

City of Ann Arbor **Meeting Minutes City Council**

100 N. Fifth Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48104 www.a2gov.org

Monday, October 22, 2007

7:00 PM

G. C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Bldg. 2nd Flr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Hieftje called the special session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 100 N. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: 11 - Mayor John Hieftje, Councilmember Robert M. Johnson, Councilmember Ronald Suarez, Councilmember Stephen Rapundalo, Councilmember Joan Lowenstein, Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Leigh Greden, Councilmember Marcia Higgins, Councilmember Margie Teall, Councilmember Christopher S. Easthope, and Councilmember Wendy A. Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Woods, seconded by Councilmember Teall, that the Agenda be Approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

07-0330

Resolution to Prohibit the Sale of Municipal Golf Course Lands

Add item to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rapundalo, seconded by Councilmember Woods, that the Agenda be Amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

The question being the Agenda as amended, on a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

- * (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)
- * ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

1. Dave DeVarti - City Hall Complex

Dave DeVarti, 1231 Baldwin, asked Council to postpone the proposed resolutions to a later date and to include a public hearing so that the public could have input.

2. LuAnne Bullington - City Hall Complex

LuAnne Bullington, 1801 South Boulevard, expressed concern with the proposed resolution to build a new Court/Police building.

Thomas Partridge - Progressive Democratic Leadership in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County Needed.
Joint County-City Effort Needed to Establish a Combined Government, Law Enforcement and Court Center.

Thomas Partridge, 4220 Eyrie Drive, expressed concern with holding a special meeting to consider the proposed resolutions on the agenda.

4. Karen Sidney - City Hall Complex

Karen Sidney, 100 Longman Lane, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution regarding the Courts/Police Building.

5. Glenn Thompson - City Court Building

Glen Thompson, 100 Longman Lane, spoke in opposition of the proposed resolution regarding the Courts/Police Building.

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DS New Business - Staff:

DS-1 07-0301

Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Quinn Evans Architects for the Next Phase of Design Work through Contract Administration on the Courts/Police Building and Related Improvements (\$3,900,000.00)

A motion was made by Councilmember Easthope, seconded by Councilmember Woods, that the Resolution be Approved.

Councilmember Suarez moved, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, to postpone the resolution until November 5, 2007. The motion was withdrawn.

Suspension of Council Rules

A motion was made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that Council Rule #8 regarding Council speaking time be suspended. On roll call, the Mayor declared the motion carried and Rule #8 was suspended. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: 10 - Mayor Hieftje, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Suarez,

Councilmember Rapundalo, Councilmember Lowenstein, Councilmember

Kunselman, Councilmember Greden, Councilmember Higgins,

Councilmember Teall, and Councilmember Woods

Navs: 1 - Councilmember Easthope

Recess

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:21 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

07-0301

Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Quinn Evans Architects for the Next Phase of Design Work through Contract Administration on the Courts/Police Building and Related Improvements (\$3,900,000.00)

The following administrative amendments were made:

1st RESOLVED clause: Substitute the word layout with the word plan.

...RESOLVED, That the site [plan] LAYOUT and schematic design for the 15th District Court and the Ann Arbor Police Services building and related work for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center are approved; ...

- Also replace the words [site plan] with the words SITE LAYOUT throughout the Resolution.

This matter was Amended

The question being the resolution as amended administratively, on roll call, the Mayor declared the motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: 7 - Councilmember Rapundalo, Councilmember Lowenstein, Councilmember Greden, Councilmember Higgins, Councilmember Teall, Councilmember Easthope, and Councilmember Woods

Navs:

Mayor Hieftje, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Suarez, and Councilmember Kunselman

Enactment No: R-07-506

DS-2 07-0306

Resolution Requesting DDA Participation with the City in the Development of Needed Improvements to the Ann Arbor Municipal Center

A motion was made by Councilmember Greden, seconded by Councilmember Teall, that the Resolution be Approved. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-07-507

New Business - Council:

DC-1 07-0330

Resolution to Prohibit the Sale of Municipal Golf Course Lands

A motion was made by Councilmember Rapundalo, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the resolution be approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rapundalo, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Resolution be Amended as follows:

1st RESOLVED Clause:

...RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council deem that any consideration of possible sale of ALL the PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS Leslie Park and/or Huron Hills Golf Courses' [properties] for private development is not in the best interests of the community;

2nd RESOLVED Clause:

...RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council declare that ALL PROPERTIES COMMONLY KNOWN AS the Leslie Park and/or Huron Hills Golf Courses' [properties] will not be sold either in whole or in part for private development, and;

3rd RESOLVED Clause:

...RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council agree that ALL the golf course properties shall remain in the parks system as open space for the purpose of other possible public recreational uses, should the golf operations cease for any reason.

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

- Staff requested to prepare a new legal description that combines all legal descriptions of the Huron Hills Golf Course and bring the new legal description back to Council for review.

A motion was made by Councilmember Suarez, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Resolution be Amended as follows:

Amend the resolution to also prohibit the sale city properties at 415 W. Washington and the North Main property for the next six months.

The motion FAILED.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rapundalo, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Resolution be Approved as Amended. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-07-508

E COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

E-1 07-0331 Appointments - Confirmations

Board of Canvassers

James Hood (R) - Replacing Wendy Carter 1512 Kirtland Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Nov. 5, 2007 - Dec. 31, 2011

Historic District Commission

Diane Giannola Filling Vacancy 3252 Alpine Dr. Ann Arbor, Mi 48108 Term: Nov. 5, 2007 - Nov. 5, 2010

Housing Board of Appeals

Kevin M. Busch Filling Vacancy 573 Glendale Circle Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Term: Nov. 5, 2007 - June 30, 2010

A motion was made by Councilmember Greden, seconded by Councilmember Johnson, that the Appointments be Accepted. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

1. Tim Seger - City Hall Complex

Tim Seger, owner of Tio's Restaurant, said that a decision needs to be made on the new City Hall and courts project and that the project needs to move forward.

LuAnne Bullington - City Hall Complex

LuAnne Bullington, 1801 South Boulevard, said that this would be a good time for the Mayor to veto the resolution approved at this special session of Council.

3. Thomas Partridge - Courts/Police Building

Thomas Partridge, 4220 Eyrie Drive, asked that Council cooperate with the County regarding court services.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Easthope moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN) CABLE CHANNEL 16:

LIVE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

REPLAYS: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007, 10:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:30 P.M.

REPLAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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