City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2013

6:00 PM

Please Note: The Working Session will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Special 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 in the City Council Chamber, Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building, 301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor.

WS WORK SESSION

Present: 9 - Mayor John Hieftje, Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Marcia Higgins, Councilmember Margie Teall, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Sally Petersen and Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Mike Anglin and Councilmember Christopher Taylor

WS-1 13-0322 FY14-15 Budget: Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Susan Pollay, DDA Executive Director, spoke to City Council about the status of the Downtown Development Authority budget. Joe Morehouse, DDA Financial Manager, was also available to answer questions.

Councilmember Kailasapathy inquired about the TIF capture and how much was taken from various taxing authorities and then given back in the form of grants, such as with the AATA or the City.

Questions were asked regarding TIF capture and the parking system. It was clarified by DDA staff that TIF monies were not used for general parking system operations.

Concerns were raised about the most recent DDA Audit. Mr. Morehouse stated he would look into some of the concerns.

Councilmember Kailasapathy requested a copy of the management letter that was provided by the auditors.

More information was requested regarding the status of the Go!Pass program.

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

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WS-2 13-0311 FY14-15 Budget: Capital Projects, Service Impacts, and Council Priorities

Tom Crawford, CFO, and other City staff were available to answer questions of Council regarding the proposed Capital Projects budget, Service Impacts and to discuss Council priorities as well.

Questions were asked regarding retiree health care costs, personnel costs, and the impacts of the Affordable Care Act.

Councilmember Lumm asked if the City was proceeding with a possible consolidation or regional collaboration for the Fire Department.

Mayor Hieftje announced that the Washtenaw Metro Alliance would be restarting their meetings again to discuss regional transportation issues.

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ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the City Council, Mayor Hieftje declared the Working Session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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