

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2017

7:00 PM

Work Session for budget purposes

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

City Council

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Warpehoski arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Present: 11 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith and Councilmember Jason Frenzel

WS WORK SESSION

WS-1 [17-0253](#) FY18-19 Proposed Budget: City Attorney's Office and Public Services

Attachments: Work Session-2-27-17.pdf, Impact Sheets for 2-27-17 work session.pdf, Strategic Plan Crosswalk for 2-27-2017 work session.pdf, Two-pagers for 2-27-17 work session.pdf

City Attorney Stephen K. Postema presented the City Attorney's proposed budget to Council.

Public Services Area Administrator Craig Hupy and his staff presented the proposed budget for the Public Services Area. Managers for each area of Public Services were present to discuss their specific units and answer any questions of Council.

Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer, spoke about the Engineering unit's budget, highlighting the street resurfacing program and sidewalk repair work. Mr. Hutchinson also addressed school safety priorities, including capital improvements on school walking routes.

Matt Kulhanek, Fleet and Facilities Manager, presented the Fleet and Facilities proposed budget and discussed highlights of the last year and priorities moving forward.

Molly Maciejewski, Public Works Manager, presented the Public Works Department budget and the previous year's highlights. Ms. Maciejewski noted that Public Works is the largest unit in Public Services and includes Street maintenance, Forestry, Solid Waste, and other field operations work.

Cresson Slotten, Systems Planning Manager, presented the Systems Planning proposed budget to Council. Mr. Slotten stated the unit provides long-range planning efforts to many of the other units within Public Service, He stated this unit also manages the City's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Earl Kenzie, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, presented the City's Wastewater Treatment budget. A major highlight of the last year is the 88% completion rate of the Plant renovation, which is on schedule and under budget.

Brian Steglitz, Water Treatment Manager, presented the Water Treatment Unit's proposed budget. Mr. Steglitz noted that the Manchester Water Tank Coating Project won the 2016 "Tank of the Year."

Mr. Hupy also briefed City Council on each of the individual funds within Public Services, including revenue and expense recommendations.

Council asked questions of staff.

A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Jennifer Wolfe, resident, spoke about stormwater issues and thanked the City staff for their work over the last ten years on this issue. She stated it is time to increase the stormwater rate in order to address future stormwater issues.

Kathy Griswold, Ward 2, thanked the members of the A2Safe Transport for their work, stating a report was recently released and delivered to City Council. She stated the group is offended that the City might hire a consultant, stating the City's resources should be used for infrastructure improvements, including crosswalk upgrades and improvements, not more consultants.

Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner, thanked Council for their discussion and questions on infrastructure. Mr. Pratt stated Ann Arbor is an exception in Michigan regarding its commitment to infrastructure. He also concurred with Ms. Wolfe regarding the need to invest in stormwater via a rate increase. He urged Council to look at a holistic approach to public works.

Erica Briggs, Washtenaw Pedestrian and Biking Coalition, thanked Council for a pedestrian friendly budget. She urged Council to remember others in the pedestrian community, such as people with disabilities, the elderly and cyclists.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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