

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, June 9, 2014

7:00 PM

Work Session

City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
City Council meets in caucus the Sunday prior to each regular session at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hieftje called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron. Councilmember Teall arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Present: 11 - Mayor John Hieftje, Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Margie Teall, Councilmember Mike Anglin, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Sally Petersen, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski and Councilmember Jack Eaton

WS WORK SESSION**WS-1 14-0879 Council Ethics and Standards of Conduct - Educational Session**

Attachments: Public Legal Framework.pdf

Carla Miller, an attorney with CityEthics.org, presented to Council regarding Standards of Conduct and the need for an ethics policy. She spoke about the elected official's duties to the public and their own obligations to family and friends. Ms. Miller stated the number one element of ethics in government is the concept of fairness. She stated corruption can be personal or institutional and it is not necessarily always illegal.

Ms. Miller stated a good ethics policy should include an ethics code, training and communication, advise, disclosures, and independent enforcement body and a hotline for whistleblower protection.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Kathy Griswold, 3565 Fox Hunt, spoke about overgrown vegetation in the City. She stated tall grass and vegetation in the right-of-way is a safety issue for pedestrians. She urged Council to support the efforts of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force and to address the issue of overgrown vegetation. Ms. Griswold noted that she supports Norm Cox of the Greenway Initiative.

Chanming Fan, owner of Tiny Lights, thanked Council for their service to the community. He urged Councilmembers to set the example and not allow "institutional corruption."

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the City Council, Mayor Hieftje declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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