

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2015

7:00 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 7:00 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

Present: 11 - Councilmember Stephen Kunselman, Councilmember Mike Anglin, Councilmember Sabra Briere, Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl and Councilmember Kirk Westphal

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 15-0814**Deer Management**

Attachments: Memo to Mayor and Council -Deer Management 7-9-15- Revised, Resolution for Deer Management Options R-14-144, Deer Management Recommendations 5-7-2015, Deer Management Report 8-14-14, Resolution to Develop Deer Management Plan R-14-292

Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Area Administrator, presented the outcome of the City's deer management survey and study. Numerous public meetings were held and a survey via A2 Open City Hall was conducted.

Mr. Bahl discussed management options, including a deer cull in Wards 1 and 2, a citywide deer feeding ban (through a new ordinance), and annual flyover surveys.

Stephanie Boyles Griffin of the Humane Society of the United States spoke about non-lethal deer management options, including sterilization. The Humane Society endorses the use of PZP protein to create a vaccination against fertilization of female deer. It is reversible, she noted, lasting only two to three years.

Ms. Boyles Griffin also discussed surgical sterilization, an invasive permanent procedure. The procedure removes a doe's ovaries, similar to a cat or dog spay.

Councilmember Kunselman requested additional references from the Humane Society regarding previous sterilization projects.

A representative from the MDNR was present to answer questions.

Aaron Blackford, of Aaron's Nuisance Animal Control, spoke about the process of setting up a deer cull and some of his experiences, including his work in the Village of Barton Hills, City of Jackson, Michigan and the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Mr. Blackford noted that a cull is not a deer hunt. He stated that his team follows the MDNR rules for conducting a cull.

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

A Fifth Ward resident stated she would like Council to consider all the wards in the City when discussing deer management options, not just the First and Second Wards.

An unidentified resident spoke about a deer cull and the projected growth rate and the "break even" point.

Kai Petainen, City resident, questioned the motivation of the Humane Society of the United States, stating they have a multi-million dollar budget and will benefit from a sterilization effort. He stated if Council authorizes sterilization, the Humane Society should pay for the project in full.

A Ward Two resident spoke about the deer population and urged Council to begin a deer cull this winter. She stated ticks and Lyme Disease are now a concern.

Paul Hyson, 820 Watershed, spoke in support of a deer cull. He expressed concern about the policies and practices of the Humane Society.

Margaret Leary, 1056 Newport Road, urged Council to accept the recommendation in the staff report to do a deer cull. She expressed concern about Lyme Disease.

Chris Graham, 925 Aberdeen, spoke about the destruction caused by deer and the damage to property.

Nancy Stoll, 1314 Broadway, spoke in support of a lethal deer cull.

Hillary Handwerker, Glacier Highlands, spoke about the destruction caused by deer.

Lisa Weston-Abrams, Ward Three, urged Council to consider humane efforts. She spoke in support of the Humane Society's approach.

A Ward Two resident and member of Washtenaw Citizens for Ecological Balance, spoke in support of a deer cull.

Bernie Banet, Ward Two resident, spoke in support of a cull.

Toni Spears, metro parks volunteer, stated deer management has already been taking place in the parks for a decade. She stated the parks have used culls safely for years.

Cynthia Greene spoke about a car accident with a deer.

A Ward Two resident spoke about the damage caused by deer and urged Council to support a cull.

Judy Comb, Second Ward, spoke about the concerns of Lyme Disease and urged Council to support a cull.

A Ward Two resident spoke in support of non-lethal management of deer. She urged Council to be progressive on this issue.

An unknown resident spoke in support of non-lethal management of deer.

A Ward One resident thanked Council for engaging the Humane Society. She encouraged Council to consider non-lethal methods.

Robert McGee, of the Residents for Non-Lethal Management of Deer, spoke in opposition to a cull. He stated shooting within 450 feet of residential homes is dangerous, noting the mistaken shooting of a rare albino buck in the metro parks during a recent organized cull.

Terri Schneider, First Ward resident, spoke in support of non-lethal methods of deer management. She also corrected some myths about Lyme Disease.

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Following public commentary, Council continued its discussion.

Councilmember Grand inquired about the data method collection for evaluating deer impact to natural areas. She asked staff to provide more information on what those metrics would look like and the details of the process.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Eaton, seconded by Councilmember Warpehoski, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried at 10:20 p.m.

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