

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION - THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2002**

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:42 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor John Hieftje and Mayor Farmer of Ypsilanti.

ROLL CALL OF ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Jean Robinson, Robert M. Johnson, Michael R. Reid, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Easthope, Wendy A. Woods, Mayor John Hieftje, 9;

ABSENT: Councilmembers Joseph Upton, Stephen C. Hartwell, 2.

ROLL CALL OF YPSILANTI CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Farmer, Councilmembers Gawlas, LaRue, Nickels, Richardson, Schultz, Mayor Pro-Tem Swanson, 7;

ABSENT: 0.

NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The certification and notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGE

Councilmember Swanson moved that the agenda be approved with the following change:

Add: Presentation on the Accelerator Program

On a voice vote Mayor Hieftje declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-285-6-02 APPROVED

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR
AND THE CITY OF YPSILANTI CREATING A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO PA 281 OF 1986 – AS AMENDED**

RESOLVED, That the council of the City of Ann Arbor approve the agreement between the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, creating the Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and that the council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement subject to the review and approval of the city attorney.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Robinson, Johnson, Reid, Carlberg, Herrell, Higgins, Easthope, Woods, Mayor Hieftje, 9;

Nays, 0.

Mayor Hieftje declared the motion carried.

2002-119 APPROVED

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF
ANN ARBOR AND YPSILANTI, CREATING THE SMART ZONE LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Whereas, The Michigan Economic Development Appropriation has awarded 1 of 11 Smart Zone designation to the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti in an effort to promote the growth of technology business and employment opportunities in the state;

Whereas, The councils of the Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti desire to work together in this economic development initiative to support the growth and expansion of infrastructure and services that will attract an emerging and growing technology businesses to locate within our communities in Washtenaw County; and

Whereas, The council desires to partner with the City of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authorities, the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and the Washtenaw Development Council in this unprecedented opportunity to work together on an economic development initiative for the future of our communities;

Whereas, The agreement between the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti creating the Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) has been prepared to establish the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the joint authority in implementation of the Smart Zone program;

RESOLVED, That the council of the City of Ypsilanti approve the agreement between the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, creating the Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority (on file in the City Clerk's Office) and that the council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement subject to the review and approval of the city attorney.

Councilmember Gawlas moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote Mayor Farmer declared the motion carried.

PRESENTATION

ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

Chuck Salley, representative of the I.T. Zone, briefed Councils about the Accelerator Program. The program will promote local high-tech business development in the Ann Arbor area. The accelerator will help by providing structured process and mentorship to guide and qualify business development, bring investors into the process, and provide venture capitalists with successful startups.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilmember Woods that the meeting be adjourned.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Yvonne Carl
Interim Clerk of the Council

Anissa R. King
Recording Secretary