

SPECIAL SESSION - APRIL 8, 1991

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCILMEMBERS

City Clerk Winifred Northcross administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers: Ann Marie Coleman, First Ward; Kirk D. Dodge, Second Ward; Nelson K. Meade, Third Ward; Kurt Zimmer, Fourth Ward; and Robert Eckstein, Fifth Ward.

The newly elected Councilmembers took their seats.

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Ann Marie Coleman, Ingrid B. Sheldon, Kirk D. Dodge, Elizabeth S. Brater, Nelson K. Meade, Kurt Zimmer, Mark Ouimet, Thais Anne Peterson, Robert Eckstein, 10.

ABSENT : 0.

RESIGNATION OF THIRD WARD COUNCILMEMBER

Councilmember Coleman moved and Councilmember Hunter supported that the letter of resignation from Third Ward Councilmember Elizabeth S. Brater be accepted, in order that Ms. Brater may assume the office of Mayor of Ann Arbor.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Hunter, Coleman, Sheldon, Dodge, Brater, Meade, Zimmer, Ouimet, Peterson, Eckstein, 10;

Nays, 0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR

City Clerk Winifred Northcross administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor, Elizabeth S. Brater.

Mayor Brater took her seat.

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.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW COUNCIL

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ELECTED

The Mayor declared nominations open for election of Mayor pro tempore for the ensuing Council year.

Councilmember Coleman moved and Councilmember Peterson supported that Councilmember Hunter be elected Mayor pro tem.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Hunter, Coleman, Sheldon, Dodge, Meade, Zimmer, Ouimet, Peterson, Eckstein, Mayor Brater, 10;

Nays, 0.

The Chair declared the motion carried and Councilmember Hunter elected Mayor pro tem for the 1991-92 Council year.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TABLED

Councilmember Hunter moved and Councilmember Peterson supported that the Council appointments to the various boards, commissions and committees be tabled indefinitely to allow review of the assignments.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL RULES ADOPTED

Councilmember Hunter moved and Councilmember Coleman supported that the previous Rules of Council be adopted for the 1991-92 Council year.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THIRD WARD COUNCILMEMBER

R-180-4-91 APPROVED

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF
THIRD WARD COUNCILMEMBER**

RESOLVED, That Robert C. Grady be appointed as the Third Ward Councilmember to fill the vacancy left by Elizabeth S. Brater, who was elected Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor in the April 1, 1991 General City Election.

Councilmember Peterson moved and Councilmember Meade supported that the resolution be adopted.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Hunter, Coleman, Sheldon, Dodge, Meade, Zimmer, Ouimet, Peterson, Eckstein, Mayor Brater, 10;

Nays, 0.

The Chair declared the motion carried and Robert C. Grady appointed as Third Ward Councilmember.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO
THIRD WARD COUNCILMEMBER**

City Clerk Winifred Northcross administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Third Ward Councilmember Robert C. Grady.

Councilmember Grady took his seat.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - Reserved Time

JOANNE LIND - ANN ARBOR HOUSING CRISIS

Joanne Lind, Ann Arbor resident, emphasized the necessity of recognizing that America is facing a unique historical situation due to the massive numbers of homeless. Ms. Lind requested that allocation of tax money be reconsidered to help the housing crisis.

DAVID RAAFLAUB - CITY'S FUTURE

David Raaflaub, 1402 Edgewood Ave., stated that due to increasing property assessments and City revenues, there should be a surplus of City funds if Council holds its expenditure level. Mr. Raaflaub further stated that he is campaigning for a 6 mill tax reduction, and expressed his appreciation to Mayor Brater for being open to all viewpoints in the community.

SAM COPI - 6 MILL TAX REDUCTION

Sam Copi, 1601 Cambridge Rd., called upon City Council to reduce taxes in the City and stated that a 6 mill tax reduction is the most effective way to bring about affordable housing. Mr. Copi encouraged Council to save money by privatizing parking structure and solid waste services and by implementing neighborhood park maintenance.

DAN BYRNE - 1991 AGENDA

Dan Byrne, 513 W. Liberty St., spoke in opposition to construction of the Kline's lot parking structure, and stated that downtown merchants should share the responsibility and lead the way in making downtown a vibrant business environment. Mr. Byrne expressed support for City government participating in a coalition that allows low-income people to buy their own homes.

THOMAS HARRIS - HASH BASH

Thomas Harris, 3267 Chelsea Cir., local coordinator for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, stated that this year's Hash Bash message emphasized the many other uses for the hemp plant, which include food, fuel, fiber and medicine.

APPROVAL OF AGENDAAGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Council unanimously agreed that the agenda be approved as presented.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

APRIL 15 REGULAR SESSION:

Resolution Regarding a Committee to Review an Incident on University of Michigan Campus in December (Councilmember Hunter)

COUNCILMEMBER OUIMET - POLICE SERVICES DURING HASH BASH

Councilmember Ouimet questioned whether the City was providing the support requested by the University of Michigan for police services during the Hash Bash.

Mayor Brater responded that since the university did not agree to respect the City Charter and issue violations under City law, police officers were instructed to remain on the perimeter of campus during the Hash Bash.

Acting City Administrator Mason responded that no formal contract exists between the City and University for police services, but that the City is currently working with the university administration to develop a formal contract which will be presented to City Council for consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPRECIATION EXTENDED

Mayor Brater expressed appreciation to everyone who came tonight to witness the swearing in of the new Mayor and Council, and to all those who participated in the democratic process.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

ORIENTATION FOR NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

Acting City Administrator Mason announced that there will be a meeting with Department Heads for new Councilmembers at 1:30 p.m., April 10, in the Council Chamber, followed by a tour of City facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

CITY CHARTER

City Attorney R. Bruce Laidlaw announced that a new printing of the City Charter is available for distribution, and that the Charter will again be updated in January 1992 when the amendment to renew the street millage takes effect.

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP BOUNDARY LITIGATION

Mr. Laidlaw stated that an update on litigation with Ann Arbor Township concerning various boundary matters would be distributed to Councilmembers this week, and requested input from Council on possible settlement of the litigation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER SHELDON

Councilmember Sheldon asked Acting City Administrator Mason when the Third Quarter Financial Report would be ready, and whether there were any problems concerning revenue projection.

Mr. Mason responded that Council will be receiving the report before the end of April, and that the projections show an overall excess of revenue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - General

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilmember

Hunter that the meeting be adjourned.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin
Recording Secretary