

SPECIAL SESSION - JUNE 29, 1994

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 8:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Ulrich Stoll, Haldon L. Smith, Peter Nicolas, Christopher Kolb, David F. Stead, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 10.

ABSENT : Councilmember Julie Creal, 1.

NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

The certification and notice of call of special session was read and ordered placed on file with the City Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

TONY TAYLOR - RELEASE OF FUNDS TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION

Tony Taylor, 1924 Pontiac Trail, Housing Commission Family Housing Manager and New Generation Youth Club Board Member, expressed concern with the comments made at the last City Council session regarding the release of funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Commission. Mr. Taylor stated that Council was misinformed and not given all the information needed to make a decision. He explained that the intent of the Housing Commission and New Generation has always been to comply with Community Development contract requirements.

MARY ANN HINTON - NEW GENERATION YOUTH CLUB

Mary Ann Hinton, 3453 Platt Rd., Executive Director of New Generation Youth Club, voiced concern with the misunderstandings between Community Development and New Generation, and reported that New Generation has always made a good faith effort to comply with Community Development's requests. Ms. Hinton stated that New Generation provides needed services for low-income children in public housing and expressed outrage

with the trend to cut human services funding for such organizations.

LARRY FOX - HOUSING

Larry Fox, 520 S. State. St., spoke in opposition to the City's bail out of the Ann Arbor YMCA. He expressed concern that the amount paid by the City for one month of the YMCA's debt is more than the entire amount being considered for New Generation Youth Club. Mr. Fox questioned the denial of funding to New Generation for inadequate reporting when the law firm that gave a bad opinion on the YMCA loan guarantee continues to go unpunished.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Councilmember Stead moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-298-6-94 APPROVED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE THE ANN ARBOR HOUSING COMMISSION FOR YOUTH SERVICES AND SENIOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN FY 1992-93 AND FY 1993-94

A resolution to reimburse the Ann Arbor Housing Commission for youth and senior services provided in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94 was considered.

Councilmember Hanna-Davies moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the tenth paragraph of the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That funds reimbursed to the Housing Commission shall first be used to pay New Generations for any documentable ~~costs~~ **SERVICES** not already paid for services provided in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;

Councilmembers Fink and Nicolas exited at approximately 9:15 p.m.

With unanimous consent of Council, Tony Taylor, Mary Ann Hinton and Valerie Ackerman, representing New Generation Youth Club, presented statements and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Council unanimously agreed that the resolution be further amended as follows:

12th Paragraph:

RESOLVED, That the City shall ~~<not grant future funding for any contract or subcontract for services with New Generations unless sufficient evidence is presented>~~ **CONSIDER FUTURE CONTRACTS OR SUBCONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH NEW GENERATIONS CONSISTENT WITH PRESENTING EVIDENCE** to ensure competent grant management and sound fiscal practices.

Add 13th Paragraph:

RESOLVED, THAT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

7th and 8th Paragraphs:

RESOLVED, That the City and Housing Commission shall work cooperatively to define reimbursable ~~<costs>~~ **EXPENDITURES** for youth services and senior services provided to public housing residents in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;

RESOLVED, That the City shall reimburse the Housing Commission for all documentable ~~<costs>~~ **EXPENDITURES** for the provision of the above services, up to the contract amount of \$10,520.00 for FY 1992-93 and \$9,000.00 for FY 1993-94;

2nd, 10th and 12th Paragraphs:

Whereas, It was the understanding of the City that some of these services would be provided under a subcontract between the Housing Commission and ~~<New Generations>~~ **NEW GENERATION YOUTH CLUB**;...

RESOLVED, That funds reimbursed to the Housing Commission shall first be used to pay <New Generations> **NEW GENERATION YOUTH CLUB** for any documentable services not already paid for services provided in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;...

RESOLVED, That the City shall consider future contracts or subcontracts for services with <New Generations> **NEW GENERATION YOUTH CLUB** consistent with presenting evidence to ensure competent grant management and sound fiscal practices;

The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

R-298-6-94

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE THE ANN ARBOR HOUSING
COMMISSION FOR YOUTH SERVICES AND SENIOR SERVICES
PROVIDED IN FY 1992-93 AND FY 1993-94

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission entered into an agreement for the purpose of providing youth services and senior services to public housing residents in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;

Whereas, It was the understanding of the City that some of these services would be provided under a subcontract between the Housing Commission and New Generation Youth Club;

Whereas, It has now come to light that the above services were provided and paid for without a written subcontract;

Whereas, Such practices constitute highly questionable judgement by the previous management of the Housing Commission;

Whereas, The results of these practices make it impossible for the current management of the Housing Commission to fulfill some of the terms of its contract with the City; and

Whereas, The costs associated with delivering these services were primarily personnel costs, for which the Housing Commission must now attempt to reconstruct

documentation;

RESOLVED, That the City and Housing Commission shall work cooperatively to define reimbursable expenditures for youth services and senior services provided to public housing residents in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;

RESOLVED, That the City shall reimburse the Housing Commission for all documentable expenditures for the provision of the above services, up to the contract amounts of \$10,520.00 for FY 1992-93 and \$9,000.00 for FY 1993-94;

RESOLVED, That the City agree to revise the FY 1992-93 contract and execute a FY 1993-94 contract removing conditions which are impossible for the current management of the Housing Commission to meet because of past practices by the previous management;

RESOLVED, That funds reimbursed to the Housing Commission shall first be used to pay New Generation Youth Club for any documentable services not already paid for services provided in FY 1992-93 and FY 1993-94;

RESOLVED, That the balance of the funds allocated for youth and senior services in FY 1992-93 and 1993-94 shall be applied to the current outstanding balance between the Housing Commission and the City;

RESOLVED, That the City shall consider future contracts or subcontracts for services with New Generation Youth Club consistent with presenting evidence to ensure competent grant management and sound fiscal practices; and

RESOLVED, That City Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents substantially in the form on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER VEREEN-DIXON

Councilmember Vereen-Dixon encouraged everyone to attend the Huron River Day event on July 10 at Gallup Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

VALARIE ACKERMAN - NEW GENERATION YOUTH CLUB

Valarie Ackerman, representing New Generation Youth Club, thanked Council for helping to resolve the issue of funding for the Housing Commission and New Generation Youth Club. Ms. Ackerman urged Councilmembers to visit New Generation Youth Club and to continue to support the valuable service it provides to low-income children.

ADJOURNMENT

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

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Clerk of the Council/

Recording Secretary