

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION - MARCH 22, 1999**

The special session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:20 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Joseph Upton, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Stephen C. Hartwell, Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb, 7;

ABSENT : Councilmembers David Kwan, Patrick Putman, Elisabeth L. Daley, Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 4.

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

FAROUC R. SHAFIE - RESOLUTION REGARDING BISHOP THOMAS GUMBLETON=S VISIT

Farouq R. Shafie, 3325 Bluett, urged City Council to salute the humanitarian efforts of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and support a resolution to welcome him to Ann Arbor on April 12, 1999. Mr. Shafie stated that he is in support of Bishop Gumbleton=s efforts to end the genocidal policy of sanctions in Iraq.

PATRICIA TOWNSEND - THOMAS GUMBLETON

Patricia Townsend, 1508 Plymouth, spoke in support of the resolution to welcome Bishop Gumbleton to Ann Arbor. She opposed the economic sanctions against the people of Iraq. Ms. Townsend urged City Council to help end the killing and suffering of the people in Iraq by educating the community and by requesting that the U.S. government end the sanctions.

ALA FAIK - THOMAS GUMBLETON

Ala Faik, 3339 Williamsburg, thanked City Council for bringing forth a resolution to welcome

Bishop Gumbleton. He spoke in opposition to the economic sanctions against Iraq and stated that the sanctions are designed to punish Sadaam Hussien but innocent people have become victims. Mr. Faik suggested that the policies of the government be reassessed and the sanctions be lifted.

CHARLOTTE WHITNEY - SANCTIONS ON IRAQ

Charlotte Whitney, 874 Belfield Circle, spoke in favor of lifting the sanctions on Iraq. She urged City Council to review the current data on the devastation occurring in Iraq.

NORA RABIAH - IRAQ RESOLUTION

Nora Rabiah, 1388 Esch Court, urged City Council to look at the effects of the sanctions on Iraq from a humanitarian aspect because the people are suffering. She stated that she has first hand knowledge of the situation because her relatives are in Iraq. Ms. Rabiah stated that many should come out to hear Bishop Gumbleton because he is an excellent person to educate the people in Ann Arbor about the situation in Iraq.

WILL YOUMANS - IRAQ RESOLUTION

Will Youmans, 352 Thompson, #443, spoke on behalf of the Michigan Student Assembly (MSA). He stated that on January 26, 1999 the MSA passed a resolution condemning the sanctions in Iraq. Mr. Youman stated that the MSA resolution has raised consciousness on campus and created an atmosphere to exchange dialogue on the issue.

HARRY CLARK - IRAQ RESOLUTION

Harry Clark, 1910 W. Liberty, #8, spoke in support of ending the sanctions in Iraq and urged City Council to support the resolution to welcome Bishop Gumbleton to Ann Arbor. He quoted several articles relating to the birth defects occurring in Iraq due to the gulf war.

BARBARA SANICKI - COMPEER, INC.

Barbara Sanicki, 830 Stimson, introduced Compeer, Inc. to City Council and asked for help to begin the organization. Compeer is a non-profit organization which serves mental health consumers, aiding them in the recovery process through friendships. She stated that there are currently 133 Compeer programs in the United States, Netherlands and Canada. Ms. Sanicki stated that Compeer's services reduce re-hospitalization, suicide and homelessness.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Councilmember Upton moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DEFERRED

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
MARKET STRATEGIES, INC. TO ADMINISTER A COMMUNITY SURVEY**

Whereas, The FY 1998/99 budget includes \$50,000 to conduct a random sample survey of Ann Arbor residents regarding various issues;

Whereas, RFP 457 was solicited to qualified firms to submit proposals by February 26, 1999;

Whereas, Two methods exist to conduct a random sample survey by telephone or mail out survey;

Whereas, Three qualified firms submitted proposals with two being interviewed, Demand Research, Inc., and Market Strategies, Inc.;

Whereas, Market Strategies, Inc. was selected as the firm to administer a telephone survey in the amount of \$27,779; and

Whereas, Human Rights approval was achieved on March 15, 1999;
RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council approve a professional services contract with Market Strategies, Inc. in the amount of \$27,779 to conduct a telephone random

sample survey per RFP #457 based on the approval of the content and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement substantially in the form on file with the City Clerk.

Councilmember Carlberg moved that the resolution be adopted.

Council unanimously agreed that the resolution be deferred until after the working session on the citizen survey.

MEETING RECESSED

Councilmember Carlberg moved that the Special Session be recessed to allow the working session presentation on the citizen survey.

On a voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried and the special session recessed at 7:49 p.m.

WORKING SESSION

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:49 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb.

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CITIZEN SURVEY

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ron Olson gave a brief overview of the purpose of the citizen survey. He stated that the survey should focus on specific issues and benchmark questions that could be repeated in future surveys to measure change. Mr. Olson explained that due to the time frame and the desire to achieve a high percentage return, a telephone based survey was determined to be the most efficient method to obtain valid results. The committee working on the survey consists of Pam Brant, Executive Assistant to City Administrator, Alan Burns, Budget Director, Irene Bushaw, Marketing Specialist, and Phil Ristenbatt, Network Administrator.

Staff members from Market Strategies were present to get an idea of the content of to be contained in the survey and to answer questions from Council.

City Councilmembers identified target areas and possible benchmark questions that the survey should target.

SPECIAL SESSION RECONVENED

Councilmember Upton moved that working session be recessed to continue the recessed special session.

On a voice vote Mayor Pro Tem Kolb declared the motion carried and the special session reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

The question being the Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreement with Market Strategies, Inc. to Administer a Community Survey, on a voice vote the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

The resolution as adopted reads as follows:

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REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None.

COUNCIL PROPOSED BUSINESS

COUNCILMEMBER HANNA-DAVIES

April 5, 1999: Resolution Commending Bishop Thomas Gumbleton=s Challenge To The Sanctions On Iraq

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Pro Tem Kolb announced that the Mayor recently signed a proclamation in recognition of Community Development Week, March 29 - April 4.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - GENERAL

JIM NETERS - SANITARY SEWER ISSUES

Jim Neters, spoke in opposition to adoption of a resolution to allow a \$750,000 engineering study by a consulting firm. He stated that he would prefer development of a community task force to look into the issues and make recommendations to Council on how to handle this continuing situation. Mr. Neters suggested that more community education on sewer issues be provided to homeowners in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

WORKING SESSION RECONVENED

The continued working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 9:20 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Kolb.

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SEWER STUDY

City Administrator Neal Berlin stated that a more comprehensive and inclusive process for the sewer study was discussed in a memorandum distributed to Council members. He stated that the purpose of this working session is to find out if City Council believes that the process and approach outlined in the memorandum is consistent with the direction the City would like to proceed in. He suggested that any study be incorporated with what the County Drain Commissioner is doing.

After discussion City Council agreed that a task force should be formed to discuss sewer issues and a sewer study. City Councilmembers expressed support for task force meetings being noticed to the public and that public commentary be incorporated.

With the consent of Council Stephen Rapundalo was allowed to speak.

STEPHEN RAPUNDALO

Stephen Rapundalo stated that important issues to look at when conducting the sewer study are funding options, historical data, stormwater management and other issues which may effect the sewer system. He referred to the results of past sewer studies and stated that nothing was implemented from them. Mr. Rapundalo suggested that a preventative maintenance plan be developed as part of the sewer study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Frances M. McMullan
Recording Secretary