

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, July 25, 2016

7:00 PM

Special Work Session

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers

City Council

City Council will meet in caucus the Sunday prior to each regular session at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Special Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: 10 - Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Chip Smith

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Julie Grand

WS WORK SESSION

16-1007 MDEQ Update to City Council on Revising Part 201 Criteria Standards and Any New Issues on the Gelman Site

Mitchell Adelman, District Supervisor, MDEQ Jackson Office, spoke about the proposed 2016 Rules and the status of revising the 1,4 Dioxane contamination from 85 parts per billion to 7.2 parts per billion.

Mr. Adelman stated the MDEQ has extended the public comment period per the request of the public and the business community, from July 26 to September 13. A public hearing is also scheduled for September 12. He noted that they are still committed to trying to get the new Rules approved in calendar year 2016, but the Legislature requires 15 session days to review the proposed promulgated rules.

Representatives of the MDEQ were also present to speak specifically about the Gelman Plume and the current clean-up plans. It was reported that Gelman has agreed to conduct testing of groundwater for 1,4 Dioxane detection.

Questions were asked regarding the impact of 1, 4 Dioxane if found in the groundwater and in City parks.

Mr. Adelman reported that the State of Michigan has a \$28 million letter of credit from Gelman for clean-up efforts.

Councilmember Briere requested a map be provided of what the plume would look like if the standard were increased from 85 parts per billion to 7.2 parts per billion. It was agreed that the DEQ would provide this map to the City's Environmental Coordinator, Matt Naud.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Vince Caruso, 556 Glendale, a member of CARD (Coalition for Action on Remediation of Dioxane), urged Council to apply for Superfund status. He stated the DEQ has not acted on this issue for years and now there are concerns about 1,4 Dioxane in basements on the Old West Side.

James D'Amour, Vice President of the Huron Valley Sierra Club, urged Council to petition for federal Superfund status. He stated federal oversight is necessary.

Ethel Potts, 1014 Elder Boulevard, stated she has been attending meetings on this subject since the 1980s. She asked that the source be cleaned up, not just the expanding plume.

Dan Victel, CARD member, stated the plume was discovered in 1984 and he has been a CARD members since that time. He urged Council to petition for Superfund status.

Rita Loch Caruso, Fifth Ward resident, asked for more details about plans moving forward.

Eric Lipson, Fourth Ward Council candidate, stated if he is elected to Council, he will work to petition for Superfund status.

Roger Rayle, Scio Residents for Safe Water, spoke in favor of petitioning the federal government for Superfund status.

Kathy Griswold, 3565 Fox Hunt, thanked the citizens who have fought for this clean-up project for decades. She also spoke about pedestrian safety and transportation issues.

Edward Vielmetti, Fourth Ward resident, spoke in favor of federal intervention.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the City Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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