

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION - DECEMBER 4, 2000**

The regular session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor John Hieftje.

Council stood for a moment of silence.

Mayor Hieftje led Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Jean Robinson, Joseph Upton, Joan Lowenstein, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Stephen C. Hartwell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Kolb, Christopher Easthope, Mayor John Hieftje, 9.

ABSENT : Councilmember Jean Carlberg, 1.

INTRODUCTIONS

CUB SCOUT GROUP

Mayor Hieftje introduced the Cub Scout troop from Allen Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

KERMIT SCHLANSKER - CO-HOUSING

Kermit Schlansker, 2960 Marshall St., expressed concern with future energy shortages and global warming, and urged Council to establish a commission to sponsor co-housing developments, which save energy by clustering human dwellings and activities.

AUDREY JACKSON - WARD ONE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Audrey Jackson, 2557 Sandalwood Cir., asked Council to consider choosing a First Ward candidate who would continue the tradition of supporting human rights and funding human services, and who would have open ideas about land use.

JIM KOLI - BROADWAY BRIDGES

Jim Koli, 1015 Broadway St., owner of Northside Grill, asked Council to consider

completely closing down the Broadway Bridges during repair to significantly shorten the construction time line and reduce costs.

MARTHA JOHNSON - HOUSING COORDINATOR

Martha Johnson, 5801 N. Territorial Rd., representing the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, asked Council's support of the housing coordinator position recommended in the final report of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

ERIC LIPSON - SPEED CONTROL ON ROSEWOOD ST.

Eric Lipson, 1318 Rosewood St., requested traffic calming measures on Rosewood Street to help eliminate speeding problems.

JULIE HERRADA - SPEED CONTROL ON ROSEWOOD ST.

Julie Herrada, 1310 Rosewood St., requested traffic calming measures on Rosewood Street to help eliminate speeding problems.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

THAYER ARMS SITE PLAN

A public hearing was conducted on the proposed Thayer Arms Site Plan, 0.10 acre, 224 South Thayer Street. Notice of public hearing was published November 26, 2000.

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

HOUSING, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS

A public hearing was conducted on housing, community development and human services needs for the 2001/2002 fiscal year. Notice of public hearing was published November 26, 2000.

The following people appeared:

Tanya Hilgendorf, Executive Director of Ozone House and member of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, asked Council to consider the impact of the living wage issue on nonprofit organizations because of the growing number of people who cannot earn enough to support their families.

Paul Lambert, Ann Arbor resident, stated that more funding is needed for human services, and urged Council to maintain the low-income housing at the Ann Arbor YMCA.

Jim Mogensen, Ann Arbor resident, spoke in support of more spending for human service needs.

Ellen Schulmeister, Executive Director of the Shelter Association and Operations Director of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, asked Council to consider tying this funding process to the Continuum of Care Board process, and to support funding for supportive housing teams.

Gary Brouhard, 530 Miller Ave., representing The White Ribbon Campaign of Men Against Violence Against Women, requested that the Mayor=s Task Force on Increasing Safety for Women work with his group to help end violence against women.

Amy Cullenberg, Executive Director of the Ann Arbor Tenants Union, requested more funding from the City to help cover the costs of Ann Arbor clients who require more case management than University of Michigan clients.

Audrey Jackson, 2557 Sandalwood Cir., requested more funding for direct services for people in need, in order to give them the tools to move away from poverty. She suggested providing more funding for jobs.

J. P. Denoyer, Ann Arbor resident, stated that people should freely donate to the charities of their choice, and objected to government making the choices and donating tax dollars to nonprofit organizations.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDAAGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Revise: Resolution to Appoint First Ward Representative to the Ann Arbor City Council (Councilmember Robinson)

Add: Resolution to Authorize Harm Reduction Program to Prevent the Transmission of HIV and Hepatitis (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution on Buffalo Street (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Reform Traffic Calming Program (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Establish a APennies for People≡ Program (Council-member Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Develop a Gun Safety and Gun Buy-Back Program (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Require City Committees, Commissions and Authorities to Meet in Public Buildings (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Develop Policy on Road Narrowing and Road Dieting (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Develop a Strategic Plan for Maintaining the Vitality of the Downtown (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution for the City of Ann Arbor to Join the Michigan Transportation and Land Use Reform Coalition (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Create Sustainable Guidelines for the City of Ann Arbor (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Instruct City to Reintroduce Amendments to the Sign Ordinance (Councilmember Kolb)

Add: Resolution to Request the State Legislature to Raise the State Minimum Wage (Councilmember Kolb)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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Title:

Councilmember Higgins moved that the following change to the agenda be included:

Add: Resolution to Appoint Environmental Commission Replacement Member (Councilmember Higgins).

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The question being the agenda with the proposed changes, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13 AND 20 APPROVED

Councilmember Higgins moved that the special session minutes of November 13, 2000 and the regular session minutes of November 20, 2000 be approved as presented.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

Councilmember Herrell moved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved as presented:

R-583-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HEXAMETAPHOSPHATE
FOR WATER TREATMENT FROM MAGNATRADE CORP. - BID NO. 3402

Whereas, The Water Treatment Division uses sodium hexametaphosphate in daily operations;

Whereas, Contracts for supplying estimated requirements are the most stable and cost-effective way of meeting the water treatment needs;

Whereas, Magnatrade Corp. submitted the lowest responsible bid for the supply of sodium hexametaphosphate, per Bid No. 3402; and

Whereas, Magnatrade Corp. received Human Rights approval on June 5, 2000;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve a requirements purchase order for sodium hexametaphosphate to Magnatrade Corp. in accordance with the terms of Bid No. 3402;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be directed to enter into a purchasing agreement in accordance with this resolution at a projected cost of approximately \$41,000.00 per year for FY 2000/01, FY 2001/02 and FY 2002/03;

RESOLVED, That the agreement may be renewed for up to three one-year periods after the initial three-year period provided both parties agree to an extension;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized and directed to sign a purchase order with Magnatrade Corp. for the purchase of sodium hexametaphosphate;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be directed to accept the next lowest responsible bidder if Magnatrade Corp. is unable to furnish adequate supplies; and

RESOLVED, That this purchase of sodium hexametaphosphate be funded from the Water Supply System Operations and Maintenance Budget.

R-584-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER FOR SIGNAL
INSTALLATION AT SCIO CHURCH ROAD AND SOUTH MAPLE ROAD

Whereas, The intersection of Scio Church and S. Maple meets the warrants for a traffic signal in accordance with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and

Whereas, Funding is available in the Public Services Department FY 2000/2001 Major Street Fund budget for this project;

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the City Administrator to issue a Traffic Control Order to install traffic signal control at the intersection of Scio Church and S. Maple Road;

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the issuance of the necessary purchase orders for materials and supplies, pending compliance with City bidding procedures including Human Rights approval; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take the necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

The question being the foregoing Consent Agenda items as presented, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

47-00 APPROVED

BERNSTEIN ZONING

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Being a Part of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

This ordinance would change the zoning of 0.67 acre, located at 1200 Arlington Boulevard, from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single-Family Dwelling District). (The complete text of Ordinance 47-00 is on file in the City Clerk=s Office).

Councilmember Higgins moved that the ordinance be approved at first reading.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

48-00 APPROVED

DARROW ZONING

An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Being a Part of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

This ordinance would change the zoning of 0.45 acre, located at 251 Orchard Hills Drive, from TWP (Township District) to R1B (Single-Family Dwelling District). (The complete text of Ordinance 48-00 is on file in the City Clerk=s Office).

Councilmember Upton moved that the ordinance be approved at first reading.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-585-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ROBERT M. JOHNSON AS FIRST WARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL

Whereas, John Hieftje, having been elected Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, has terminated his position as First Ward representative on the Ann Arbor City Council;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council appoint Robert M. Johnson to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the resignation of the First Ward representative; and

RESOLVED, That Robert M. Johnson be sworn into office at the earliest possible time.

Councilmember Robinson moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-586-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HAWKINS ANNEXATION

A communication was received from the City Planning Commission transmitting its recommendation of technical denial (5 yeas, 0 nays) of the proposed Hawkins Annexation, 0.39 acre, 2007-2011 South State Street.

Whereas, The territory hereinafter described is located in the Township of Pittsfield and is adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, Harry Hawkins is the owner of said property; and

Whereas, It is the desire of Harry Hawkins to annex said territory to the City of Ann Arbor, pursuant to the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909, as amended;

RESOLVED, That the following described lands and premises situated and being in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be detached from said Township of Pittsfield and annexed to the City of Ann Arbor, to-wit:

A parcel of land being part of the northeast 1/4 of Section 5, T3S, R6E, and the northwest 1/4 of Section 4 T3S, R6E, of Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, more particularly described as:

Commencing at the northeast 1/4 of said Section 5; thence N89°49'44"W 96.72 feet along the north line of said Section 5 to a point on the east right-of-way line of South State Street (66' wide); thence along said right-of-way line the following two courses 1) S20°42'54"E 17.06 feet; thence 2) S06°49'14"E 77.87 feet; thence S89°22'54"E 175.00 feet parallel with the line between Pittsfield Township and the City of Ann Arbor as monumented; thence N02°00'51"E 93.95 feet parallel with the east line of said Section 5 to a point on the north line of said Section 4; thence N89°25'00"W 96.86 feet along the north line of said Section 4 to the point of beginning.

Containing 17,110.40 sq. ft. or 0.39 acres of land. Subject to restrictions and easements of record, if any.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-587-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HILEMAN ANNEXATION

A communication was received from the City Planning Commission transmitting its recommendation of technical denial (5 yeas, 0 nays) of the proposed Hileman Annexation, 0.12 acre, 2935 Shady Lane.

Whereas, The territory hereinafter described is located in the Township of Pittsfield and is adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, Lonnie J. Hileman is the owner of said property; and

Whereas, It is the desire of Lonnie J. Hileman to annex said territory to the City of Ann Arbor, pursuant to the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909, as amended;

RESOLVED, That the following described lands and premises situated and being in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be detached from said Township of Pittsfield and annexed to the City of Ann Arbor, to-wit:

Lot 24, Walden Woods Subdivision, part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section No. 3, Town 3 South, Range 6 East, Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats,

page 50.

Councilmember Upton moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-588-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MARTIN/LONGANECKER ANNEXATION

A communication was received from the City Planning Commission transmitting its recommendation of approval of the proposed Martin/Longanecker Annexation, 0.17 acre, lot on the west side of 3415 Porter Avenue.

Whereas, The territory hereinafter described is located in the Township of Scio and is adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, Marianne K. Martin and Jo Ann Longanecker are the owners of said property; and

Whereas, It is the desire of Marianne K. Martin and Jo Ann Longanecker to annex said territory to the City of Ann Arbor, pursuant to the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909, as amended;

RESOLVED, That the following described lands and premises situated and being in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be detached from said Township of Scio and annexed to the City of Ann Arbor, to-wit:

Lot 80, Westover Hills Subdivision, Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Councilmember Herrell moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-589-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STAUB ANNEXATION

A communication was received from the City Planning Commission transmitting its

recommendation of technical denial (5 yeas, 0 nays) of the proposed Staub Annexation, 0.18 acre, 2954 Shady Lane.

Whereas, The territory hereinafter described is located in the Township of Pittsfield and is adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, Donald and Selva Staub are the owners of said property; and

Whereas, It is the desire of Donald and Selva Staub to annex said territory to the City of Ann Arbor, pursuant to the provisions of Act 279 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1909, as amended;

RESOLVED, That the following described lands and premises situated and being in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, be detached from said Township of Pittsfield and annexed to the City of Ann Arbor, to-wit:

Lot 13, also part of the NW 1/4, Section 10, T3S, R6E, described as Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 13, thence S 40 feet, thence E 62 feet, thence N 40 feet to the SE corner of Lot 13, thence W 62 feet to the Place of Beginning, Walden Woods Subdivision, Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

Councilmember Herrell moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-590-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THAYER ARMS SITE PLAN

A communication was received from the City Planning Commission transmitting its recommendation of approval of the proposed Thayer Arms Site Plan, 0.10 acre, 224 South Thayer Street.

Whereas, Jag Thayer, LLC has requested site plan approval in order to demolish the existing frame structure at 224 South Thayer Street and construct a five-story, mixed use building in its place; and

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission, on November 21, 2000, recommended approval of said request;

RESOLVED, That City Council approve the Thayer Arms Site Plan.

Councilmember Easthope moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-591-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF HIV AND HEPATITIS

A resolution to authorize harm reduction to prevent the transmission of HIV and hepatitis was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the fifth paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That HARC staff...are conducting an exempt activity under Section 333.7457(g) of drug paraphernalia provisions of the Public Health Code, MCL [MCL](#) 333.7451, et seq;

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-591-12-00

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF HIV AND HEPATITIS

Whereas, The transmission of HIV, Hepatitis and other infectious diseases continues to negatively impact the community, with approximately 22% of HIV infections in this Region (Washtenaw, Livingston, Lenawee and Jackson Counties) having been transmitted as a result of injection drug use, and Hepatitis C infections in a suspected 80% of injection drug users;

Whereas, The HIV/AIDS Resource Center (HARC) has secured funding and permission for a site for a mobile unit to conduct prevention services including needle exchange; is developing collaborations with other community agencies for purpose of referral; will include HIV counseling and testing and Hepatitis testing on site as well as other needed referrals; and, has a one-for-one needle exchange policy; and

Whereas, HARC pledges to work with law enforcement, public health, substance abuse treatment agencies, and the media to educate the public on the principles of Harm Reduction and the results of the program;

RESOLVED, That HARC is authorized to operate a Harm Reduction Program with needle exchange in the City of Ann Arbor for the sole purpose of preventing the transmission of infectious agents;

RESOLVED, That HARC staff, Board of Directors and volunteers, while on the premises of the needle exchange site(s), and acting within the scope of the authority granted herein, are conducting an exempt activity under Section 333.7457(g) of drug paraphernalia provisions of the Public Health Code, MCL.333.7451, et seq.; and

RESOLVED, That HARC staff, Board of Directors and volunteers, while on the premises of the needle exchange site(s), and acting within the scope of the authority granted herein, are conducting an activity permitted by the State of Michigan.

R-592-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION ON BUFFALO STREET

Whereas, Buffalo Street has been made into a parking lot;

Whereas, The Buffalo Street parking lot has not been operated efficiently to generate funds;

Whereas, The Buffalo Street parking lot could be a source of income for the City if marketed and managed correctly; and

Whereas, Buffalo Street may have other potential uses in the future either by the City or other local entities;

RESOLVED, That the City reject the idea to vacate Buffalo Street, for the third time in six years;

RESOLVED, That the City develop a plan to maximize continuing income from the property through parking permits, special events parking, and/or leasing of the site to a private/public entity;

RESOLVED, That the City evaluate the site for affordable housing, and other uses that would help the City meet its goals and objectives;

RESOLVED, That the City not entertain the idea of vacating Buffalo Street to the University of Michigan until a final use of the property by the University is made public and the University and City provides for public review of the project and impact it may have on the surrounding neighborhoods; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator provide City Council with a report on the implementation of this resolution and provide the University of Michigan with a copy of this resolution.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-593-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO REFORM TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

A resolution to reform the Traffic Calming Program was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Easthope moved that the following fourth paragraph of the resolution be deleted:

RESOLVED, That the traffic calming program be reformed by changing item #8 in the Traffic Calming Program to read Alf the surveys show support for the project by 66% of the ~~households~~ respondents, then the plan, along with neighborhood comments and staff responses, will be sent to City Council for approval;≡

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Higgins moved that the resolution be postponed until the December 18, 2000 regular session of Council for further review.

After further discussion, the motion to postpone was withdrawn.

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-593-12-00

RESOLUTION TO REFORM TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has established a traffic calming program to lower the speed and volume of traffic on our neighborhood streets;

Whereas, The implementation of actual traffic calming has not been achieved due to restrictions in the program's policies; and

Whereas, City Council has received many complaints on the failure of any neighborhood to be able to implement any of the solutions available, and from constituents who have been told that there street does not qualify for the traffic calming program;

RESOLVED, That Brooks Street be included in the streets eligible for the active traffic calming program;

RESOLVED, That Rosewood Street be included in the eligible streets for the active traffic calming program; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop specific options (in addition to traffic enforcement) for City Council to review that help slow down the traffic speed on South Seventh Street.

R-594-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PENNIES FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM

Whereas, The City of Lansing has established a program called Pennies for Power to help raise money to provide utility shutoff protection for low-income families in the Lansing area;

Whereas, This program asks customers to round up their monthly utility bill each month to the nearest dollar, add a specific amount each year, or allow for a one-time contribution;

Whereas, The potential for this type of a program could be used to help raise money for low-income families in Ann Arbor by developing a similar program called "Pennies for People";

Whereas, The Ann Arbor program would offer on all city bills an option to round up to the nearest dollar, five or ten dollar, make a specific regular contribution, or a one-time contribution; and

Whereas, The Pennies for People program would generate tax-deductible funds to help provide food, housing, clothing, utility shutoff protection, educational enrichment opportunities to qualified Ann Arbor families and residents;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop and promote a "Pennies for People" program to offer on all city invoices/bills an option to round up to the nearest dollar, five or ten dollar, make a specific regular contribution, or make an one-time contribution.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-595-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY AND GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Whereas, The Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention reported that in 1994 there were more than 38,500 firearm-related deaths in the United States, almost fifty percent (18,765) of these were suicides, and 1,356 were unintentional deaths;

Whereas, Many local governments are implementing voluntary and/or mandatory programs to encourage gun safety and reduce the number of gun-related deaths and injuries in their communities;

Whereas, Many of these programs involve ordinances on gun safety or sale of firearms, development of gun safety programs, provide a safe means to dispose of unwanted firearms, and implement programs to keep guns out of schools;

Whereas, There are many guns in our community and their safe secure storage and the removal of unwanted guns from households can increase the safety of our community for our residents and public safety officers;

RESOLVED, That the City establish a gun safety and gun buy back program to include the following aspects:

Free trigger locks and safe storage lockboxes;

Development of video and/or print material, or gun safety classes to emphasize safety and prevention of unintentional firearm injuries;

Gun Buy Back program; and

Development and research of appropriate local ordinances that will help to prevent the unintentional firearm injuries and other gun safety legislation to improve the overall safety of our community; and

RESOLVED, That the City work with other public and private entities to ensure funding and widespread involvement with the Gun Safety Program.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-596-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CITY COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS
AND AUTHORITIES TO MEET IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

A resolution to require City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in public buildings was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember unanimously agreed that the following paragraph be added to the resolution:

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop a plan to implement this policy within one year of passage and develop a procedure for making exceptions to this policy when extenuating circumstances exist to allow City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in a nonpublic building.

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-596-12-00

RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CITY COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES TO MEET IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Whereas, There are many City committees, commissions and authorities that impact and make decisions on public policy;

Whereas, There are many citizens who are interested in the work of these committees, commissions and authorities;

Whereas, Public access to these decision-making and public bodies is of the utmost importance; and

Whereas, There are many residents who cannot make all of the meetings that they would like to see;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor require that all City committees, commissions and authorities, when required to meet in open session, hold all of their meetings in a public building, with adequate public space for residents to observe the proceedings, with live video broadcast capabilities when possible, and that CTN work on increasing the number of meetings that are broadcast live or by taped delay; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop a plan to implement this policy within one year of passage and develop a procedure for making exceptions to this policy when extenuating circumstances exist to allow City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in a nonpublic building.

POSTPONED

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP POLICY ON ROAD NARROWING AND ROAD DIETING

Whereas, Many communities are developing policies on "road dieting," that is the narrowing the width of roads and the number of lanes of traffic;

Whereas, Many neighborhoods are interested in slowing down the traffic speed and volume on the roads in front of their homes;

Whereas, The City has adopted a traffic calming program; and

Whereas, This issue requires that transportation, land use, and environmental concerns be evaluated in developing a strong policy;

RESOLVED, That the City Council request that the Environmental Commission study and develop a policy recommendation for the Council to adopt regarding road widths and road dieting.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Hartwell moved that the resolution be postponed until 1) Council determines the transportation expertise on the Environmental Commission, 2) Council sets its priorities at the December 9 Council planning session, and 3) Council has discussions concerning the status of the Transportation Task Force.

Councilmember Upton moved that the last paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That the City Council request that the ~~Environmental Commission~~ Transportation Task Force study and develop a policy recommendation for the Council to adopt regarding road widths and road dieting.

After further discussion, the motion to amend was withdrawn.

The question being the motion to postpone, on roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Robinson, Upton, Lowenstein, Hartwell, Higgins, Mayor Hieftje, 6;

Nays, Councilmembers Herrell, Kolb, Easthope, 3.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Hartwell moved that the motion to postpone be reconsidered.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Hartwell moved that the resolution be postponed until the January 22, 2001 regular session of Council.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Robinson, Upton, Lowenstein, Hartwell, Higgins, Mayor Hieftje, 6;

Nays, Councilmembers Herrell, Kolb, Easthope, 3.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-597-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
MAINTAINING THE VITALITY OF THE DOWNTOWN

Whereas, Ann Arbor's Downtown is vital to maintaining the health and strength of our community;

Whereas, Many of the important stakeholders meet on Downtown issues in several committees, Merchant Associations, citizens groups, and individually to work on issues that impact the health of the downtown;

Whereas, The Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force has a membership that brings many of these important stakeholders together;

Whereas, The Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force has wanted to do more strategic planning; and

Whereas, With new leadership and direction The Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force, with invited guests, is the most logical group to develop a strategic plan for the downtown area to help maintain the vitality of the heart of our city;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Administrator develop a plan to involve the Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force in developing an annual strategic plan for maintaining the health and vitality of the downtown on a short-term, mid-term and long-term basis; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor's Downtown Marketing Task Force be made into a standing committee and that its name be changed to reflect that it is not a short term task force and that it is involved in more than marketing.
Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-598-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR TO JOIN THE MICHIGAN
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE REFORM COALITION

A resolution for the City of Ann Arbor to join the Michigan Transportation and Land Use Reform Coalition was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the last paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor become a member of MTLURC, and name **COUNCILMEMBER HARTWELL** as the representative **AND MAYOR HIEFTJE AS THE ALTERNATE** to this organization.

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-598-12-00

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR TO JOIN THE MICHIGAN
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE REFORM COALITION

Whereas, Urban Sprawl is having a negative impact on the character and environment of the City of Ann Arbor and surrounding communities in Washtenaw County;

Whereas, Many of the forces resulting in urban sprawl, such as land use and transportation decisions, are regional and statewide in nature, and therefore beyond the City of Ann Arbor to totally affect or control on its own;

Whereas, A statewide coalition could be an effective means to promote land use and transportation reforms to curb urban sprawl;

Whereas, The Michigan Land Use Institute has organized the Michigan Transportation and Land Use Reform Coalition ("MTLURC") precisely to achieve such land use and transportation reforms at the regional and statewide level;

Whereas, Local governments are eligible for membership in MTLURC;

Whereas, Several citizens of Ann Arbor and surrounding communities are active members of MTLURC; and

Whereas, Membership in MTLURC could provide significant benefits, at a nominal cost, to the City of Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor become a member of MTLURC, and name Councilmember Hartwell as the representative, and Mayor Hieftje as the alternate, to this organization.

R-599-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

A resolution to create sustainable guidelines for the City of Ann Arbor was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the following fifth paragraph of the resolution be deleted:

Whereas, Sustainable Washtenaw appears to be running out of steam;

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-599-12-00

RESOLUTION TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

Whereas, The principles of sustainability need to be incorporated throughout our city policies and throughout our community;

Whereas, There are many knowledgeable individuals within our city to help develop sustainability guidelines for our community;

Whereas, The City Council in setting its priorities established Environmental Sustainability as one of its top priorities, this included sustainable development, watershed protection, alternative transportation, "green specs" for design of city buildings and ultimately all new construction in Ann Arbor, educational offerings for Planning Commission

and the general public, and life cycle costing; and

Whereas, The Environmental Commission is charged to advise and make recommendations to the City Council and City Administrator on environmental policy, environmental issues and environmental implications of all city programs and proposals on the air, water, land and public health, and all matters related to sustainable development;

RESOLVED, That the Environmental Commission be charged with developing Sustainable Guidelines to be incorporated throughout city policies and programs that impact our community so that the City can move forward on its identified priority of Environmental Sustainability.

R-600-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT THE CITY TO REINTRODUCE
AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE

A resolution to instruct the City to reintroduce amendments to the Sign Ordinance was considered.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Upton moved that the fourth paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Sign Ordinance, **AS AMENDED**, be brought back for first reading at the second meeting in [~~December, 2000~~]
FEBRUARY, 2001;

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-600-12-00

RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT THE CITY TO REINTRODUCE
AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE

Whereas, The City Council established a Task Force to review and make recommendations to amend the City's Sign Ordinance; and

Whereas, The City Council passed the amended ordinance at first reading, but has failed to act on the amended ordinance within six months of passage at first reading;

RESOLVED, That the Sign Ordinance, as amended, be reintroduced at first reading with the following changes:

The ordinance should identify minimum/maximum height and width requirements for the complete sign structure without reference to the sign dimensions within the structure;

The ordinance should state: Complete sign structure would be no higher than 48" or wider than 36", inclusive of riders (eliminating "No Sign Riders Are Permitted" language), and bottom of the sign must be at least 6" off the ground;

The ordinance should not place a time limit on how long a real estate sign may exist on a piece of property while the owner is attempting to sell it, but the real estate sign must be removed within 48 hours of closing;

The ordinance should retain the placement requirements but with reasonable flexibility in the regulations, including the ability to place the sign in front of an obstruction that would block the view of the sign from the street as long as the sign is placed parallel and immediately in front of the obstruction and out of

the public right of way;

The ordinance should not contain any fees associated with the erection of "temporary signs;" and,

The ordinance should treat all temporary signs in the same manner.

RESOLVED, That the Sign Ordinance, as amended, be brought back for first reading at the second meeting in February, 2001; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor establish a Council Committee to work out final language after passage at first reading.

R-601-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO RAISE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE

Whereas, The City Council passed a Living Wage Ordinance that was vetoed by the Mayor;

Whereas, During the discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the State Minimum Wage needed to be raised; and

Whereas, The State may pass legislation prohibiting local governments to pass living wage ordinances;

RESOLVED, That the City Council request that the State Legislature raise the State Minimum Wage so that it will provide a living wage, with a first step increase of \$2.00 per hour spread over the next two years with further increases to be made in future years to establish the minimum wage as a living wage, with annual adjustments for inflation; and

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the State Representatives and Senator representing the City of Ann Arbor, the Governor, and the Majority and Minority House and Senate Leadership.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-602-12-00 APPROVED

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REPLACEMENT MEMBER

Whereas, There are two members from City Council, one from each caucus, serving on the Environmental Commission;

Whereas, Marcia Higgins serves as the Republican Party Caucus member and Christopher Kolb serves as the Democratic Party Caucus member;

Whereas, The Democratic Party Caucus member of the Environmental Commission will be resigning his Councilmember seat to take his State Representative seat and thus will no longer be able to serve on the Environmental Commission; and

Whereas, The Environmental Commission will be holding important meetings in December, 2000 and January, 2001;

RESOLVED, That Christopher Easthope serve out the remaining term of Christopher Kolb=s appointment to the Environmental Commission.

Councilmember Higgins moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilmember Herrell reported that the Recreation Advisory Commission has been dealing with issues related to the school system=s budget difficulties and its impact on the recreation program. She stated that the City and Schools will have to work together to determine priorities for maintaining programs.

Councilmember Kolb reported that the Environmental Commission held its first meeting, and will be meeting on December 11 to work on the Environmental Coordinator job description, January 20 to set its priorities, and January 25 in regular session.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

DECEMBER 18 REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance for Managing Fertilizer Applications to Protect Water Quality (Councilmembers Kolb and Easthope)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

FIFTH WARD COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor Hieftje announced that applications for the Fifth Ward City Council seat will be accepted through 8:00 a.m., January 9.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON TABLE

Mayor Hieftje placed the following nominations on the table for approval at a later date:

City Planning Commission

Scott Wade (to fill vacancy)
1838 Joseph St. 48104
Term: 12/18/00 to 6/30/01

Housing Policy Board

Margorie Bolgos (to fill vacancy)
2105 Fair St. 48103
Term: 12/18/00 to 12/17/00

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Following is the list of Councilmember committee assignments for 2000-2001. All terms end in November 2001, except for the City Planning Commission, which ends in June 2001.

<u>Board/Commission/Committee</u>	<u>No. of Councilmembers</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>
Ad Hoc Rules Committee	3	Lowenstein Hartwell Higgins
Affordable Housing Steering Committee	2	Kolb Upton
Airport Advisory Committee	2	Hartwell Higgins
Animal Ordinance Review Task Force	2	Herrell Higgins
Ann Arbor Commission on Disability Issues	1	Robinson
Ann Arbor Energy Commission	1	Herrell
Ann Arbor Summer Festival	Mayor	Hieftje
Board of Insurance Administration	2	Lowenstein Upton
Budget Policy/Process Committee	Mayor + 4	Hieftje Easthope Kolb Higgins Upton
Cable Communications Commission	2	Easthope Higgins

<u>Board/Commission/Committee</u>	<u>No. of Councilmembers</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>
Capital Improvements Review Committee	2	Hartwell Upton
City Administrator Committee	All Councilmembers	All Councilmembers
City Attorney Committee	All Councilmembers	All Councilmembers
City/County Community Corrections Advisory Board	1	Carlberg
City Planning Commission	1	Carlberg
City/School Committee	2	Hartwell Upton
City/University Committee	Mayor + 2	Hieftje Lowenstein Upton
Commission on Art in Public Places	2	Johnson Upton
Community Events Fund Committee	2 each caucus	Easthope Higgins Kolb Upton
Community Reinvestment Act Ordinance Task Force	3	
Downtown Marketing Task Force	Mayor + 1 each caucus	Hieftje Kolb Upton
Elizabeth Dean Fund	1	Easthope

<u>Board/Commission/Committee</u>	<u>No. of Councilmembers</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>
Environmental Commission	2	Easthope Higgins
HIV/AIDS Task Force	1	Kolb
Housing Board of Appeals	1	Carlberg
Housing Policy Board	2 (co-chairs)	Robinson Upton
Human Services Funding Task Force	2 each caucus	Robinson Upton Higgins Herrell (chair)
Labor Negotiating Committee	All Councilmembers	All Councilmembers
Mayor=s Committee on Street Art Fairs	2	Hieftje Easthope
Mayor=s Task Force on Increasing Safety for Women	1	Lowenstein
Michigan Community Theater Board Liaison	2 (delegate/alternate)	Higgins (del) Hieftje (alt)
Municipal Garages Relocation Task Force	2	Carlberg Easthope
Natural Features Ordinance Committee	1 each caucus	Higgins Herrell
Park Advisory Commission	2	Johnson Higgins
Real Estate Committee	2	Hieftje Easthope
<u>Board/Commission/Committee</u>	<u>No. of Councilmembers</u>	<u>Assigned to</u>

Recreation Advisory Commission	2	Herrell Hartwell
School Safety Committee	1	Herrell
S.E.M.C.O.G	2 (delegate/alternate)	Hieftje (del) Carlberg (alt)
Special Liquor Committee	3	Kolb Higgins Herrell
Street Advisory Committee	2	Carlberg Lowenstein
Taxicab Board	1	Robinson
Train Whistle Task Force	3	Robinson Johnson Kolb
Transportation Task Force	2	Lowenstein Higgins
U.A.T.S. Liaison	2 (delegate/alternate)	Carlberg (del) Hieftje (alt)
Washtenaw Development Council Liaison	2 (delegate/alternate)	Hartwell (del) Upton (alt)
Zoning Board of Appeals	1	Higgins

Councilmember Easthope moved that the Mayor's Council assignments be accepted, with no precedent attached, and that the City Attorney be directed to review the procedures for voting on appointments to the various boards, commissions and committees and report back by the March 5, 2001 regular session of Council.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Interim City Clerk Yvonne Carl administered the oath of office to newly appointed First

Ward Councilmember Robert M. Johnson.

Councilmember Johnson took his seat.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CLOSED SESSION

City Administrator Neal Berlin announced that a closed session of Council is scheduled at the end of the meeting to review several significant matters.

REPORTS SUBMITTED

Administrator Berlin submitted the following reports for information of Council:

1. Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce Housing Coordinator Position Description
2. First Quarter Budget Report
3. Methane Gas Concentrations at Southeast Area Park
4. Alternate Address for the City's Web Site (www.a2gov.org)

(Reports on file in the City Clerk's Office)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT ON COMPLETED ANNEXATION

City Attorney Abigail Elias submitted a report on the completion of the Ryan annexation, 0.22 acre, 2942 Shady Lane, from Pittsfield Township. (Report on file in the City Clerk's Office)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

None.

CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS

1. Human Rights Commission - October 18, 2000
2. Cable Communications Commission - September 26, 2000
3. Housing Commission - October 18, 2000
4. Planning Commission - October 3 and October 17, 2000

Councilmember Herrell moved that the Clerk's Report be accepted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

J. P. DENOYER

J. P. Denoyer, Ann Arbor resident, objected to items being added to the Council agenda after the publication deadline, and expressed his opposition to the resolution to develop a gun safety and a gun buy-back program.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Easthope moved that the regular session of Council be recessed for a closed session to discuss collective bargaining and a privileged communication from the City Attorney.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Johnson, Robinson, Upton, Lowenstein, Herrell, Hartwell, Kolb, Easthope, Mayor Hieftje, 9;

Nays, Councilmember Higgins, 1.

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting recessed at 10:36 p.m.

Councilmember Robinson moved that the regular session of Council be reconvened.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 11:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Yvonne Carl
Interim Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin
Recording Secretary