

Council - October 25, 1995

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION - OCTOBER 25, 1995**

The regular session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 8:40 p.m. by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

Present: Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Jean Carlberg, Haldon Smith, Peter Nicolas, Stephen Hartwell, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth Daley, Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, 10

Absent: Councilmember Patricia Vereen-Dixon

**READING OF ORDER AND NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION**

The order and notice of call of Special Session was read and filed with the City Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME**

ANDY GULVEZAN - CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Andy Gulvezan, 2104 Pauline Blvd., commented on the City Administrator position.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Councilmember Nicolas moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

R-505-10-95 APPROVED

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR AND NEAL G. BERLIN**

Whereas, The position of City Administrator has been vacant since April 1995;

Whereas, On April 3, 1995, the Ann Arbor City Council approved Resolution No. R-144-4-95, appointing City Clerk Winifred Northcross and Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ronald Olson Interim Administrators;

Whereas, In the intervening months, Ms. Northcross and Mr. Olson have worked tirelessly to oversee City operations so that this transition period would be painless for our citizens and staff;

Whereas, At this time Council wishes to officially acknowledge and express its gratitude for the contributions of Winifred Northcross and Ronald Olson in handling the duties not only of Administrator but of their respective departments as well. We commend them for the concern and leadership they brought to this important role; and

Whereas, The position of City Administrator has now been offered to and accepted by Neal G. Berlin, pending Council approval of the employment agreement;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby approves the Employment Agreement with Neal G. Berlin. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement in the form on file with the City Clerk;

RESOLVED, That the Council thanks Human Resources Director S. Thomas White; James L. Mercer of the Mercer Group, Inc.; the City Executive Team, Department Heads, Labor Union leaders, the Diversity Action Committee and City staff members; the many members of the public who offered comments; and Councilmembers Vereen-Dixon, Fink, Smith, Hartwell, and Daley for their input and efforts in bringing this search to a successful conclusion; and

RESOLVED, That the Council extends special appreciation to Winifred Northcross and Ronald Olson for their work as Interim Administrators, and to the entire City staff for their support during this transitional period.

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**

None.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

Acting City Attorney John VanLoon said that an update on the Lois McWherter case would be presented to Council in an executive session on November 9, 1995. **(This executive session was subsequently cancelled.)**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilmember Fink expressed satisfaction with the City Administrator selection process.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL**

#### **STEVEN DARTY - ANN ARBOR INN**

Steven Darty said that he was the owner of the building at 100 N. Fourth Avenue and expressed concern that the activities currently taking place there may interfere with his plans for the building.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Linda J. Wise  
Acting Clerk of the Council  
Recording Secretary