

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2016

7:00 PM

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 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Councilmember Warpehoski arrived at 7:05 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

WS WORK SESSION

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FY17 Budget: City Administrator's Office, Finance & Administrative Services, Community Services, Fire, and Police

Acting Chief Financial Officer Matthew Horning presented the City's proposed budget impacts for the FY17 budget. Presentations included the City Administrator's Office, Finance and Administrative Services, Community Services and Fire and Police.

Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator, presented the budget impact sheets for the City Clerk's Office, Safety Unit, City Administrator's Office and Human Resources.

Robyn Wilkerson, Human Resources Director, presented a plan to create a new workforce planning program to pre-hire new employees, before existing employees retire. Ms. Wilkerson stated that in many cases positions are currently vacant for many months because recruitment doesn't begin until a retirement is announced.

Councilmember Lumm inquired about what positions specifically would be targeted for pre-staffing, besides Police and Fire. She expressed concerns about the proposed cost.

Councilmembers Grand and Ackerman inquired if the pilot program would save on the number of consultants needed, such as the current situation with Carlisle Wortman managing the Building Department.

Interim Community Services Area Administrator and Fire Chief Larry Collins presented the budget impacts for the Community Services Area. He spoke about improvements they are already working on regarding staffing and customer service. He stated interviews are being scheduled now for a new Building Official.

Councilmember Lumm requested benchmark data regarding staffing levels for building departments in comparable cities.

Councilmember Briere requested a breakdown of the types and volume of building

permits and inspections. She also asked how many inspections a certain project or permit requires.

Chief Collins also presented the proposed impacts for the Fire Department.

Councilmember Lumm requested benchmark numbers regarding the need for additional vehicles for the inspectors and assistant chiefs.

Councilmember Eaton inquired about getting improved data regarding firetruck response times.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

None.

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Following Public Comment, Chief James Baird, presented the Police Department budget impacts.

Councilmember Warpehoski inquired about funding for the Human Rights Commission recommendations regarding a civilian oversight board.

Councilmember Kailasapathy questioned why the construction projects that are coming online are not increasing the City's revenues.

Councilmember Briere requested a table highlighting upcoming projects and the anticipated capture from the DDA, including approved projects and planned projects.

Councilmember Lumm noted that the budget impacts state that Service Area Administrators are required to offset requests with efficiencies and operational improvements. She asked to see what efficiencies were achieved.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the Work Session adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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