

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKING SESSION - JANUARY 24, 2000**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:06 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, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 9;

ABSENT : Councilmembers Stephen C. Hartwell, Elisabeth L. Daley, 2.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED 5 YEAR UPDATE OF PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN SPACE PLAN (PROS)

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ronald Olson introduced Park Advisory Commission Chair Stephen Rapundalo who presented an overview of the 2000-2005 Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS) which was approved in the summer of 1999. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that the PROS Plan be updated every 5 years and that the City provide an updated plan in February 2000 in order to be eligible to apply for grants in 2000 DNR grant rounds.

Mr. Rapundalo explained that the purpose of the PROS Plan is to perpetuate and enhance environmental quality, to develop a strategy to implement park, recreation and open space objectives, to strengthen the linkage between the School Administration/School Board and City Administration/City Council, to seek the cooperation of all agencies (public and private) which plan to provide recreation programs and facilities in the Ann Arbor area, to seek continued citizen participation and involvement through the Park Advisory Commission and Recreation Advisory Commission and to identify and establish capital funding sources, utilizing both tax supported and alternative innovating funding mechanisms.

Mr. Rapundalo described the changes made to the document since the 1994-1999 plan as being reorganization of the document so that it flows better and is more comprehensive, updated maps through the utilization of the GIS system, and an updated capital improvements sections. Some of the additions to the plan include park classifications, future funding options, affordable housing linkage, land use and acquisition process, and the use of university property as recreation facilities.

Members of the PROS Steering Committee are Kim Waldo, Stephen Rapundalo, Nelson Meade, Herbert David, Linda Whitman, Richard Corpron, Ronald Olson, Thomas Raynes, Chris McCown, Gerald Clark, Amy Kuras, Pam Stuckman, Dr. Samuel Mullice, Barbara Greiner and Larry Dishman.

(Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan on file in the City Clerk=s Office)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Frances M. McMullan
Recording Secretary