

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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*Ann Arbor, MI 48104*

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**Work Session**

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

**City Council**

**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**

**Present:** 10 - Councilmember Jane Lumm, Councilmember Chuck Warpehoski, Councilmember Jack Eaton, Mayor Christopher Taylor, Councilmember Julie Grand, Councilmember Graydon Krapohl, Councilmember Kirk Westphal, Councilmember Zachary Ackerman, Councilmember Chip Smith and Councilmember Anne Bannister

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Sumi Kailasapathy

**WS WORK SESSION****WS-1**     [18-0060](#)     Protecting and Serving: Public Safety

*City Administrator Howard S. Lazarus began the discussion regarding the City's new visioning plan for the future. He stated tonight's Work Session will focus on "Protecting and Serving - Public Safety." A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Lazarus reviewed the upcoming agenda for Council Work Sessions, stating upcoming topics include Policy Agenda, Budget, Infrastructure, Housing and DDA.*

*Mr. Lazarus also discussed the projected rate of growth in the City budget for personnel costs in the Police and Fire Departments. He noted that the shortfall as projected gets bigger and bigger every year. He stated budget changes are needed in order to avoid the shortfall in the future.*

*Assistant Fire Chiefs Ellen Taylor, Marc Tyler and Mike Kennedy were present to discuss the Fire Department's vision. Services provided by the Fire Department include Fire Suppression, Hazmat Response, Fire Prevention, Technical Rescue, Emergency Management and EMS 1st Response.*

*The Assistant Chiefs spoke about fire prevention, technology and ongoing efforts to promote diversity in the Fire Department's recruitment efforts.*

*Assistant Chief Taylor spoke about ALS service being provided by the Fire Department in the future, noting that the County Health Board will need to approve any City plans for medical treatment.*

*Assistant Chief Kennedy spoke about the City's accreditation efforts and stated that due to staffing changes, the process is behind schedule. He also noted that other departments in the State found that the process took longer than originally planned. He also talked about the long-term plan for fire station locations.*

*Assistant Chief Tyler spoke about mutual aid improvements and discussions regarding future plans for Fire Department dispatch.*

*Councilmember Lumm requested copies of the bullet points that were discussed regarding the Fire Department's strategic plan. She also asked for additional data regarding calls for service and what the department is doing to improve response times.*

*Councilmember Eaton addressed Act 312 arbitration that was noted in the presentation and stated he was not interested in supporting changes to this law.*

*Councilmember Ackerman encouraged the Fire Department to consider future population changes when considering new fire station placement.*

*Councilmember Warpehoski encouraged the department to improve on residential fire prevention efforts.*

*Councilmember Westphal asked if township station locations would be considered in future planning.*

*City Administrator Howard Lazarus introduced Police Chief James Baird to present on the City's Police Department.*

*Chief Baird discussed the AAPD's core services including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Traffic Safety, Parking Enforcement, Community Standards, and Community Engagement.*

*Chief Baird noted that a new deputy chief of police, Jason Forsberg, has been hired. He also spoke about a new Officer Wellness program, and stated a Community Standards Officer position will be posted soon.*

*Chief Baird spoke about the Hillard Heintz report and the implementation of the recommendations, including the development of the CPPC, a staffing study and improvements to the Community Engagement Unit, including an orientation of the unit for new officers.*

*Chief Baird spoke about citizen complaints and discipline, stating changes have been made to Department policy, including random audits of officer stops. He noted that body cameras have also been worn to improve accountability and transparency.*

*Chief Baird stated CALEA accreditation is ongoing and expected by July 2018. A public hearing will be held on Sunday, March 5. He also spoke about the City sponsoring candidates to attend the Academy as one effort to increase the City's diversity recruitment efforts.*

*Councilmember Eaton requested additional information on "clearance rates," including a definition of the term and what is the AAPD's rate of clearance for the last few years.*

*Councilmember Warpehoski asked about early intervention and coaching plans for officers regarding complaints or use of force events.*

*Councilmember Ackerman asked about solvability factors. He asked about the outcome of cases based on solvability and whether neighborhood watch groups know what to report. Councilmember Ackerman also asked about approachability and whether that varies based on demographics.*

*Councilmember Ackerman asked when improved training of AAPD would take place, as noted in the Hillard Heintz Report.*

*Councilmember Lumm asked about the staffing study, including timing. Chief Baird noted that the last study was done by Plante Moran in the early 2000s. Councilmember Lumm requested a copy of the study. Councilmember Lumm also asked about the two new positions being added to Patrol and whether the total number of officers on the road is changing. Councilmember Lumm requested a deliverable regarding traffic complaints.*

*Councilmember Grand encouraged the police chief to make aggregate complaint data more public. She also requested that a question be added to the citizens survey regarding pedestrian safety.*

*Councilmember Bannister inquired about the psychology and wellness checks that occur with the officers. She also congratulated Chief Baird on the current morale of the Department.*

**Received and Filed**

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

*Public Comment began at 9:05 p.m.*

*An unidentified speaker representing Transforming Justice Washtenaw spoke about changes to the AAPD and the proposed Task Force to design the Police Oversight committee. She stated the group is opposed to members of the AAPD sitting on the task force. She also objected to the use of the term, co-produced policing committee, stating it is not what the community wants.*

*Sargeant Donovan-Smith, Ann Arbor resident, spoke about the Hillard Heintz report and expressed her displeasure with the study. She urged the City Administrator and Police Chief to address the public's concern regarding Hillard Heintz.*

*An unidentified speaker spoke in opposition to the Hillard Heintz report recommendations.*

*Shirley Beckley, Ann Arbor resident, questioned if the Chief of Police has responded to the ACLU letter or if Officer Reid has received further training following his use of lethal force.*

*Paula Uche, 482 Village Oaks, spoke in opposition to the deer cull. She stated a sharpshooter was near Hubbard Road and startled a jogger on the sidewalk with gun fire.*

*Jeff Hayner, Ward 1 resident, spoke about the Fire Department's presentation and the impact of development on City resources. He also noted that all of the residential remodeling is resulting in fire prevention improvements. He also spoke about the nuisance house near Pioneer High School and urged the City to take action.*

*Ed Vielmetti, Ward 4 resident, spoke about the Fire Department's maps and charts provided. He also spoke about the need to consider the location of township firehouses when looking at response times. He also inquired about the calls and the response times by geography.*

*Vivian Chang, member of the Human Rights Commission, spoke about the creation of a task force regarding a Police oversight commission. She urged Council to allow the public to manage the task force and not allow the deputy chief of police or City Attorney to sit on the task force.*

*A member of the Human Rights Commission spoke about the Hillard Heintz report and her disappointment with tonight's presentation and announcement that the City Attorney and Deputy Chief of Police would serve on the task force.*

*Laurie Saginaw, member of Transforming Justice Washtenaw, spoke about the Police Department's presentation and spoke in support of using some of the mental health millage money to support training in de-escalation tactics.*

*Phil Carroll, member of FAAWN, spoke in opposition to the City's cull. He stated members of his group have been protesting the shoot sites by picketing on the sidewalks near the parks.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Krapohl, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.**

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