

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKING SESSION - APRIL 26, 1999**

The working session of the Ann Arbor City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Joseph Upton, David Kwan, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Patrick A. Putman, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth L. Daley, 7.

ABSENT : Councilmembers Patricia Vereen-Dixon, Jean Carlberg, Stephen Hartwell, and Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon, 4.

1999-2000 BUDGET REVIEW

The following department/division heads and staff members presented highlights of their proposed budgets for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and answered questions from Council. Also available for questions were City Administrator Neal Berlin and Budget Director Alan Burns.

POLICE

Total Recommended Budget: \$19,625,360

Police Chief Carl Ent gave an overview of the budget for the Police Department. He reported that a major project for the 1999-2000 fiscal year is to implement an information management system to provide for the electronic filing of citations. The system will be a joint effort with the courts, and will reduce the time required by the Police Department and the court to process citations. The Police Department will place significant emphasis on the implementation of the POWER Program (Police on Wheels for Education and Recreation).

Officers present were Deputy Chief Larry Jerue, Patrol Division; Deputy Chief Sherry Woods, Community Services Division; Deputy Chief Craig Roderick, Investigative Division; and Deputy Chief Donald Terry, Administrative Services Division.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Total Recommended Budget: \$ 13,859,067

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ronald Olson presented the Department's proposed budget for fiscal year 1999/2000. Three revenue-supported operations were transferred

from the Recreation Enterprise Fund to the General Fund because the facilities were unable to offset the depreciation burden required. New projects and services include renovation of Burh Pool, commencing naturalization of roadway medians pilot plan, addition of fee-supported summer day camps, completion of the Leslie Science Center project, renovation of 8 neighborhood parks, completion of the grant-funded Scarlett Mitchell Park addition, Barton Drive river walk, Jackson Road bike project, Northeast Park development and South Bandemer Park development.

Parks and Recreation Staff present were Deputy Superintendent Gerry Clark, Natural Area Preservation Manager David Borneman, Park Planner Amy Kuras, Recreation Facilities and Services Manager Chris Miller, City Forester Bill Lawrence, Park Planning and Development Manager Thomas Raynes, Marketing Specialist Irene Bushaw, and Parks Operations/Maintenance Division Manager Gary Fichter.

15th DISTRICT COURT

Total Recommended Budget: \$2,740,881

Court Administrator Robert Randolph presented an overview of the proposed budget and stated that the 15th District Court will enter into a major project with the Police Department to implement an information management system to allow electronic filing of citations. Mr. Randolph reported that the only position change is that a legal support position which is currently half-time will become full-time. He stated that the department plans to focus on efficiency by sending staff to seminars and workshops to enhance their computer skills.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

W. Northcross
Clerk of the Council

Frances M. McMullan
Recording Secretary