

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 12, 2012

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 Working Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron St.

It was decided that WS-3 (Fire Budget) would be moved ahead of WS-2 (Parks Millage Renewal).

WS WORK SESSION

Present: 10 - Mayor John Hieftje, Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Marcia Higgins, Councilmember Margie Teall, Councilmember Mike Anglin, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Tony Derezinski, Councilmember Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Carsten Hohnke and Councilmember Jane Lumm

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Sandi Smith

WS-1 [12-0327](#)

DTE Cleanup Near Argo/MichCon/Permits: Sanitary Sewer, DEQ - River, and Remediation

Shayne Wiseman of DTE Energy updated Council on the Broadway remediation project. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Council took a recess between 7:40 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Closed

WS-2 [12-0331](#)

Budget: Fire and Other Service Area Budget Priorities

Chuck Hubbard, Fire Chief, presented the proposed Fire Department budget to City Council. Chief Hubbard also outlined a new proposed staffing plan, which included the re-opening of Station 2 on Packard Road and the closure of Stations 3, 4 and 6 (Jackson Road, Briarwood, Huron Parkway). Tom Crawford, CFO, was available to answer questions related to the Fire Department proposed budget and Dale Berry, Huron Valley Ambulance CEO, was available to answer questions related to HVA ambulance transport service in the City. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Council inquired about the number of structure fires in the last year and whether this number represented an increase or decrease. The budget impacts were discussed and Council asked whether the new station plan could be "undone" if necessary. (City Administrator Powers noted that the closed stations would remain City property.) CFO Crawford noted that staffing levels could be maintained with the restructuring plan and the new contract approval.

Council took a short recess at 9:17 p.m. Councilmember Higgins left at 9:20 p.m. and Councilmember Teall left at 9:45 p.m.

Closed

WS-3 [12-0329](#)

Parks Millage Renewal

Colin Smith, Parks and Recreation Services Manager, and Matt Warba, Interim Field

Operations Manager, presented to Council information on the proposed Parks Millage Renewal. The millage renewal is proposed to be on the ballot in November 2012. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Smith noted that staff recommends keeping the general terms of the millage the same as the expiring millage to allow for a "renewal" versus a "new" millage.

Closed

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the City Council, Mayor Hieftje called the Working Session adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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