

**ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
WORKING SESSION - APRIL 9, 2007**

Mayor John Hieftje called the working session of the Ann Arbor City Council to order at 7:12 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT** : Councilmembers Robert M. Johnson, Joan Lowenstein, Stephen Kunselman, Margie Teall, Marcia Higgins (7:16 p.m.), Wendy A. Woods, Mayor John Hieftje, 7;

**ABSENT** : Councilmembers Ronald Suarez, Stephen Rapundalo, Leigh Greden, Christopher Easthope, 4.

**WORK SESSION**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – KIRK PROFIT

Kirk Profit, a lobbyist for the City of Ann Arbor, updated Council on the status of the State budget and other work of the Legislature. Mr. Profit stated not much is getting accomplished in Lansing at this time due to the focus on the budget and the uncertainty. Mr. Profit stated there is concern that fire protection grants will again be reduced. He stated Ann Arbor is currently receiving approximately \$900,000.00 under this program. Mr. Profit said there is an approximately \$600,000,000.00 deficit currently in the State budget.

STORM WATER PROGRAM AND RATES

Craig Hupy, Systems Planning Unit Manager, presented a report to Council on a proposed new program for storm water rates. Highlights of the new program and rate structure included the availability of credits to businesses and homeowners who practiced good storm water management practices.

A copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

MASS TRANSIT STATUS REPORT

Eli Cooper, Transportation Manger for the City of Ann Arbor, presented a report to City Council on the Model for Mobility. Mr. Cooper spoke about a proposed North-South rail corridor, such as along US 23. He also updated Council on efforts by SEMCOG to encourage an East-West passenger rail system.

2008-09 FISCAL PLAN – OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

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City Administrator Roger Fraser presented his proposed budget to City Council. Mr. Fraser spoke about the history of revenue and expenses in the budget, as well as changes in personnel over the last twenty years. Mr. Fraser highlighted the key budget implications that were necessary to meet the target for expenses.

A copy of the proposed budget is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the May 7, 2007 Regular Session of Council.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jacqueline Beaudry  
Clerk of Council