

City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:00 PM

Work Session

**Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
Chambers**

City Council

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

Present: 9 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Chip Smith and Councilmember Anne Bannister

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Graydon Krapohl and Councilmember Zachary Ackerman

WS WORK SESSION

WS-1 [18-1501](#) City of Ann Arbor Community Policing Commission

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Eaton, to move the Police Oversight Task Force's presentation prior to the City Administrator's response/report. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Dwight Wilson, Monica Harrold, Dick Sobel, Lauren Tatarsky, Richard Friedman, Anna Lemler, Anna Gersh, Keyshon Cotton, and Lori Saginaw, members of the Task Force, explained their role on the task force, presented their recommendations and expressed concerns with not being able to have outside legal council and the need to have assurance that the future Commission would operate independent of City Council.

City Administrator Howard S. Lazarus gave a slide presentation of proposed recommendations for the Community Policing Commission that he was recommending to Council. A copy of the presentation and proposed Task Force Ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Received and Filed

RECESS

Mayor Taylor declared a recess at 10:10 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

Paquetta Palmer, Ann Arbor resident, addressed Council regarding the Community Policing Task Force, stating that the public needs a real way to address grievances against the Ann Arbor Police.

Jeff Harrold, Pastor of the New Beginnings Community Church of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor resident, said that the Task Force took on a huge task in putting an ordinance together. He added that there cannot be one entity policing themselves.

Leslie Stambaugh, Human Rights Commission Chair, said the Commission met last night and discussed the critical differences between the Task Force and the City proposed ordinances. She added that the two are not interchangeable.

Shirley Beckley, a Pittsfield Township resident, asked if money from the Washtenaw County mental health millage would be available to help fund the future Commission's work.

An Ann Arbor resident cautioned Council not to compare Ann Arbor with Berkley, CA, stating Ann Arbor is different.

Judy Bonell-Wenzel, 2771 Braeburn, spoke about African American history in the City.

A resident of Waterhill neighborhood said it is Council's job to implement what the people want.

Chidimma Ozor, Ann Arbor resident, urged Council to set aside what you think you know so you can get a new experience.

A member of the community who was active in the City's last police chief search, stated the City does not need an independent commission to select the next police chief. She urged Council to separate this issue from the need for a commission.

Anna Gersh, task force member, urged Council to pass the Task Force's ordinance as presented.

The vice-chair of the Human Rights Commission spoke in support of the

proposed Task Force ordinance as written.

Debbie Hamilton, business owner, urged Council to include a budget for the Commission, stating members of the public have given many hours of their personal time to create the ordinance.

Paul Saginaw, Ann Arbor resident, asked Council to look at this as an investment in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

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