

WORKING SESSION - APRIL 26, 1993

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Robert Grady, Peter Nicolas, Julie Creal, Thais Anne Peterson, David Stead, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 8

Absent: Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Tobi Hanna-Davies, Ulrich Stoll, 3

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Alfred A. Gatta, Public Services Director William R. Wheeler, Transportation Division Manager John Awendt, Planning Commission Director Karen Hart, City Forester William Lawrence, Risk Manager Daniel Cullen, Employee Benefits Coordinator Linda Marable

WORKING SESSIONS

OLD WEST SIDE PARKING ISSUES

Presenters: William Wheeler, John Awendt, Karen Hart

The "Old West Side Neighbors for Residential Parking" submitted a petition requesting implementation of a Residential Parking Permits (RPP) program, a program created for residential areas with a scarcity of convenient on-street parking.

Three options were considered: Option I: Do Nothing; Option II: Implement an RPP as requested by the petitioners; and Option III: Implement a Modified RPP.

Option III was recommended because it addresses the needs of both residents and businesses and maintains the character of the neighborhood.

A copy of the *Old West Side Residential Parking Permit Report, March 1993*, prepared by the City of Ann Arbor Public Services Department, Transportation Division, was filed with the City Clerk.

A question and answer period followed.

FULLER/OAKWAY REALIGNMENT PROJECT - RETAINING WALL INVESTIGATION

Presenters: William Wheeler, William Lawrence

Expansion plans for the Veterans Administration Hospital located at the intersection of Fuller Road/Oakway/Glazier include reconstruction of Fuller Road as a 2/3 lane highway. An investigation was conducted on the cost of constructing retaining walls along the new portion of the road as a way to reduce the amount of grading that would be required.

An analysis of cost of building four retaining walls and a summary of trees that would be saved, as well as an estimate of cost of constructing a single retaining wall to preserve the only landmark tree, was presented.

A Summary of Trees Saved and Summary of Trees Removed was filed with the City Clerk.

A question and answer period followed.

HEALTH CARE COSTS

Presenters: Daniel Cullen, Linda Marable

Employee benefit costs for health care, optical, dental and life insurance coverage are expected to increase by 103% over the next five years. Employee benefits are either union negotiated or governed by the City's *Rules and Regulations* for non-union employees. Benefit changes must be accomplished through the bargaining process.

A committee consisting of Cullen (chair), union representatives and staff have defined four ways to address costs but maintain the current level of benefits. They are: (1) redefine benefits offered to employees; (2) additional contributions on the part of the employees, (3) a combination of (1) and (2); and (4) to assure that benefits are received only by those eligible. A resolution to approve a contract with a benefits consultant will be presented for Council approval.

A question and answer period followed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Sheldon distributed a list of suggested Council Committee Assignments and a schedule of budget working sessions. The budget working sessions are scheduled for April 29, May 5, May 6 and May 10, 1993.

Councilmember Sheldon reminded Council of the joint caucus scheduled for Sunday, May

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Councilmember Peterson, who is participating in "Bring Your Daughter to Work Week." will introduce her guest on May 3 under Introductions.

Councilmember Stead will conduct Council Call-In on Wednesday, April 28 - 994-3313. Mayor Sheldon asked for a log of calls received during Council Call-In.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Sheldon declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Linda J. Wise
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary