

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2015

6:00 PM

Special - Work Session

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second Floor, City Council
chambers

City Council

City Council will meet in caucus the Sunday prior to each regular session at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Special Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

Present: 8 - Councilmember Mike Anglin, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand and Councilmember Kirk Westphal

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski and Councilmember Graydon Krapohl

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL WORK SESSION

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry read the order and notice of call of special session.

WS WORK SESSION

WS-1 15-0822 Municipal Elections: League of Women Voters

Attachments: Clerks Office Analysis of odd and even Elections

Nancy Schewe, President of the League of Women Voters of Ann Arbor, spoke to Council about the League's concerns with low voter turnout in August Primary elections. Ms. Schewe stated the City's Council elections are effectively in August, leaving no choice for voters in the General Election, due to only one active political party in the City.

Miriam Borenstein, the Vice-President of the League, was also available to answer questions of Council.

Councilmember Anglin requested a copy of the League's remarks.

Councilmember Lumm encouraged the League to provide more benchmarking from other cities regarding partisan/non-partisan elections and term length.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Robert McGee, City resident, stated he previously was an elected official in Ferndale. He spoke in support of non-partisan elections, with elections in November.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor called the Work Session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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