

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2016

4:00 PM

Work Session - City Council Planning Session. Note: This meeting will be held at the Downtown Library, 343 S. Fifth Avenue, lower level multi-purpose room.
Downtown Library, 343 S. Fifth Avenue, basement conference room

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 4:04 p.m. in lower level multi-purpose room of the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Avenue. The Work Session was held as a Council Planning and Budget retreat. Facilitator Julia Novak was present to lead the discussion.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: 10 - 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 Chip Smith and Councilmember Jason Frenzel

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Zachary Ackerman

WS WORK SESSION

WS-1 [16-1683](#) City Council Planning Work Session - December 12, 2016

Facilitator Julia Novak, with City Administrator Howard Lazarus and the City leadership team, lead Council in a planning and priority session, as well as a presentation of upcoming budget and planning issues previously identified by staff.

Regarding 2016 priorities, the following was reported:

Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance - complete

Allen Creek Greenway - in progress, expected completion FY18

Rebuild Forestry Program - in progress, developing work plans

Repair Roads - ongoing

Safe Systems for Auto, Pedestrians and Bike Users - approval of safe passing ordinance, inventory of assets completed, ongoing efforts for education, enforcement, encouragement and evaluation

Council identified the following new priority items for the upcoming year:

Implement Ann Arbor Climate Proposal
Implementation of Police Department Oversight Board
Develop Plan for City-owned Property in line with Sustainability Goals
Develop and Budget to Implement Affordable Housing Plan, Policy and Strategy
Study Impact of Income Tax
Improve Recycling Rates and Compost

Copies of all presentations and the report by Ms. Novak are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Received and Filed

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

John Godfrey, 2809 Brockman, expressed concern about the newly approved ADU ordinance, stating his neighbor was able to obtain a solar permit for his front yard, using this ordinance.

Stephanie Preston, member of A2 Safe Transport, spoke in opposition to pedestrian safety issues being folded into the City's Safe Systems priority. She urged Council to make pedestrian safety a separate priority.

Claire Duvernoy, member of A2 Safe Transport, thanked Council for making pedestrian safety a priority. She urged Council to implement quick fixes right away.

Grant Shafer, Pittsfield Township resident, suggested that Council reallocate the \$260,000 in the budget for deer management to the Police Department.

Eric Lipson, Rosewood Street, spoke about pedestrian safety and urged Council to look at the crosswalk at Edgewood and Stadium across from Pioneer High School. He thanked Council for the installation of the RRFBs at certain intersections.

Chris Hewitt, Seventh Street, spoke about safe streets and urged Council to keep pedestrian safety as a priority.

Kathy Griswold, A2 Safe Transport, urged Council to take quick actions regarding pedestrian safety and to make this a priority.

Sally Daniels, FAAWN, urged Council to postpone the funding of deer management initiatives, until pedestrian safety issues were fully funded.

ADJOURNMENT

See no further business before the Council, Mayor Taylor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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