

WORKING SESSION - SEPTEMBER 12, 1991

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Fire Station Conference Room by Mayor Elizabeth S. Brater.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

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

ABSENT : Councilmember Kirk D. Dodge, 1.

STAFF : City Administrator Alfred A. Gatta, Downtown Development Authority Coordinator Reuben Bergman, City Engineer William Wheeler.

JOINT SESSION WITH THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING PARKING SYSTEM ISSUES

Following introductions of Councilmembers and Downtown Development Authority members, Mayor Brater presented a statement concerning downtown parking and the transportation system. (Memorandum, dated September 12, 1991, on file in the City Clerk's Office)

The Mayor offered the following suggestions to further the rehabilitation of the parking system: 1) Examine the possibility of DDA funding to reconstruct at least two of the existing parking structures; 2) Learn more about systems used in other cities where nonprofit corporations manage and maintain the parking systems; 3) Establish a liaison between the DDA, downtown merchants' associations, Transportation Department, and Ann Arbor Transportation Authority to follow-up on policies in the Transportation Plan; and 4) Meet in a joint working session with the AATA Executive Director to discuss the parking system and other downtown matters.

Discussion ensued regarding improvements and cost reimbursement for the Anthony Brown lot, improvements to the Kline's surface parking lot, continuation of downtown pedestrian improvements, parking structure rehabilitation projects, and exploring the possibility of an outside management service for the parking system.

It was the consensus of Council and DDA members that the City Administrator and DDA Coordinator prepare information concerning alternative management of the parking system.

DDA Coordinator Bergman and City Engineer Wheeler informed Council and DDA members that a decision is needed concerning the improvements to the Anthony Brown Lot (Phase I of the Ashley/William Surface Parking Lot Contract) since the contractor is scheduled to begin paving.

Administrator Gatta stated that Council has already authorized the paving for the Ashley/William Surface Parking Lot, which includes the Anthony Brown Lot, but that the paving of the Anthony Brown lot is contingent upon an agreement with the DDA to pay for the improvement costs.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the DDA members that DDA funds be used to improve the Anthony Brown lot, that revenues from the parking meters be turned over to the DDA to pay for the improvement costs, and that the City keep the revenue from fines. DDA members agreed to call a special meeting on September 16 to formally ratify the consensus.

Council and DDA members agreed to meet again in a joint session and to establish a joint subcommittee to follow the process and work out details concerning rehabilitation of the parking system.

(Communication, dated August 26, 1991, from Joel Piell, bond counsel, regarding DDA's Tax Increment Financing Plan, on file in the City Clerk's Office)

ADJOURNMENT

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

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Janet L. Chapin

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Recording Secretary