

WORKING SESSION - MAY 24, 1993

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Larry Hunter, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Robert Grady, Ulrich Stoll, Peter Nicolas, Julie Creal, Thais Anne Peterson, David Stead, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 10

Absent: Councilmember Tobi Hanna-Davies, 1

Administrative Staff Present: City Administrator Alfred A. Gatta, Assistant City Administrator Robert Bauman and Budget Director Alan Burns

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

A public hearing was conducted on a proposed increase of 1.0739 mills in the operating tax millage rate which will be levied in 1993 if Proposal "A" passes on June 2, 1993.

There being no one to appear at this public hearing, the Chair declared the hearing closed.

CONSENT AGREEMENT REGARDING THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULE

Presenters: Utilities Director Frank Porta, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Harvey Mieske, Water Treatment Plant Assistant Superintendent Larry Sanford, Water Treatment Plant Water Quality Manager Janice Skadsen - Michigan Department of Public Health Representatives Mike Kovach, Fred Scarcella, and CH₂M Hill consultant representative Tony Myers

A Consent Agreement is proposed between the Michigan Department of Health, the regulatory agency for all public water in the state, and the City because of the new surface water treatment regulations. The *Surface Water Treatment Rule* was adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1989, to take effect June 30, 1993, to combat buildup of water bacteria and disease caused by the Giardian virus. The Consent Agreement is proposed because the current water treatment process and facility are inadequate, and compliance cannot be achieved by the required date. An ozonation purification facility is planned for construction on the water treatment plant property, and should be completed by the year 1996.

The Resolution to Approve Consent Agreement Between the Michigan Department of Public Health and the City of Ann Arbor Regarding the Surface Water Treatment Rule, the Consent Agreement and related materials were filed in the City Clerk's Office.

KAVOURIS WEATHER MONITORING AND OUTDOOR SIREN WARNING SYSTEMS

Presenters: Deputy Chief of Police Walter Lunsford and Lieutenant Donald Leach of the Police Information and Technical Services Division

Grant money for purchase of a Kavouris Outdoor Warning System was made available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 50% reimbursement plan. The availability of the grant was not known until after budget preparation and would have been a low-budget priority. Effectiveness of the system depends upon the Outdoor Siren Warning System which is in a deteriorated state due to age. The possibility of a City/County cooperative effort on the warning system was discussed.

Kavouris Weather Monitoring System information was filed with the City Clerk.

WILLIAM MERCER ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS

Presenters: Robert O'Keefe and Deborah Nice of the Actuarial Firm of William M. Mercer, Incorporated

Guests: Allan Sonnanstine of the Actuarial Firm of Gabriel, Roeder Smith and Co. and Larry Hahn, Chair of the Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees

The services of William M. Mercer, Incorporated, actuaries, were retained by the Ann Arbor City Council to conduct an independent analysis of potential costs related to several amendments proposed by the Retirement Board of Trustees to the City's pension program.

The actuaries summarized that, although the total costs projected by the two actuarial firms are similar, differences occur in the individual proposed amendments.

A complete report entitled: *Actuarial Review of Proposed Amendments to the City of Ann Arbor Employees Retirement System* and the accompanying *Discussion Outline* were filed in the City Clerk's Office.

A question answer and discussion period followed each presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda J. Wise
Acting Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary