

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, December 14, 2015

4:00 PM

City Council Planning Session - Please Note this meeting will start
at 4:00 p.m.
Justice Center, 301 E Huron St, Fourth Floor, jury assembly room

City Council

City Council will meet in caucus the Sunday prior to each regular session at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 4:06 p.m. in the Ann Arbor Justice Center, 4th Floor Jury Assembly Room, 301 E. Huron Street.

Present: 9 - Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Chip Smith

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Jack Eaton and Councilmember Graydon Krapohl

PLANNING SESSION

15-1530

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Lisa Wondrash, City Communications Director, presented the results of the 2015 Citizen Survey to Council, noting that the survey was statistically significant and was sent to over 750 City residents. She stated City residents continue to rate the overall quality of life in Ann Arbor as high. Less favorable remarks were received for streets, traffic and parking.

Received and Filed

Councilmember Krapohl arrived at 4:53 p.m.

Present: 10 - Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Chip Smith

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Discussion on the Citizen Survey results continued.

The facilitator Julia Novak worked with the Council on a discussion regarding its "brand" as an employer.

Councilmember Eaton arrived at 5:58 p.m.

Present: 11 - Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman and Councilmember Chip Smith

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Following dinner, discussion continued regarding the interaction between Council and staff and the amount of time that is appropriate for Council requests of staff. Council considered getting Caucus questions to staff prior to Monday morning.

Interim City Administrator Tom Crawford presented the City's financial update and plans for the upcoming budget to Council. He also spoke about the City's strategic planning efforts. Other Service Area Administrators updated Council on their work on the priorities set by Council at the 2014 Planning Session. Staff members who presented on the previous year's efforts included Larry Collins, Fire Chief and Interim Community Services Area Administrator; Cresson Sloten, Systems Planning Manager; Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer; and Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator.

Council discussed other priorities that were not included last year, but may need to be included in the upcoming year. Traffic calming was discussed and considered for a possible Work Session topic. Street lighting, flood mitigation and stormwater issues; financial planning and infrastructure management were also discussed. It was decided that a comprehensive look at stormwater and flooding should be considered in the next year, but it would not yet be added to the list of priorities.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

See no further business, the Mayor declared the Work Session adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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