



City of Ypsilanti

Office of the City Clerk

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Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Board of Commissioners,

Please find enclosed Ypsilanti City Council Resolution 2015-031, authorizing the City of Ypsilanti to join the intervention by the municipal coalition regarding the recent DTE petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to change the rate charged to municipalities for electricity, including street lighting, increasing the cost of operating LED street lights while decreasing the cost of conventional High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Lights (Rate Case U-17767).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Ypsilanti City Clerk's office at (734) 483-1100.

Sincerely,

Frances McMullan
City Clerk

cc: SEMCOG – 1001 Woodward, #1400, Buhl Building, Detroit, MI 48226
City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office – 301 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Pittsfield Township Clerk – 6201 W. Michigan Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Ypsilanti Township Clerk – 7200 S. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Superior Township Clerk – 3040 N. Prospect Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198



RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the City of Ypsilanti adopted a climate action plan calling for the conversion of the City's street lighting to LED lighting, and

WHEREAS, the City collaborated with DTE to convert the City's entire street lighting system to LED lighting, consisting of nearly 1,700 fixtures, and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the street lighting system to LED has reduced energy consumption and maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, the conversion has reduced the City's annual street lighting costs by an estimated \$120,000, and

WHEREAS, the street lighting conversions have been accomplished with technical support from DTE, which has been a good partner with the City in its efforts to conserve energy use, and

WHEREAS, DTE recently petitioned the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) to change the rate charged to municipalities for electricity, including street lighting, increasing the cost of operating LED street lights while decreasing the cost of conventional High Pressure Sodium (HPS) Lights (Rate Case U-17767), and

WHEREAS, LED street lights use significantly less electricity to operate than HPS lights and require less maintenance, and

WHEREAS, a coalition of municipalities led by the Michigan Municipal League has filed to intervene in the established public process for rate changes with the MPSC (Rate Case U-17767), and

WHEREAS, additional municipalities and local governments may still join the coalition, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the intervention is being shared by the members of the coalition including a contribution from the Michigan Municipal League's Legal Defense Fund and that the City of Ypsilanti's contribution (anticipated to not exceed \$2,200) is based on a formula based on proportionate number of street lights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti join the intervention by the municipal coalition in Rate Case U-17767; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City urges other municipalities to join the intervention by the municipal coalition in Rate Case U-17767; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, SEMCOG, and other nearby communities.

OFFERED BY: _____ Council Member Murdock

SUPPORTED BY: _____ Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

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

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2015-031 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on February 3, 2015.


Frances McMullan, City Clerk