

# **City of Ann Arbor**

*301 E. Huron St.*

*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

**Special Joint Working Session with Washtenaw County**

**Skyline High School, 2552 N. Maple Road, Auditorium**

**City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Commissioner Jason Morgan of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners called the Special Work Session of the County Board of Commissioners, Ann Arbor City Council and Scio Board of Trustees to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Auditorium, Skyline High School, 2552 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor.*

**ROLL CALL**

*Councilmember Smith arrived at 7:45 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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)**

*The following members of the public were present to speak:*

*Dan Bicknell, CARD member, urged the members to take action and request Superfund status.*

*Beth Collins, Ann Arbor resident, stated she attends CARD meetings and thanked those elected officials who attend, noting that residents are in favor of Superfund status.*

*Rita Mitchell, Ward 5, thanked Council for serving tap water. She spoke in favor of Superfund status.*

*Vince Caruso, 556 Glendale, founding member of CARD, urged the members to disclose their votes to the public.*

*Rita Loch-Caruso, CARD member, spoke in favor of Superfund status.*

*Bob Bailey, Scio Township resident, expressed concerns about the plume.*

*Shawna Mulkey, Ann Arbor, spoke in favor of Superfund status.*

*Mozhgan Savabiesafani, Ann Arbor resident, urged the Boards to clean up the plume now.*

*Eric Lipson, Ward 3, stated a settlement with Gelman would hurt future clean-up efforts.*

*Diana Wright stated nothing has changed over the years and residents are not protected.*

*James D'Amour, Ward 3, stated a transparent process is needed.*

*Roger Rayle, CARD member, urged the Boards to allow for Superfund status.*

*Nancy Shiffler, Sierra Club member, expressed concern with the lack of progress on the consent judgment.*

#### **RESPONSE TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

*U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell and members of the City Council, County Board of Commissioners and Scio Township Board of Trustees spoke in response to citizen comment. Supervisor Mike Moran of Ann Arbor Township was also present.*

#### **DISCUSSION**

**CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCLA 15.268 (E), AND (H).**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, that Council enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation and attorney/client privileged communications as set forth in MCLA 15.268 (e) and (h). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Clerk declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed in Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.:**

**Yeas:** 11 - Councilmember Lumm, Councilmember Eaton, Mayor Taylor, Councilmember Grand, Councilmember Ackerman, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Bannister, Councilmember Hayner, Councilmember Griswold, Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Ramlawi

**Nays:** 0

**MEETING RECONVENED**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grand, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 10:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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