RESOLVED, That the Watershed Land Division be hereby approved, subject to the following deed restrictions being recorded: 1) provision of a 30-foot wide buffer area along the westerly property lines of all proposed lots, in which deciduous trees shall be preserved, shrubs may be substituted with other landscape species, and no further cutting or grading permitted into the hill, and 2) a 40-foot rear setback restriction maintained where no buildings are allowed.

Councilmember Dodge moved that the resolution be adopted.

Councilmember Dodge moved that the resolution be tabled to the November 18, 1991 regular session of Council to address unresolved issues.

On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution tabled.

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 R-642-11-91 SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION
 APPROVED AS AMENDED
 RESOLUTION REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS FOR CITY
 COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND TASK FORCES
 (Original Resolution):
 Whereas, The City Council desires that all of the City boards, task forces, commissions and committees conform to the spirit of the Open Meetings Act;
 RESOLVED, That all City boards, task forces, commissions, committees and their subcommittees hold their meetings in a manner that is open to the public in the manner that is required of bodies covered by the Open Meetings Act; and
 RESOLVED, That closed meetings of such bodies be held only under situations where a closed meeting would be specifically authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
 Councilmember Sheldon moved that the resolution be adopted.
 Councilmember Sheldon moved that the following substitute resolution be placed on the table for consideration:
 (Substitute Resolution):
 RESOLUTION REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS FOR CITY
 COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND TASK FORCES
 Whereas, The City Council desires that all meetings of City boards, task forces, commissions and committees conform to the spirit of the Open Meetings Act;
 RESOLVED, That all City boards, task forces, commissions, committees and their subcommittees hold their meetings open to the public as prescribed in Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act; and
 RESOLVED, That closed meetings of such bodies be held only under situations where a closed meeting would be specifically authorized by the Open Meetings Act.
 On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.
 Councilmember Eckstein moved that the last two paragraphs of the substitute resolution be amended as follows:
 RESOLVED, That all City boards, task forces, commissions, committees and their subcommittees hold their meetings open to the public TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES IN THE SPIRIT OF <as prescribed in> Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act; and
 RESOLVED, That closed meetings of such bodies shall be held only under situations where a closed meeting would be <specifically> authorized IN THE SPIRIT OF the Open Meetings Act.
 On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion carried.
 The question being the substitute resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Chair
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declared the motion carried.
The substitute resolution as adopted reads as follows:
R-642-11-91
RESOLUTION REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS FOR CITY
COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND TASK FORCES
Whereas, The City Council desires that all meetings of City boards, task forces,
commissions and committees conform to the spirit of the Open Meetings Act;
RESOLVED, That all City boards, task forces, commissions, committees and their
subcommittees hold their meetings open to the public to the best of their abilities in the
spirit of Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act; and
RESOLVED, That closed meetings of such bodies be held only under situations
where a closed meeting would be authorized in the spirit of the Open Meetings Act.
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R-643-11-91 SUBSTITUTE APPROVED
RESOLUTION REGARDING DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS
(Original Resolution):
Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has enacted a Domestic Partnership Act; and
Whereas, It is appropriate that the City examine employee benefits provided to
married people with the purpose of extending similar benefits to domestic partners;
RESOLVED, That the finance Director study the costs of providing benefits to
domestic partners, and report the findings by the first Council meeting in December; and
RESOLVED, That the report shall include a comparison of the benefits provided by
other communities which have Domestic Partnership legislation.
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Councilmember Coleman moved that the resolution be adopted.
Council unanimously agreed to place the following substitute resolution on the table for
consideration:
(Substitute Resolution):
RESOLUTION REGARDING DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS
Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has enacted a Domestic Partnership Act; and
Whereas, It is appropriate that the City examine employee benefits provided to
married people with the purpose of extending similar benefits to domestic partners;
RESOLVED, That the City Administrator study the costs of providing benefits to City
employees who are in a domestic partnership and report the findings by the second
Council meeting in December; and
RESOLVED, That the report include a comparison of the benefits provided by other
communities which have Domestic Partnership legislation, and criteria for establishing the
economic basis of the relationship.
Councilmember Sheldon moved that the substitute resolution be amended by adding the
following language:
Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council has fiduciary responsibilities to
all citizens, and in its desire to treat all fairly;
RESOLVED, That the City Administrator also investigate the
implementation of a cafeteria benefits plan as a method to equally distribute
employee benefits.
On a voice vote the Chair declared the motion defeated.
The question being the substitute resolution as originally presented, on a voice vote the
Chair declared the motion carried.
Whereas, The Ann Arbor program would offer on all city bills an option to round up to the nearest dollar, five or ten dollar, make a specific regular contribution, or a one-time contribution; and

Whereas, The Pennies for People program would generate tax-deductible funds to help provide food, housing, clothing, utility shutoff protection, educational enrichment opportunities to qualified Ann Arbor families and residents;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop and promote a "Pennies for People" program to offer on all city invoices/bills an option to round up to the nearest dollar, five or ten dollar, make a specific regular contribution, or make an one-time contribution.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-595-12-00 APPROVED
RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY AND GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM
Whereas, The Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention reported that in 1994 there were more than 38,500 firearm-related deaths in the United States, almost fifty percent (18,765) of these were suicides, and 1,356 were unintentional deaths;

Whereas, Many local governments are implementing voluntary and/or mandatory programs to encourage gun safety and reduce the number of gun-related deaths and injuries in their communities;

Whereas, Many of these programs involve ordinances on gun safety or sale of firearms, development of gun safety programs, provide a safe means to dispose of unwanted firearms, and implement programs to keep guns out of schools;

Whereas, There are many guns in our community and their safe secure storage and the removal of unwanted guns from households can increase the safety of our community for our residents and public safety officers;

RESOLVED, That the City establish a gun safety and gun buy back program to include the following aspects:

Free trigger locks and safe storage lockboxes;

Development of video and/or print material, or gun safety classes to emphasize safety and prevention of unintentional firearm injuries;

Gun Buy Back program; and

Development and research of appropriate local ordinances that will help to prevent the unintentional firearm injuries and other gun safety legislation to improve the overall safety of our community; and

RESOLVED, That the City work with other public and private entities to ensure funding and widespread involvement with the Gun Safety Program.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.

On a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.

R-596-12-00 APPROVED AS AMENDED
RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CITY COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES TO MEET IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS
A resolution to require City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in public buildings was considered.
Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember unanimously agreed that the following paragraph be added to the resolution:
RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop a plan to implement this policy within one year of passage and develop a procedure for making exceptions to this policy when extenuating circumstances exist to allow City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in a nonpublic building.
The question being the resolution as amended, on a voice vote the Mayor declared the motion carried.
The resolution as adopted reads as follows:
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R-596-12-00
RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE CITY COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES TO MEET IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS
Whereas, There are many City committees, commissions and authorities that impact and make decisions on public policy;
Whereas, There are many citizens who are interested in the work of these committees, commissions and authorities;
Whereas, Public access to these decision-making and public bodies is of the utmost importance; and
Whereas, There are many residents who cannot make all of the meetings that they would like to see;
RESOLVED, That the City of Ann Arbor require that all City committees, commissions and authorities, when required to meet in open session, hold all of their meetings in a public building, with adequate public space for residents to observe the proceedings, with live video broadcast capabilities when possible, and that CTN work on increasing the number of meetings that are broadcast live or by taped delay; and
RESOLVED, That the City Administrator develop a plan to implement this policy within one year of passage and develop a procedure for making exceptions to this policy when extenuating circumstances exist to allow City committees, commissions and authorities to meet in a nonpublic building.
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POSTPONED
RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP POLICY ON ROAD NARROWING AND ROAD DIETING
Whereas, Many communities are developing policies on "road dieting," that is the narrowing the width of roads and the number of lanes of traffic;
Whereas, Many neighborhoods are interested in slowing down the traffic speed and volume on the roads in front of their homes;
Whereas, The City has adopted a traffic calming program; and
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Whereas, This issue requires that transportation, land use, and environmental concerns be evaluated in developing a strong policy;
RESOLVED, That the City Council request that the Environmental Commission study and develop a policy recommendation for the Council to adopt regarding road widths and road dieting.
Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be adopted.
Councilmember Hartwell moved that the resolution be postponed until 1) Council determines the transportation expertise on the Environmental Commission, 2) Council sets...