

WORKING SESSION - NOVEMBER 25, 1991

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Ann Marie Coleman, Ingrid Sheldon, Kirk Dodge, Robert Grady, Nelson Meade, Kurt Zimmer, Mark Ouimet, Thais Anne Peterson, Robert Eckstein, Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater, 11

Absent: 0

City Clerk Winifred Northcross said that the following demonstrations were scheduled in keeping with her goal to examine new systems of voting.

OPTEC III-P EAGLE VOTER ACTIVATED PRECINCT TABULATOR (OPTICAL SCAN)

Lawrence J. Tonnelli, representing Business Records Corporation, demonstrated the Optec III (Optical Scan) voting system. This system employs the use of a paper ballot that is marked with a special marking pen or a number 2 pencil. The ballot is then inserted into the Optech scanner by the voter and the ballots contents are automatically counted. The system would require generic voting booths for marking ballots and one scanner per 400 voters. Approximate cost: \$502,910 for the installation of the Optech IIIPs complete. Additional annual fees for ballot printing, maintenance and licensing would need to be budgeted. Financing terms are available.

SHOUPTRONIC

James S. Zehner, representing R. F. Shoup Corp., demonstrated the Shouptronic method of voting. This is a voting machine that lists the candidates and offices on a single sheet mounted on the machine. A ballot is voted when the voter presses a button beside the candidates name. When the button is pushed, a red light-emitting diode behind the ballot paper appears. The vote tallies are done on an independent computer readout at a central location. Approximate Cost: \$1,200,000. Financing terms are available.

Complete information on both systems was provided and is filed in the City Clerk's Office.

A question and answer period followed each presentation. Council and members of the audience were provided the opportunity to try each system after the meeting.

In addition to the above information, Councilmember Hunter requested that the Clerk's office provide Council with information on the cost of the Punch Card Voting System.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Coleman moved that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Linda J. Wise
Recording Secretary