

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORKING SESSION - MARCH 12, 2007**

Mayor John Hieftje called the working session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:06 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT** : Councilmembers Ronald Suarez, Robert M. Johnson, Joan Lowenstein, Stephen Rapundalo, Stephen Kunselman, Margie Teall (7:09 p.m.), Marcia Higgins, Wendy A. Woods, Mayor John Hieftje, 9;

**ABSENT** : Councilmembers Leigh Greden, Christopher Easthope, 2.

**WORK SESSION**

Councilmember Lowenstein moved, seconded by Councilmember Higgins, to amend the agenda to include a Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition and to delete WS-2 Stormwater Level of Service and Rate Model.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORT - PENSION**

Nancy Sylvester, Chairperson of the Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees, presented the Pension Plan Annual Report to Council. Ms. Sylvester also acknowledged other staff members and Pension Board members who were in attendance. Ms. Sylvester spoke about funding levels and other assumptions related to the Pension fund. She also spoke about the funding levels and investment returns for the VEBA fund. Ms. Sylvester informed Council that the Pension Board is recommending two ordinance amendments related to duty-death benefits and pension increases for retirees.

Willie Powell, Pension Administrator, was available to answer any questions of Council.

A copy of the Annual Report is on file in the City Clerk's Office for inspection.

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION**

Councilmember Higgins moved, seconded by Councilmember Woods, that Council enter into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Yeas, Councilmembers Suarez, Johnson, Lowenstein, Rapundalo, Kunselman, Teall, Higgins, Woods, Mayor Hieftje; 9

Nays, 0.

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 7:23 p.m.

Councilmember Woods moved, seconded by Councilmember Rapundalo, that the working session of March 12, 2007 be reconvened.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

### **WORK SESSION CONTINUED**

#### **EXPANDING COMPOST OPERATIONS – WASTE MANAGEMENT YARD WASTE CONTRACT**

Bryan Weinert, Solid Waste Coordinator, presented information to Council regarding an increase in yard waste material from Central Wayne Disposal Authority communities including Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

Matthew Kulhanek, Fleet and Facility Manager, provided Council with additional information regarding the increase in operation with the proposed contract with Waste Management of Michigan, including delivery fee increase and equipment purchases that were included with the financial analysis for the project. Revenue would be generated from the project through tipping fees and the sale of compost product.

#### **STATUS REPORT & DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT FOR PFIZER SITE**

Peter Pollack of Pollack Designs discussed options for the redevelopment of the Pfizer site. Mr. Pollack explained the importance of strategically choosing the areas of the site for beginning the redevelopment process. He stated the current open spaces on the site might not be the best choice for the initial redevelopment of the site. Mr. Pollack suggested the entire site be considered as one place, rather than many separate developable pieces.

Councilmember Higgins requested that the City Administrator provide information regarding staff time spent on the potential redevelopment of the Pfizer site.

#### **BUDGET**

Tom Crawford, Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the City Attorney's Office budget proposal for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

Tom Crawford, CFO, and Roger Fraser, City Administrator, provided Council with a 2-year financial plan and information regarding the Administrator's upcoming budget to Council. A copy of the report is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Fraser informed Council that the public hearing on the budget would be at the first Council meeting in May. A working session in April would also provide an opportunity for Council to provide additional input.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Jacqueline Beaudry  
Clerk of Council