

## **WORKING SESSION - MAY 1, 1991**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater

### **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

PRESENT : Councilmembers Ann Marie Coleman, Ingrid B. Sheldon, Kirk D. Dodge, Robert C. Grady, Nelson K. Meade, Mark Ouimet, Kurt Zimmer, Thais Anne Peterson, Robert Eckstein, Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater, 10.

ABSENT : Councilmember Larry Hunter, 1.

### **LANDFILL**

Mayor Brater reported on the meeting with State officials in which the City presented its concerns regarding consent order deadlines for Phase II of the landfill, as well as concerns with the thickness of the Phase I cap. Ms. Brater stated that the Department of Natural Resources representative agreed to give the City another opportunity to respond to the consent order by allowing submission of alternatives for both issues.

Mayor Brater expressed optimism with the outcome of the meeting, and stated that the modified consent order will be presented for Council action as soon as possible.

City Engineer William Wheeler answered further questions from Council concerning the consent order changes.

### **BUDGET REVIEW**

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ronald Olson briefly reviewed his department's budget highlights for the 1991-92 fiscal year and answered questions from Council.

Mr. Olson stated that work will continue on staff team development and on improving cooperation with the public schools, University of Michigan and other area agencies. He reported that the proposed budget includes increased park security, continued implementation of park rehabilitation and development projects, increased community beautification through horticultural services, elimination of the tree trimming backlog, continuation of tree replacement plantings, further reduction of the appropriation side of recreation facilities and services, and increased preventative maintenance program for

aging recreation facilities.

Park Planning and Development Manager Thomas Raynes, City Forester William Lawrence, Recreation Facilities and Services Manager Chris McCown, and Park Operations and Maintenance Manager Gary Fichter were available to answer questions.

Mr. Olson distributed a memorandum, dated May 1, 1991, explaining edits to the 1991-92 Parks and Recreation Budget. (Memo on file in the City Clerk's Office)

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Community Development Director Eileen Ryan presented an overview of her department's budget highlights, and stated that implementation of the City's human services and housing policies is being emphasized in the 1991-92 budget. Ms. Ryan reported that revised pages of the Community Development Department's budget will be distributed within the next week.

Councilmember Sheldon, Human Services Task Force member, reported that the committee has reviewed last year's service providers' contracts, and is in the process of reviewing applications for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilmember Coleman, Human Services Task Force member, stated that more funds are being requested from the various service agencies than the City will be able to provide, and that Council may want to reconsider the proposed cut in the human services budget.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FILED

A memorandum from Budget Director Harry Kerr, dated May 1, 1991, regarding answers to Council's budget questions, was distributed and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office. The following attachments are included: 1) breakdown by object codes; 2) memorandum from Finance Director Dean Moore regarding postage and printing costs; and 3) General Fund summaries.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Councilmember Coleman that the meeting be adjourned.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:08

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Janet L. Chapin  
Acting Clerk of the Council  
Recording Secretary