Resolution No. 2026-246
October 6, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, the voters of the City of Ypsilanti will have a ballot measure entitled ”Proposal B” before them at the general election held on November 3, 2026; and

Whereas, Proposal B asks the voters whether they wish to modify the City of Ypsilanti Charter to require the electorate to vote on the city budget if the council, in performing its charter obligation of enacting a budget each year on or before June 7, includes an increase to the “police budget”; and

Whereas, the Attorney General of the State of Michigan has opined that this ballot measure violates both the Michigan Constitution and the Ypsilanti City Charter, in that it overrides the statutory role of City Council in establishing a budget; and

Whereas, the Mayor and members of the City Council swear an oath upon taking office, promising to uphold the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, the ballot measure does not provide any definition at all of what constitutes the “police budget,” thereby leaving open interpretation and almost certainly subjecting the city of Ypsilanti to costly lawsuits; and

Whereas, the ballot measure would require an election, if the “police budget” is increased, months later than the June 7th deadline, thereby leaving the city budget in limbo and potentially subjecting the city to fiscal emergency status; and

Whereas, this ballot measure threatens to roll back years of budgetary progress this City Council and Mayor have made; and

Whereas, the likely unconstitutionality of the measure will be further grounds for costly lawsuits;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this City Council opposes the proposed charter amendment entitled “Proposal B.”

OFFERED BY: _____

SUPPORTED BY: _____

YES: NO: ABSENT: VOTE: