

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKING SESSION - FEBRUARY 11, 2002**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Jean Carlberg.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Jean Robinson, Robert M. Johnson, Michael R. Reid, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Easthope, Wendy A. Woods, 8.

ABSENT : Councilmembers Joseph Upton, Stephen C. Hartwell, Mayor John Hieftje, 3.

WORK SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Carlberg announced that an agreement has been reached with Roger Fraser, who will officially begin April 8, 2002 as Ann Arbor's new City Administrator. Details of the contract will not be released until the agreement is reviewed by the City Attorney and signatures are obtained.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RENEWAL

Downtown Development Authority Members Robert Aldrich and Lorri Sipes gave a presentation on the renewal of the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority before its expiration in 2012. Reasons for early renewal include: 1) protection of ongoing projects with continued DDA support and funding; 2) promotion of future downtown vitality through capital improvements projects and partnerships, which require the procurement of long-term debt financing; and 3) DDA's ability to address the needs of downtown by encouraging economic growth through the creation and implementation of policies and development projects.

A slide presentation given by Ms. Sipes included a review of DDA projects, DDA financing, and the renewal process schedule. She stated that a resolution of intent to renew will be introduced at the March 18, 2002 regular session of Council.

Questions from Council followed the presentation. DDA Executive Director Susan Pollay

was also available for questions.

The following documents were distributed to Council and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office: "2002-2032 DDA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan (Executive Summary);" and "Renewal of the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority" slide presentation.

PROPOSED HEALTH SPA ORDINANCE

Police Chief Dan Oates, Deputy Chief Don Leach, Sgt. Tom Seyfried, and FBI Agent Greg Stejskal reported on the investigation of 5 illegitimate local spas, which were closed down by the police. Chief Oates stated that the investigation demonstrated the necessity of enacting an ordinance to license legitimate massage therapists in order to prevent the setup of illegal massage parlors in the city.

Sgt. Seyfried, who handled the 2½-year investigation, gave an overview of the investigation through a slide presentation.

Deputy Chief Leach announced that the proposed ordinance will be presented for first reading at the March 4, 2002 regular session of Council.

Questions from Council followed the presentation. Lt Mike Zsenyuk and Margaret Szedenits, President of the Michigan Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association, were also available for questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Interim Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary