

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORKING SESSION - JUNE 12, 2000**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:04 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, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 10.

**ABSENT :** Councilmember Elisabeth L. Daley, 1.

**REPORT ON HOMELESS SHELTER PROPOSAL**

Washtenaw County Administrator Robert E. Guenzel presented the proposal for the new downtown homeless shelter. Mr. Guenzel stated that a resolution authorizing the construction of the shelter at 310-318 West Huron Street will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners for action on July 5, 2000, and requested a financial commitment from the City by that date.

Lori Sipes, of the Smith Group, Inc., architectural design consultant, presented the schematic design of the shelter. She reported that the proposed shelter will be a 22,732-sq. ft., 3-story building with an estimated construction cost of \$4,162,100. The four program areas at the proposed shelter include a community kitchen, administration, a day shelter and night sheltering. Ms. Sipes further reported that the building design responds directly to the concerns of the neighborhood to minimize negative impacts, and meets the difficulties of the site which is in the Allen Creek Drain floodplain.

Comments and questions from Council followed the presentation. Also available for questions were Ellen Shulmeister, Shelter Association Executive Director, and representatives from St. Joseph Mercy Health System, lead agency in the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

The Mayor announced that a resolution to commit funding for construction of the proposed shelter will be submitted for action at the next meeting of Council.

The following communications/reports were placed on file with the City Clerk:

- X Memorandum from County Administrator Robert E. Guenzel, dated June 12, 2000, regarding A Downtown Shelter Update ≡ (includes status report on the 9 contingencies established by the Board of Commissioners in December, 1999, and the proposed County resolution authorizing construction of the shelter).
- X Communication from Carol T. Mowbray, University of Michigan Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the School of Social Work, dated June 9, 2000, regarding the final draft of the business plan for the operation of the Huron Street Shelter.
- X ASchematic Design for a New Homeless Shelter, 312 West Huron Street, ≡ prepared by Smith Group, Inc., May 17, 2000.
- X Final Draft of the A Washtenaw Housing Alliance Business Plan for the Operation of the Huron Street Shelter, ≡ prepared March 2000.
- X ASheltering Projects in Washtenaw County, An Information Packet, ≡ prepared by Washtenaw County and City of Ann Arbor, March 2000.
- X AHomeless Shelter Space Study Comparison, ≡ prepared by Associate City Administrator Ronald Olson, May 17, 2000.

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:07 p.m.

The Mayor again called the meeting to order at 9:17 p.m.

### **POLICE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT**

Interim Police Chief Walter Lunsford, Lt. Greg Bazick, S/Sgt. Mark Jones and Deputy Chief Donald Leach presented the Ann Arbor Police Department=s proposed integrated information management system project. Lt. Bazick reported that the new information management system will include mobile computers in police vehicles, wireless transmission from the field, and a system to categorize reports. Chief Lunsford reported that a resolution to establish a budget and approve the contract will be submitted for action at the next Council meeting.

Comments and questions from Council followed the presentation. Also available for questions were Administrative Services Director James Amin, and project consultants John Samuels, Vice President of CML, and Dwayne Miller, of Vision Software.

(AAnn Arbor Police Department Integrated Information Management System Project ≡, slide

presentation 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 10:55 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin  
Acting Clerk of the Council  
Recording Secretary