

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION - JANUARY 10, 2000**

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, John Hieftje, Joseph Upton, Dee Freiberg, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth L. Daley, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 10.

ABSENT : Councilmember Stephen C. Hartwell, 1.

NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The certification and notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

Councilmember Upton moved that the agenda be approved with the following changes:

Revise: D-1 Resolution ~~<to—Appoint>~~ **AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WALTER C. LUNSFORD AS** Interim Police Chief and ~~<Authorize Contract>~~ **APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR AND WALTER C. LUNSFORD** (Administrator)

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-9-1-00 APPROVED**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF WALTER C. LUNSFORD AS INTERIM POLICE CHIEF AND APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR AND WALTER C. LUNSFORD**

Whereas, The City desires to appoint an interim police chief following the resignation of Carl D. Ent until a new police chief is appointed;

Whereas, The City Administrator has recommended the appointment of Walter C. Lunsford to serve as Interim Police Chief; and

Whereas, The City Attorney has approved the form of the proposed Employment Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Walter C. Lunsford;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Employment Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Walter C. Lunsford, in the form on file in the City Clerk's Office, and that Walter C. Lunsford be hereby appointed Interim Police Chief, effective immediately, to fulfill the responsibilities of the Police Chief until such time as a new Police Chief is employed.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER HANNA-DAVIES

Councilmember Hanna-Davies announced that the public hearing for the proposed Living Wage ordinance will be held on Tuesday, January 18, the day after observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The *Ann Arbor News* and *Michigan Daily* had reported the wrong date for the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin
Recording Secretary

ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING SESSION - JANUARY 10, 2000

The public hearing session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, John Hieftje, Joseph Upton, Dee Freiberg, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Stephen C. Hartwell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth L. Daley, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 11.

ABSENT : 0.

PUBLIC HEARING**EMERGENCY SHELTER PROJECTS**

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed emergency shelter projects: 310-312 West Huron Street, Ann Arbor, for 50 individuals; and 4038 Jackson Road, Scio Township, for 8 families. The proposed Huron Street shelter would include a full kitchen and other support services. Notice of public hearing was published January 2, 2000.

The following people spoke in favor of the proposal for improved housing and centralized services for homeless individuals and for more stable housing for homeless families. The speakers stated that emphasis will be placed on services and affordable housing in order to move clients from emergency shelter housing as quickly as possible, that the proposed Huron Street shelter is close to jobs and services and further from large residential housing concentrations, and that management and security concerns would be addressed. It was reported that a survey of residents by University of Michigan graduate students indicated a generally positive response to having a shelter in their neighborhood.

Beth Barr, 4100 Clark Rd., representing Domestic Violence Project-SAFE House.

Kate Warner, 1804 Linwood Ave., Chair of Ann Arbor Housing Commission.

Ann Brooks, 1554 Jones Dr., University of Michigan graduate student in urban and regional planning.

Paul Lambert, 201 W. William St.

Beth Barclay, 530 Miller Ave., local pediatric resident who works with homeless families.

Garry Faja, President and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Health System, lead agency in the Washtenaw Housing Alliance which recommended the shelter proposal.

Jane Barney, 423 W. Liberty St., Chair of Avalon Housing Board and member of the Shelter Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director of Ozone House and member of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

Ntanya Lee, 2408 Stone Rd.

Joe Summers, 1411 South Blvd., pastor.

Michael Steer, 420 Eighth St., employed at a business near existing shelter.

Eileen Spring, 501 N. Fifth Ave., representing Foodgatherers.

Don Anderson, 3840 Windemere Dr., President of Interfaith Hospitality Network Board.

Ken Phifer, 2001 Saline Rd., minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor, representing Interfaith Hospitality Network.

David Crary, 2728 Kimberly Rd., former board member of the Shelter Association.

Paula Baldoni, 3231 Cardinal Ave., Executive Director of the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Matt Stockman, 426 Second St., Apt. 1.

Clyde Morgan, 603 N. Main St., former shelter resident.

Ellen Schulmeister, 6655 Jackson Rd., Executive Director of Shelter Association of Washtenaw County.

H. Faye Askew King, representing SOS Community Crisis Center and member of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

Dave DeVarti, 1231 Baldwin Ave.

Barbara Kramer, 225 Murray Ave.

Alexandria Stockman, 426 Second St.

Dana Barton, 1730 David Ct., downtown business owner.

Francis Clark, owner of several properties near the current shelters, requested information on what will happen to the old shelter buildings.

Barbara Penrod, 1555 Tree Side Ct., representing St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Carole McCabe, 3635 E. Delhi Rd., Avalon Housing Director.

Paquetta Palmer, 436 Third St., #4

Tim Colenback, 1730 David Ct.

Charles Kieffer, 263 Crest Ave.

Andrea Houston, 812 Granger Ave.

Gaia Kile, 530 Miller Ave., day shelter worker.

Mary Jo Callan, 3480 Ashburnan.

Thomas Griffin, 110 W. Kingsley St., #3.

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposal endorsed by Washtenaw County and spoke in favor of a plan that would minimize negative impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods and business community. Support was expressed for a multi-purpose municipal building downtown which would include emergency shelter housing for 50 men as well as offices for police and other city departments. Neighbors expressed concern with the County=s approval process, inadequate public input, and lack of information.

Major neighborhood concerns with the Huron Street shelter included public safety and security issues, operations and management of the facility, concentration of similar facilities in the area, intensive use of a small site, lack of financing details, lack of funding to maintain the facility, impact of the building on the floodplain, cancelling of the city=s flood insurance policies by the federal government, high costs associated with condemnation of the site and moving the sewer line, lack of assurance that adequate transitional housing will be provided to accommodate clients from the emergency shelter, lack of detailed plans including a strategic business and organizational plan, and lack of accountability to the neighborhood.

Suggestions included having Avalon Housing run the shelters and the Salvation Army run the transitional housing, pressing the University of Michigan to bear more financial responsibility, notifying neighbors of sex offenders at the shelter, placing the issue of emergency shelters on the ballot, using the lower level of the Ann-Ashley Parking structure for shelter space, the formation of and input from a neighborhood advisory committee, a site analysis of the potential environmental impact, and a social and economic study performed by an independent agency to measure the impact of the shelter on the adjacent neighborhood and community at large.

Speakers emphasized that the project needs further consideration, that the community needs further information and project details, and that city funds should not be committed until the basic questions are answered.

Clinton Smith, 1508 Broadway St.

Mel Larson, 3018 Bolgos Cir.

Brett Rollin, 811 Mt. Vernon Ave.,

Glenn Ziegler, 514 Krause St., Rehabilitation Specialist with the City Community Development Department and neighbor of existing shelter, submitted petitions in opposition to the proposal (on file in the City Clerk=s Office).

Maria Allen, 400 Maple Ridge.

Bill Sprentall, 403 W. Madison St.

Claudia Ellmann, 308 W. Huron St., business owner next to proposed shelter site.

Hugh Thomson, 1018 Arborview Blvd.

Steve Thorp, 124 Chapin St., resident near shelter property.

Jay Barth, 1403 W. Huron St.

Meg Delaney, 219 N. First St.

Kitty Kahn, 515 Krause St.

Amy Sample, 116 Chapin St.

Mary Valerie Richter, 1545 Westfield Ave.

Audrey Jackson, 2557 Sandalwood Cir.

Paula Doan, 219 Chapin St.

Ed Shaffran, 209 S. Fourth Ave., submitted a schematic drawing of a recommendation to use the lower level of the Ann-Ashley Parking Structure for shelter space (on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Jeffrey Starman, 1725 Wells St.

Richard Brewster, Rehabilitation Specialist in the City Community Development Department and Christmas in April Board Member, submitted his resignation from city employment (on file in the City Clerk's Office).

Paul Dannels, 204 Chapin St.

Raymond Detter, 120 N. Division St., representing the DDA Citizen Advisory Council.

Joe Campbell, 410 W. Huron St., owner of Fireside Market.

Matthew Gutchess, 224 S. First St.

William Kinley, 4115 Clark Rd.

Josephine Gonzales, 220 Third St.

There being no one else present to speak, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin
Recording Secretary

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKING SESSION - JANUARY 10, 2000**

WORKING SESSION ON EMERGENCY SHELTER PROJECTS CANCELLED

With unanimous consent of the Councilmembers present, the scheduled working session on the proposed emergency shelter projects was declared cancelled by Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb. City Administrator Neal Berlin asked Councilmembers to forward questions and concerns about issues raised at the public hearing to Community Development Director Eileen Ryan.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

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Recording Secretary