNICATIONS –

- April 13, 2017 Ypsilanti Housing Commission Minutes.
- Community Development Block Grant Information Letter.

XVIII. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR –

Nominations

Board of Ethics

Evan Dority
908 Pleasant
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(Reappointment)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT –

Resolution No. 2017-139, adjourning the City Council Meeting.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

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

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

On a voice vote, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.