

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
WORKING SESSION - MARCH 11, 2002**

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 John Hieftje.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT : Councilmembers Robert M. Johnson, Joseph Upton, Michael R. Reid, Jean Carlberg, Heidi Cowing Herrell, Marcia Higgins, Christopher Easthope, Wendy A. Woods, Mayor John Hieftje, 9.

ABSENT : Councilmember Jean Robinson, Stephen C. Hartwell, 2.

HOUSING COMMISSION ANNUAL UPDATE

Housing Commission Director Elizabeth Lindsley, Maintenance Supervisor Matthew Waldsmith, Fiscal and Administrative Manager Ademola Osofisan, and Housing Programs Manager Cynthia Telfer presented the annual update of the Housing Commission. The review focused on the changes in HUD regulations and their effect on the Commission's functions.

Questions from Council followed the presentation.

The slide presentation document, "Ann Arbor Housing Commission Annual Report to Council, March 11, 2002," was distributed to Council and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY/SMART ZONE

Washtenaw Development Council Director Susan Lackey and Downtown Development Director Susan Pollay presented information on the proposed Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Smart Zone/Local Development Finance Authority.

Ms. Lackey explained that a Local Development Finance Authority is a financing mechanism that allows the capture of the incremental taxes for reinvestment within the boundaries of the authority. The funds will be used to support business services provided by the Ann Arbor IT Zone to emerging businesses, and to assist in providing high-speed

data communications to the Smart Zone area. Ms. Lackey stated that the designation of downtowns as Smart Zones will assist in retaining growing technology businesses in these areas.

Questions from Council followed the presentation.

The following documents were distributed to Council and placed on file in the City Clerk's Office: "Information on the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Smart Zone/Local Development Finance Authority;" Resolution of Intent to Create a Local Development Finance Authority for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Smart Zone, adopted by City Council February 21, 2002; and the Notice of Public Hearing which was mailed to property owners within the district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Janet L. Chapin
Acting Interim Clerk of the Council
Recording Secretary