

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019

7:00 PM

Work Session

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

City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Smith arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Present: 11 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith, Councilmember Anne Bannister, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold, Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson and Councilmember Ali Ramlawi

WS WORK SESSION**WS-1 [19-1632](#) Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Presentation**

Amy Malmer, SEMCOG Membership Manager, spoke to City Council about the work of SEMCOG and thanked Council for renewing their annual membership. She and her colleague, Trevor Brydon, spoke about population projections, environment, water, infrastructure planning and transportation. A copy of their presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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WS-2 [19-1647](#) Solid Waste Updates, Solid Waste Resources Management Plan (SWRMP) and Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA)

City Administrator Howard S. Lazarus spoke to City Council about the City's current Solid Waste Resources Management Plan and proposed updates to the plan moving forward. He noted the final revised plan would be coming to City Council in the upcoming months for approval.

Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator, introduced his staff, including Cresson Sloten, Systems Planning Manager; Molly Maciejewski, Public Works Manager; and Marti Praschan, Chief of Staff.

Cresson Slotten spoke about the proposed plan, including regional cooperation options, such as joining Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA). WRRMA was created in April 2019, but the City choose not to join at that time.

Members of City staff, including Mr. Slotten and Ms. Maciejewski, spoke about the City's Solid Waste Resources Management Plan and the City's options moving forward.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

The following persons spoke before City Council:

Nancy Stone, Ward 5, former City Solid Waste Education Coordinator, expressed concern about the City's current Recycling program and plans for future contracted services. She stated recycling pick-up is not the same as garbage collection and needs to be managed differently.

A representative of the Main Street Area Association urged Council to listen to the downtown merchants and let them have a voice. She stated business owners downtown have been asking for Sunday collection for years.

Nancy Shiffler, resident, questioned if all of the ideas in the proposed plan really meet the City's sustainability goals.

Phil Tepley, Recycle Ann Arbor Board Member, spoke on behalf of RAA. He expressed concern about the portrayal of RAA in the proposed SWRMP.

A member of the Interfaith Council on Peace and Justice urged City Council to approve recycling efforts that support climate action and sustainability.

Dan Ezekiel, resident, urged Council to reject the City's proposed Solid Waste Resources Management Plan, stating concerns about the future of the contract with Recycle Ann Arbor.

An unidentified member of the public spoke about the City's medical marijuana licensing process for provisioning centers, stating the cap of

28 permits has created "lottery tickets" and his client was removed by the property owner due to the value of the permit. He noted some applications have not been approved for more than a year and he stated others in line waiting for the remaining permits should be allowed to move forward.

An Ann Arbor resident urged Council to get its Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) back in operation, noting the value of the facility for school tours and education.

Ian Robinson, Ward 4, spoke about the labor perspective and urged Council to award the solid waste and recycling work to City workers and Recycle Ann Arbor as both have organized labor. He said this should be a priority.

Eric Lipson, Ward 4, stated the City should stick with Recycle Ann Arbor and trust those who have worked on these issues for more than 40 years.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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