

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Monday, March 11, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Work Session**

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

**City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Christopher Taylor called the Work Session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:22 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.*

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Present:** 11 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith, Councilmember Anne Bannister, Councilmember Jeff Hayner, Councilmember Kathy Griswold, Councilmember Elizabeth Nelson and Councilmember Ali Ramlawi

**WS WORK SESSION**

**WS-1**     **19-0388**     FY20-21 Budget: Water Cost of Service Review and Rate Structure Alternatives Analysis

*Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator, introduced his staff and members from the Arcadis Team, who were all present to speak about the Water Cost of Service Review and Rate Structure Alternatives Analysis.*

*City staff present included Marti Praschan, Chief of Staff; Lyn Chaimowitz, Budget and Finance Supervisor; Matt Rechtein, Assistant City Attorney; and Abigail Elias, Chief Assistant City Attorney.*

*Robert Ryall and Matt Carpenter, from Arcadis, presented their study and final report to City Council.*

*A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.*

*Councilmember Lumm thanked the representatives from Arcadis for providing many different options for rate structuring for the City to consider. She asked if there are any other examples of other cities' rate changes that use all levels of residential rates.*

*Councilmember Hayner expressed concern about how the various different properties are classified under the City's current system, including dormitories, multi-family, condos, etc.*

*Councilmember Bannister spoke about leaks and how the City would address credit for homeowner mistakes.*

*Mayor Taylor stated the formula for peaking charges is very confusing, where some non-residential customers pay more for less volume due to a more extreme peak.*

*Councilmember Hayner asked for clarification that residential tiers were designed to promote conservation.*

*City staff stated that additional questions regarding the presentation specifically, or the upcoming water rates as part of the City budget, can be sent to Sara Higgins in the City Administrator's Office.*

**Received and Filed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)**

*Dianne Giannola, Alpine Drive, spoke about multi-family rates and stated in the past condo owners were treated as commercial and paid commercial rates. She stated the current system doesn't give multi-family a break as has been stated, but is finally fair.*

*Kai Petainen, resident, spoke about Council decisions and whether decisions are binding or non-binding. He suggested the words "in perpetuity" be removed from resolutions if the decisions can easily be changed.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, that the Work Session adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.**

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