

## **WORKING SESSION - DECEMBER 16, 1992**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 8:03 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater.

### **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Tobi Hanna-Davies, Peter Fink, Robert C. Grady, Nelson K. Meade, Peter Nicolas, Thais Anne Peterson, Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater, 8.

**ABSENT :** Councilmembers Kirk D. Dodge, Kurt Zimmer, Robert Eckstein, 3.

### **FULLER ROAD/OAK WAY PROJECT**

A working session was held with Veteran's Administration Hospital representatives, University of Michigan representatives, interested citizens, and City staff concerning the Fuller Road Realignment and Oak Way Vacation Project.

Mayor Brater reported that the City has been working with the Veteran's Administration and University of Michigan on this issue as a joint project, and that concerns have been raised from the public regarding the City's plans for realigning the roadway. The Mayor stated that the purpose of this meeting is to bring together all interested parties to open communications, answer questions, and determine whether some adjustments to the City's plan are in order.

City Engineer William Wheeler outlined the City's current proposal and presented a brief history of the issue. Mr. Wheeler stated that the current City project involves the area around the VA Hospital due to the VA funding and the agreement with the federal government.

Representatives of Washtenaw Engineering, project consultants, reviewed the traffic analysis report.

Several citizens voiced concern regarding damage to the oak forest and wetlands and leakage from the university's landfill. The residents questioned the justification for the extensive widening of the road, and encouraged the City to study alternatives to make the road expansion more humanly and environmentally sensitive.

Representatives of the Veteran's Administration Hospital and the University of Michigan expressed concern with delays and the possible loss of funding, and requested an expeditious process to solve the issues.

The Mayor stated that the City is committed to seeing the project move forward and expressed hope that the VA would be able to proceed with its planning for hospital expansion even if the City adjusts its plans for the roadway.

Mayor Brater requested that City staff provide a written report on the required environmental assessments and their affects on the project, as well as a schedule for resolving the issues. The Mayor further requested that a follow-up meeting be held after the staff has reviewed the questions raised.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

W. Northcross  
Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin  
Recording Secretary