

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2010

7:00 PM

Work Session

G. C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor

City Council

**WS WORK SESSION**

*Mayor Hieftje called the Working Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr., Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.*

**Present:** 8 - Mayor John Hieftje, Councilmember Stephen Rapundalo, Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Margie Teall, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Sandi Smith, Councilmember Tony Derezinski and Councilmember Christopher Taylor

**Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Marcia Higgins, Councilmember Mike Anglin and Councilmember Carsten Hohnke

**WS-2 10-0408** LDFA Update

*Councilmember Stephen Rapundalo, and chair of the LDFA, presented information to City Council regarding the LDFA's activities and reported on the SmartZone's annual report. A copy of the LDFA's FY 2009 annual report is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Tom Crawford, CFO and Mike Finney from Ann Arbor SPARK were also available to answer questions of Council.*

**WS-1 10-0409** SPARK Update

*Mike Finney, Executive Director of SPARK, updated the City Council on the activities of SPARK and the background of the SPARK mission. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Several SPARK clients were also present to speak about their business activities and how SPARK has assisted their business.*

*Mayor Hieftje called a recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.*

**WS-3 10-0410** Budget Q&A

*Roger Fraser, City Administrator, introduced the budget to Council. He stated the budget would be formally presented to City Council and the public at the April 19 City Council. A public hearing would be held on May 3 and Council would deliberate and vote on the budget at the May 17 Council meeting. Mr. Fraser asked Council to provide their feedback and ask any questions that staff may be able to consider in advance of Council's decision.*

*Tom Crawford, CFO, was also available to answer any questions of Council.*

*Councilmember Briere asked for a comparison between the existing fee schedule, increases from the previous year, and what is proposed for increases this year.*

*Councilmember Derezinski inquired about the cuts to State-shared revenue.*

*Councilmember Smith questioned what economic development projects were planned outside of SPARK.*

*Mayor Hieftje requested comparison data regarding water and sewer utility rates. Public Services Area Administrator Sue McCormick provided materials to Council regarding water rates among other communities in the State. A copy of the survey is available for inspection in the City Clerk's Office.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Hieftje called the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.*

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**LIVE: MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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