

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 6, 2019

6:30 PM

Special Joint Working Session of the Ann Arbor City Council, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees, and the Scie Township Board of Trustees to Discuss the Dioxane Plume
MI-HQ, Michigan Innovation Headquarters & 242 Community Church, Auditorium, 648 S. Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103,

Auditorium
City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Joint Working Session of the Ann Arbor City Council, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, Ann Arbor Charter Township Board of Trustees and Scio Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Sue Shink of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in the 2/42 Church Community Auditorium, 648 S. Wagner Road.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was present to lead the facilitation of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Lumm arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Present: 9 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Chip Smith, Councilmember Anne Bannister, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold and Councilmember Ali Ramlawi

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

The following persons were present to speak about the Gelman Plume during Public Comment:

Dan Ezekiel, Ann Arbor City resident

James D'Amour, Sierra Club member and Ann Arbor resident

Mozghan Savbabiesafahani, resident

Vince Caruso, founding member of CARD, spoke in favor of Superfund status

David Silkworth, resident, spoke in favor of Superfund status

Beth Collins, Ann Arbor resident, stated her westside home had to be annexed due to the Gelman Plume pollution.

Rita Loch-Caruso, a founding member of CARD

Nancy Shiffler, Sierra Club member, stated she has signed and circulated a plan for Superfund status.

Rita Mitchell, Sierra Club member

Leslie Beemer, Westover Street

Roger Rayle, Chair of CARD

Donna Lasinkski, 52nd State Representative

A Scio Township resident

Michele Cody spoke in support of Superfund designation.

Diane Wright, spoke in support of Superfund designation.

RESPONSE**PRESENTATION**

Kristen Schweighofer, County Health Director, presented background and history of the 1,4 Dioxane Groundwater Plume.

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

DISCUSSION - FACILITATED BY REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell led the Boards and Council in a discussion and debate regarding the future of the Gelman Plume clean-up, including whether the boards could agree on next steps and/or Superfund status.

Commissioner Jason Morgan suggested the boards agree on a set deadline for action and then petition the Governor to request Superfund status if the timeline is not met.

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY, PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCLA 15.268 (C), (D) (E), AND (H).

A motion was made by Councilmember Eaton, seconded by Councilmember Hayner, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268 (E) and (H) to discuss pending litigation and attorney/client privileged communication. On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Clerk declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 8:58 p.m:

Yeas: 9 - Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Eaton, Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Bannister, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold and Councilmember Ramlawi

Nays: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Ackerman and Councilmember Nelson

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Griswold, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Clerk declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Chair of the meeting declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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