

WORKING SESSION - JANUARY 13, 1992

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

ABSENT : Councilmember Kurt Zimmer, 1.

WORK SESSION WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Douglas Smith and Police Captain Paul Buntin presented information concerning the new community-oriented policing program being developed by the Ann Arbor Police Department.

Chief Smith reviewed the principles of "Community Commitment" which emphasizes a problem-solving approach vs. an incident-driven approach, a one officer/one neighborhood program, and decentralization of police services.

The Chief reported on the success of the community policing pilot project involving two City neighborhoods, in which officers worked together with residents to solve problems. Chief Smith explained that with the presence of a regular officer in a community, residents become more trusting and knowledgeable about the local police department, and the officers become more involved with the community.

Chief Smith and Captain Buntin answered questions from Councilmembers concerning the new system, and the Chief encouraged Councilmembers to attend the "Community-Oriented Policing Seminar", sponsored by the Ann Arbor Police Department, on January 30 and 31, 1992.

Council unanimously expressed support for development of a community-oriented policing program in Ann Arbor.

The following reports were distributed to Councilmembers and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office:

1. Community Oriented Policing;
2. The Ten Principles of Community Policing;
3. Principles of Community Commitment;
4. Community Policing in Ann Arbor;
5. Citizen Survey Results;
6. Community Oriented Policing Initiative;
7. Proposal for New Positions;
8. Community Oriented Policing Seminar, January 30-31, 1992, agenda;
9. Calls for Service (May-Oct 91) by geographic areas; and
10. Personnel Complaints, 1990 and 1992.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary