

BUDGET HEARING SESSION - MAY 4, 1994

The Budget Hearing Session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Ulrich Stoll, Haldon Smith, Peter Nicolas, Julie Creal, Christopher Kolb, David Stead, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 11

Absent: 0

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Alfred A. Gatta, Budget Director Alan Burns, Assistant to the Administrator Melanie Purcell

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Presenters: Chief Douglas Smith, Deputy Chief Support/Services Walter Lunsford, Deputy Chief Operations Division Craig Roderick, S/Sgt. Don Terry, Captain Dan Branson

Increased departmental effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of services through reorganization will be accomplished through attrition due to retirement and a hiring freeze. The proposed budget will provide for the expansion of the *Community Oriented Policing* philosophy throughout the department. No new positions are budgeted. However, the work force will be increased by 2 foot patrol officers, whose wages will be paid from an Ann Arbor Transportation Authority \$60,000 grant, to patrol the Blake Transportation Center area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Presenters: Chief George A. Markus

The Fire Department will enter the fiscal year 2 positions short of authorized personnel. 3 known retirements will occur. Anticipated budget increases will be due to service fees, contract and severance payouts, and building maintenance to accomplish state mandated activities. The decrease in administrative costs reflects the elimination of one position. No capital outlay is planned.

DISTRICT COURT

Presenters: Court Administrator Robert Randolph

The Fifteenth District Court will be completing its relocation to the County Court House. Budget impacts will include integration of court schedules to maximize the use of the facilities and the continued implementation of the unified trial court pilot project. Improvement of the effectiveness of services delivered to court users is anticipated by the establishment of a data link between the County and the City, and implementation of changes mandated by the state. Court personnel will be increased by one magistrate and one court clerk.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Presenters: Community Development Director Eileen Ryan, Human Services and Economic Development Manager Merrill Crocket, Fiscal & Administrative Manager Kathleen Muscato

The Community Development Department budget is comprised of funds contributed by the City, Housing Trust Fund and Home funds, and the Ann Arbor Assistance Fund. The largest portion of the budget is contributed by Federal Block Grant Funds. These funds are committed to the delivery of housing, economic development and human services to low and very low income city residents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Linda J. Wise
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary