

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKING SESSION - MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1996**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Jane Lumm, David Kwan, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Patrick A. Putman, Christopher Kolb, 8;

ABSENT : Councilmembers Stephen C. Hartwell, Elisabeth L. Daley, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 3.

CITY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

City Administrator Neal Berlin presented the third and final prebudget session on City financial matters. (The first session covered program initiatives in the budget and the second covered budget initiatives related to community oriented policing). He stated that this presentation covers the general financial picture of the City by looking at revenues and expenditures, their relationship, and what the future holds for the City.

Budget Director Alan Burns and Finance Director Allen D. Moore presented the discussion on the City's financial overview. (Slide presentation on "City of Ann Arbor Financial Overview, April 8, 1996" on file in the City Clerk's Office).

City Administrator Berlin reported that the City's fund balance is quite healthy and its debt condition sound. He stated, however, that future revenue growth will be limited and expenditures will continue growing faster than the revenue growth rate unless there is a major change in City services or in the way services are provided. Mr. Berlin further stated that the need for increased capital expenditures will continue.

Administrator Berlin reported that his goals include: 1) Expanding City Council's knowledge of City finances through working sessions; 2) Involving City department directors in financial planning through the creation of a financial planning team; 3) Expanding the role of the City Finance Advisory Committee in financial policy

recommendations to Council; and 4) Expanding the use of the annual budget from a financial document to a policy and management development tool which guides the overall financial direction of the City.

Mr. Berlin stated that his overall goal is to assure that sound financial decisions are made by Council and staff for the City that are fully informed and coordinated at all levels.

Messrs. Berlin, Burns and Moore responded to questions from Council on the information presented and other issues concerning the City's financial condition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary