



MINUTES

BUDGET SESSION Meeting

6:00 PM - Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The BUDGET SESSION of the City of Ypsilanti was called to order on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:01 PM, in the Zoom Meeting, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Member Steven Wilcoxon (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Pro-Tem Nicole Brown (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Mayor Lois Richardson (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Anthony Morgan (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), Council Member Annie Somerville (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti), and Council Member Brian Jones-Chance (Washtenaw County, City of Ypsilanti)

ABSENT: Council Member Jennifer Symanns

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Member Wilcoxon moved to excuse Council Member Symanns, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote the motion carried.

Council Member Morgan moved to excuse Council Member Somerville, seconded by Mr. Brian Jones-Chance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Council Member Morgan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. REMARKS FROM THE MAYOR

Received a call from Jason Dickson from Strategic Alliance Community Development, asking for a letter of intent.

Mayor Richardson stated the police department should receive training as the incident at the Brooklyn Center could happen in Ypsilanti.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- A. AAATA - Ypsilanti Transit Center Expansion - Matt Carpenter, CEO & Jesse Miller, Ypsilanti Board Representative

Council Member Annie Somerville moved, seconded by Council Member Steven Wilcoxon, to give the City Manager authority to draft a letter of support for an earmark to the Ypsilanti Transit Center Expansion fund.

RESULT:	CARRIED.
MOVER:	Council Member Annie Somerville
SECONDER:	Council Member Steven Wilcoxon
AYES:	Jennifer Symanns, Steven Wilcoxon, Nicole Brown, Lois Richardson, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville

- B. Walking While Black L.O.V.E. is the Answer Community Projects Grant Application - AJ Ali & Nat Alston (20 minutes)

VII. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- A. Resolution No. 2021-075, approving the submission of Community Project Funding Application on behalf of L.O.V.E. is the Answer.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer action group has been working in the City of Ypsilanti for the past three years doing the work of improving police-community relations and wishes to expand and deepen their services to reach more people in the community, and

Whereas, As context, local governments in the United States spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars every year settling police brutality and misconduct lawsuits. The City of Minneapolis, for example, recently settled with the family of George Floyd for \$27 million. Now multiply that by all the other police shootings nationwide that result in local governments settling lawsuits with victims' families, and

Whereas, The objective of this L.O.V.E. Is The Answer initiative is as straightforward as it is profound — to prevent in Ypsilanti a horrible tragedy like the death of George Floyd. By avoiding the needless loss of human life, Ypsilanti will avoid the needless expenditure of taxpayer dollars. L.O.V.E. Is The Answer will train Ypsilanti law enforcement to become peace officers, practicing L.O.V.E.-based policing, and

Whereas, L.O.V.E. Is The Answer is the quintessential example of “an ounce of prevention is worth 100 pounds of cure, and

Whereas, L.O.V.E. Is The Answer is a movement to improve police-community relations, reduce crime, and improve public safety and health by teaching people how to love themselves and others. L.O.V.E. Is The Answer work

began in Ypsilanti in December of 2017 when the City of Ypsilanti became the first city in America to sign a Universal Lifetime License to use the film, WALKING WHILE BLACK: L.O.V.E. Is The Answer throughout the community, and

Whereas, the Community Project Funding grant from the Congress would be used as follows:

\$60,000 to buy 2,000 *L.O.V.E. Is The Answer* books and 2,000 Mentoring Circle trainings that teach participants the basics of how to create and participate in L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Mentoring Circles. These books and trainings will be given to police, teachers, media, ministry leaders, nonprofit leaders, students, and other community influencers. The *L.O.V.E. Is The Answer* book, which is a textbook, is the centerpiece of the curriculum. In the book, the author A.J. Ali shares 25 lessons and offers 25 activities people can do immediately to put L.O.V.E. Is The Answer principles into action. Reconciliation experts from across the country share their real-life experiences, lessons they've learned, best practices, and ways to foster reconciliation in communities.

\$16,000 for staffing of 20 Screening/Discussion events featuring a team of L.O.V.E. Is The Answer trained and certified facilitators.

\$10,000 to train 10 L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Certified Film & Book Event Facilitators in Ypsilanti area schools and other organizations.

\$10,000 for one Fellowship Award given to a grad student who will study and quantify the effects of L.O.V.E. Is The Answer in Ypsilanti, as well as assist the Ypsilanti Council of Elders with all things "L.O.V.E. Is The Answer."

\$10,000 for discretionary L.O.V.E. Is The Answer project funding throughout Ypsilanti above and beyond the funds allocated for L.O.V.E. Gardens (see below). These funds would be used for murals, music, art projects, and other L.O.V.E. Is The Answer inspired community projects by the students of Ypsilanti. 20 grants of \$500 each will be made available.

\$5,000 to Strategic Partner National Association of African Americans in Human Resources (NAAAHR) for their support role in providing HR expertise and other resources to help Ypsilanti organizations with diverse hiring and training based on the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer principles.

\$5,000 for L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Gardenmatching grants.

\$2,500 for one Collegiate Scholar Award to a college student studying racial equity, criminal justice, or a similar field; he or she will act as a paid intern in support of the mission.

\$500 for one High School Scholar Award to a high school student with interest in racial equity, criminal justice, or similar field; he or she will act as a paid intern in support of the mission.

Whereas, Mayor Lois Richardson, Police Chief Tony DeGiusti, the Council of Elders, the Educate Youth nonprofit, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, numerous ministries, and other Ypsilanti organizations have been heavily involved in the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer movement's local efforts.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti approves and supports the L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Community Project Funding Grant request to the U.S. Congress, and agrees to serve as the fiduciary administering body in 2022 if the grant is awarded by the U.S. Congress.

Council Member Anthony Morgan moved, seconded by Council Member Brian Jones-Chance, to approve Resolution No. 2021-075

RESULT:	DEFEATED.
MOVER:	Council Member Anthony Morgan
SECONDER:	Council Member Brian Jones-Chance
AYES:	Steven Wilcoxon, Lois Richardson, and Brian Jones-Chance
NAYS:	Nicole Brown, Anthony Morgan, and Annie Somerville
ABSENT:	Jennifer Symanns

VIII. PRESENTATIONS OF DEPARTMENT AMENDED BUDGETS

A. Police Department - Pg. 3

Police Chief DeGiusti provided a presentation regarding the Police Department budget.

Fire Department - Pg. 10

Police Chief Hobbs provided a presentation regarding the Fire Department budget.

Legal Services - Pg. 22

City Attorney Barr provided a presentation regarding the City Attorney's Office budget.

Clerk Department - Pg. 27

City Clerk Hellenga provided a presentation regarding the Clerk Department budget.

Department of Fiscal Services - Pg. 36

Finance Director/Treasurer Basabica provided a presentation regarding the Fiscal Services and Treasury budgets.

Economic Development - Pg. 41

Economic and Community Development Director provided a presentation regarding the Economic Development Budget.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) - Pg. 46

Community Development Manager Jacobs provided a presentation regarding the Downtown Development Authority budget.

Human Resources - Pg. 52

Human Resources Manager Jones provided a presentation regarding the Human Resources Department budget.

City Manager - Pg. 56

City Manager McMullan provided a presentation regarding the City Manager's Office Budget.

Department of Public Services (DPS) - Pg. 58

DPS Director Akers provided a presentation regarding the Department of Public Services budget.

Parking - Pg. 71

Project Manager Wessler provided a presentation regarding the Parking Fund budget.

Capital Improvements Plan - Pg. 77

Project Manager Wessler provided a presentation regarding the Capital Improvements Plan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 P.M.