

ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION - APRIL 24, 1995

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order in the Council Chamber at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Haldon Smith, Jean Carlberg, Peter Nicolas, Stephen Hartwell, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth Daley, Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, 11

Absent: 0

READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME

SHARON PHARDEL - RADIO TOWER

Sharon Phardel, 1610 Dhu Varren, on behalf of the neighborhood, objected to the location of the police radio tower. She said that the proposal is an example of government being irresponsible to the taxpayers. She said that this proposal disregards the health concerns of the residents and represents over-spending on the part of the government. The need for the tower has been overstated and information regarding the tower scarce. She said that the plan was rejected by the township and felt that the City should honor that decision.

TOM PHARDEL - RADIO TOWER

Tom Phardel, 1610 Dhu Varren, said that the presentation of the tower plan by planning officials was misleading because it did not show the surrounding neighborhood. He said that residential property is located next door to the site as well as directly across the street. The township denied the permit for the tower because it is to be located in a fast developing residential area. He said that there were alternatives to this project and that more suitable alternative sites should be considered.

ERIC DOWNIE - RADIO TOWER

Eric Downie, 3005 Pontiac Trail, said that he lives across from the site of the proposed tower. He opposed the tower but not the proposed park. In addition, he expressed the opinion that the activities planned for the park, such as the golf course, ball parks and children's play areas, picnic areas and nature trails, would be incompatible with the tower.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

Councilmember Lumm moved that the agenda be approved with the following changes:

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Substitute: Resolution Regarding Focus Groups for City
Administrator Profile (Councilmember Nicolas)

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

R-175-4-95 APPROVED AS SUBSTITUTED

RESOLUTION REGARDING FOCUS GROUPS FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR PROFILE

Councilmember Nicolas moved that this proposed substitute resolution be considered for approval.

On roll call on the substitute resolution proposed by Councilmember Nicolas, the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, 3
Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Vereen-Dixon, Carlberg, Smith, Hartwell, Kolb, Daley, Mayor Sheldon, 8

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Hartwell moved that Council approve the revised, substitute resolution as proposed by the City Administrator Search Committee titled: *Resolution Regarding Focus Groups for City Administrator Profile*.

Councilmember Nicolas moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language as a final paragraph to the resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council direct the City Administrators to work with Information Services to randomly select 50 individuals from the voter registration data base, and invite them to participate in the May 8 public meeting in order to provide input which will used in the development of a profile for city administrator candidates.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried with Councilmember Daley dissenting.

The question under consideration was approval of the resolution as amended.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Following is the resolution as approved by the Council:

R-175-4-95

RESOLUTION REGARDING FOCUS GROUPS FOR CITY ADMINISTRATOR PROFILE

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council values the input of citizens and desires to have diverse views represented in developing a profile for city administrator candidates;

RESOLVED, That the Mercer Group, Inc. be directed to draft an invitation to a public meeting with a brief explanation of the city administrator selection process to be sent to community groups and organizations readily available from lists maintained at City Hall, and that the invitation soliciting input ask for constructive comments relating to:

- 1) those characteristics/capabilities that are most important for a city administrator;
- 2) special/specific characteristics of the City of Ann Arbor that should be emphasized in soliciting candidates;

RESOLVED, That a public meeting be scheduled Monday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at which time the public may share their input. Speeches will be limited to three minutes in order to allow as many speakers as possible. Written comment will also be acceptable;

RESOLVED, That the Mercer Group, Inc. be directed to meet specifically with a representative of the following groups: The University of Michigan, the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, the NAACP, merchants organizations, the Board of Realtors, Park Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, and the county administration;

RESOLVED, That this information along with the input of staff and Council be incorporated by the Mercer Group, Inc. into the recruitment profile which will be submitted to the City Council for final approval; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council direct the City Administrators to work with Information Services to randomly select 50 individuals from the voter registration data base and invite them to participate in the May 8 public meeting in order to provide input which will used in the development of a profile for city administrator candidates.

R-176-4-95 APPROVED

RESOLUTION APPROVING WAIVER OF DEPOSIT AND
 ALLOCATION OF FEES FOR THE ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY
 ORCHESTRA (METER BAG DEPOSIT WAIVER: \$600 -
 FEES ALLOCATED: \$144)

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (AASO) will be presenting two special performances of "Dance Around the World" on Friday, April 28, 1995;

Whereas, The "Daytime Youth Concerts", part of the AASO's acclaimed Education and Outreach Program, are non-profit events provided as an educational and cultural service to schools in Southeastern Michigan;

Whereas, This program marks the fifth in their continuing series of educational youth concerts;

Whereas, It is anticipated that 3400 students in grades 4-8 will attend from Washtenaw, Livingston, Wayne and Oakland Counties;

Whereas, Twenty four meter bags have been requested and approved for these performances along parts of Maynard Street, Washington Street and East Liberty in front of the Michigan Theater;

Whereas, This will allow an anticipated 80 school buses to drop-off and pick-up students in a safe and orderly fashion; and

Whereas, The sponsor has requested that the City support this event by waiving these Transportation Division fees:

meter bag deposit: \$600

RESOLVED, That City Council agrees to waive the parking meter bag deposit fees; and

RESOLVED, That \$144 for Parking Meter Revenue fees be allocated from the Community Events Fund.

Community Events Balance: \$2,606.04.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be approved.

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Sheldon distributed a sign up sheet to Councilmembers for individual interviews with the Mercer Group, Inc.

Mayor Sheldon said that she received a communication regarding legislation to be introduced that will regulate the age of young people who ride or use motorcycles.

Mayor Sheldon announced that the owners of the Jack and Jill Learning Centers have set up a relief fund for families of the victims of the federal building bombing in Oklahoma. In connection with the bombing, the Mayor commented on an article appearing in the Ann Arbor News by Jenni Zimmer, who is a social worker

for the Ann Arbor Public schools, regarding the effect of TV violence on children.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS

Interim City Administrator Ron Olson advised the Council that an information memorandum regarding the interim operation of the City Administrator's office by acting co-administrators Olson and Northcross will be distributed to Councilmembers and staff.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Smith said that he was tremendously impressed with the Earth Day celebration presentations by the City staff. He said that the presentations were done in a very clear and lucid manner. The presentations were taped by CTN for future replays. He said that Ann Arbor citizens are very fortunate to not only have a city staff as competent as the people that he heard but to also have an organization such as CTN to make the information available to the public.

Councilmember Carlberg said that she attended the Earth Day celebration at the Leslie Science Center and was impressed with the many staff people in attendance.

Councilmember Daley extended thanks to Gary Fichter, Parks Department employee, who followed up on a citizen complaint in a very timely manner.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the special session adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Winifred W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Linda J. Wise
Recording Secretary

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKING SESSION
APRIL 24, 1995**

The budget working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order in the City Hall Council Chamber at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Present: Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Haldon Smith, Jean Carlberg, Peter Nicolas, Stephen Hartwell, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth Daley, Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, 11

Absent: 0

Administrative Staff Present: Co-Administrator Winifred Northcross, Co-Administrator Ron Olson, Budget Director Alan Burns, Assistant to City Administrator Melanie Purcell

BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Presenter: Building Director D. Jack Donaldson, Staff in Attendance: Housing Bureau Supervisor David Sebolt, Central Permit Desk Manager Jeff Ellis, Plan Reviewer Larry Pickel

No significant changes are proposed in the Building Department budget this year in revenues, construction levels or in expenditures. The department's critical success factors are to maintain and improve services through the implementation of a permit tracking program as well as to improve turn around time for plan review and permit issuance, to maintain the current response level to citizens, members of the Council and contractors, to expand some of the programs that improve the City's environment including enforcement of the recently adopted Wetland Ordinance, and to compile preliminary reports and set up public hearings on the proposed Washtenaw/Hill Street Historic District.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Presenter: Community Development Director Eileen Ryan, Staff in Attendance: Fiscal and Administrative Manager Kathleen Muscato, Human Services & Economic Development Manager Merrill Crockett, Housing Services Manager Larry Friedman

The Department's critical success factors are to improve housing for lower income residents, reduce homelessness within the City, maintain city support to agencies providing services to very low income individuals and families, and to encourage non-profit agencies to cooperate in the provision of services.

The major use of the General Fund allocation will be for human services. The next largest amount will be allocated to the Ann Arbor Y to pay for the Economic Development Bond issue, if approved, and to make the first of a two year repayment deficiency in the Y budget. Next largest recipient will be affordable housing, then economic development and, finally, administration and technical assistance.

The largest amount in Block Grants is targeted towards housing with public

facilities, improvements and acquisition following. The major portion of the Federal HOME funds will be spent on housing acquisition/rehabilitation to be done by non-profit agencies.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Presenter: Finance Director A. Dean Moore, Staff in Attendance: Senior Accountant/Internal Auditor Steve Hendel, Treasurer Brenda Smith, Assessor James Rushton, Risk Manager Dan Cullen, Chief Accountant Karen Lancaster

The Finance Department Goals are to provide professional management and coordination of the financial operations of the City and to provide accurate and timely reporting of revenues and expenditures. In the coming year the Finance Department will continue to work with Administrative Services to design and implement a network based fixed asset system, and strive to prepare for the year-end closing and annual audit prior to October. Continued negotiation is planned with employees, management and negotiating teams to seek reduction in employee benefits costs.

Departmental divisions spending remains constant. Expenditures decreases are proposed by reducing part-time support systems and by contracting out collections of personal property taxes and State Tax Tribunal appeals. A savings in expenditures was realized when one accountant position was reclassified to clerk-typist.

The Pension System will be implementing its new Asset Allocation model, and over the next year will be interviewing and hiring additional specialized money and investment managers in an effort to enhance the yield in the pension fund.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Presenter: Planning Director Karen Hart

The Planning Commission will strive to link the timing and location of public improvements in the Capital Improvements Plan to the policies of the City Master Plan. No significant changes are anticipated in the number of planning proposals to be submitted in the coming year. The proposed budget is reduced significantly, and while staffing will remain the same, spending reductions will occur in printing, advertising, interns pay, and training opportunities for Commission members and staff. Two significant activities to be undertaken are a five-year strategic plan and continued implementation of the City's various plans.

A question and answer period followed each presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Sheldon said that it was the consensus of the Council to meet in a working session on April 26, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Consolidated Strategy and Plan in order to gain a better understanding of the plan prior to the vote scheduled for May 1, 1995. Larry Friedman of the Community Development Department would be available to discuss the plan with the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Winifred Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Linda J. Wise
Recording Secretary