

1. Whereas, the 7-member Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC) of the City of Ann Arbor has a duty under City of Ann Arbor Ordinance [Chapter 22] and the enabling state statute [The Home Rule City Act Act 279 of 1909 117.5c] under which the Ordinance was enacted, to meet in odd-numbered years to make recommendations on Mayoral and Council Member compensation;
2. Whereas, the compensation recommendations of the LOCC become final unless explicitly rejected by a vote of the City Council;
3. Whereas, the total compensation for City Council and Mayor in 2015 was \$201,566;
4. Whereas, the compensation recommendations of the LOCC, if not rejected by a vote of the City Council, take effect at the beginning of the calendar year following a LOCC recommendation;
5. Whereas, the fiscal year of the City of Ann Arbor begins on July 1;
6. Whereas, the Ann Arbor City Charter requires the fiscal year budget to be approved by the City Council no later than the Council's second regular meeting in May;
7. Whereas, recommendations of the LOCC, if not made before adoption of the fiscal year budget in May and if not rejected by a vote of the City Council, could potentially result in expenditures starting in January that were not anticipated in that current fiscal year's budget;
8. Whereas, the meetings of the LOCC have in the recent past oftentimes taken place late in the calendar year, well after the City's fiscal year budget has been adopted, oftentimes in December, at a time when members of the public may not be able to attend LOCC meetings or to keep track of LOCC deliberations;
9. Whereas, the deliberations of the LOCC have historically not been well attended by members of the public or covered by The Ann Arbor News;
10. Whereas, an expenditure in the amount of \$201,566 is significant in the context of the many financial priorities of the City, even if percentagewise this amount might appear to be small as a part of the City's general fund budget;
11. Whereas, the compensation of Mayor and Council Members is deeply important beyond any budgetary consideration, because the amount of compensation for local elected officials reflects the Ann Arbor community's expectations about the kind of tasks these local elected officials should prioritize while in office;
12. Whereas, Ann Arbor community members have a broad range of perspectives on the kind of tasks that Mayor and Council Members should prioritize while in office;
13. Whereas, one legitimate perspective is a belief that the appropriate tasks of City Council Members and the Mayor are myriad, time-consuming and burdensome, requiring relatively unique expertise, and that local elected officials should therefore be paid in the

way that professionals would be compensated for their work, so that Council Members and the Mayor can earn at least part of their livelihood from performance of their duties as local elected officials;

14. Whereas, an additional legitimate perspective is a belief that the appropriate tasks of City Council Members and the Mayor are relatively narrow in scope, requiring only such expertise that is common to a vast number of residents, and the efforts of these local officials should be focused on just the responsibilities and duties described in the City Charter and various state statutes or in other legal documents, and local elected officials should therefore receive only sufficient compensation to ensure that any reasonably anticipated actual costs incurred in the course of fulfilling duties as Council Member or Mayor will be covered, in order to ensure that residents of diverse economic backgrounds are not discouraged from taking their turn at performing public service as local elected officials;

15. Whereas, scheduling LOCC meetings at the earliest possible time during the calendar year in which the LOCC meets would serve several important interests, including: (1) the City Council's interest in budget planning; (2) the public's interest in full participation in the democratic process; and (3) the LOCC's interest in deep and diligent reflection on the full range of legitimate perspectives in the Ann Arbor community with respect to the inherent responsibilities and duties of our local elected officials;

RESOLVED, that the Ann Arbor LOCC hereby sets its first meeting of 2017 for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 10 a.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers.

RESOLVED, that the Ann Arbor LOCC will make best efforts in 2017 to ensure that its proceedings are recorded on CTN for live broadcast and viewing via CTN's Video On Demand Service.

RESOLVED, that the Ann Arbor LOCC will make best efforts in 2017 to ensure that all written materials to be considered at its scheduled meetings are available well in advance of its meetings in digital form online, ideally through the same legislative software used by the City Council and other public bodies affiliated with the City, which is currently Legistar.