



Action Minutes

City Council

May 25, 1995

**..Title**

ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION CONTINUED - MAY 25, 1995  
(CONTINUED FROM MAY 15, MAY 22, MAY 24, 1995)

**..Body**

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The regular session of the Ann Arbor City Council was reconvened in the City Hall Council Chamber at 7:36 p.m. by Mayor Ingrid B. Sheldon.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

Present: Councilmembers Tobi Hanna-Davies, Peter Fink, Jane Lumm, Haldon Smith, Jean Carlberg, Peter Nicolas, Stephen Hartwell, Christopher Kolb, Elisabeth Daley, Mayor Ingrid Sheldon, 10  
Absent: Patricia Vereen-Dixon, 1

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

POSTPONED

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ANN ARBOR CITY BUDGET,  
RELATED PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 1995-1996

The question under consideration was approval of the resolution as amended. Councilmember Nicolas moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language which would rescind the motion approved on May 22, 1995 regarding reductions in printing and publishing costs:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE REDUCE THE SIZE OF "FOR THE PEOPLE" FROM 32 PAGES PER YEAR TO 18 PAGES PER YEAR, BUT CONTINUE TO PUBLISH IT IN ITS CURRENT FORMAT IN THE ANN ARBOR OBSERVER. (Minimum Estimated Saving: \$17,417); and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SAVINGS FROM THE ABOVE COSTREDUCING MEASURE SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE TO REDUCE THE REVENUE-EXPENDITURE GAP IN FISCAL YEAR 1995-1996;

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Fink moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding wetlands:

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY BE INSTRUCTED TO BRING BACK THE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO AMEND THE WETLANDS ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE WETLANDS OF .5 ACRES OR LARGER;

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, Mayor Sheldon, 4

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Carlberg, Kolb, Daley, 4

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Absent for the Vote: Councilmembers Smith, Hartwell, 2

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Fink moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding the landfill educational center:

RESOLVED, THAT ALL WORK ON THE EDUCATIONAL CENTER ADDITION TO THE MRF LANDFILL BE IMMEDIATELY HALTED AND THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING HIRING OF ANY STAFF, NOT BE IMPLEMENTED;

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, 3

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Carlberg, Smith, Kolb, Daley, Mayor Sheldon, 6

Absent for the Vote: Councilmember Hartwell, 1

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Fink moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following two "Resolves" regarding the recycling drop off-station with each clause to be voted on separately:

RESOLVED, THAT THE STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO COUNCIL WITH A TOTAL BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE RECYCLING DROP- OFF STATION SHOWING PROPOSED NET SAVINGS FROM SUCH A PLAN AT THE SAME TIME AS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ARE BROUGHT FORWARD;

On roll call on the first part of the motion, the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, Kolb, Mayor Sheldon, 5  
Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Carlberg, Smith, Daley, 4  
Absent for the vote, Councilmember Hartwell, 1

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

The question under consideration was the following language:

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT IN NO CASE SHALL THE PLAN FOR THE DROP-OFF STATION REQUIRE ANY NET INCREASE IN CITY STAFF;

On roll call, the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, Mayor Sheldon, 4

Nays, Councilmembers Carlberg, Smith, Kolb, Daley, 4

Absent for the vote, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Hartwell, 2

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Fink moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language:

RESOLVED, TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF STAFF TIME AND THE WORK OF NON-PROFITS THEMSELVES AND TO QUANTIFY AN EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT "'CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR", AN ADDITIONAL "MEASURE OF SUCCESS" FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WILL BE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NON-PROFIT CONTRACTS BY 2% PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS. (THIS DOES NOT SPEAK TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING, ONLY TO THE NUMBER OF NON-PROFITS.);

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On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Nicolas, Mayor Sheldon, 4

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Carlberg, Smith, Kolb, Daley, 5

Absent for the Vote: Councilmember Hartwell, 1

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

Councilmember Lumm moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding human rights re-review period:

Whereas, City Council approved on February 21, 1995, an affirmative action policy and plan for the City;

Whereas, Successful implementation of that plan will require significant resources in the Human Resources Department and the Human Resources Director has indicated he would utilize any additional resources in that capacity;

Whereas, The Human Rights re-review period for repeat contractors and firms could be extended without jeopardizing the basic intent of the program;

Whereas, Extending the re-review period could free-up a partial FTE that could in the near term be re-deployed to support the affirmative action plan and in the longer-term could represent an FTE savings;

RESOLVED, THAT WITHIN 60, DAYS THE CITY ADMINISTRATORS AND CITY ATTORNEY PRESENT TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL A RECOMMENDATION ON EXTENDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS APPROVAL REVIEW PERIOD FOR REPEAT CONTRACTORS AND THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE;

(impact: re-deploy .54 FTE/s to perform other human rights activities; revenue/expenditure impact TBD)

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Carlberg, Smith, Nicolas, Mayor Sheldon, 6

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Kolb, Daley, 3

Absent for the Vote, Councilmember Hartwell, 1

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Lumm moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding the Assessor's Office field audits:

Whereas, By implementing changes in operating practices, City Council can contribute to resolving the structural revenue expenditure imbalance;

Whereas, The Finance Department has indicated that one additional field representative in the Assessor's Office could generate an estimated \$70,000 to \$90,000 in net incremental revenue;

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Whereas, It would not be prudent to hire an additional permanent employee until the City establishes its strategy to deal with the structural revenue imbalance;

RESOLVED, THAT WITHIN 60 DAYS THE ADMINISTRATORS INVESTIGATE AND PREPARE A BRIEF EVALUATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF EITHER CONTRACTING OUT ADDITIONAL FIELD AUDITS, PERHAPS ON A CONTINGENCY OR NOT-TO-EXCEED BASIS OR THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING AN EXISTING FINANCE OFFICE EMPLOYEE IN THIS CAPACITY;

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Lumm moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding firefighters:

RESOLVED, THAT THE ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT TO COUNCIL AN ANALYSIS COMPARING THE OVERTIME SAVINGS WITH THE COSTS OF THE 3 ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS BEFORE THOSE FIREFIGHTERS ARE HIRED. THE COSTS OF THESE FIREFIGHTERS WOULD REMAIN IN THE 1995-1996 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET;

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Fink, Lumm, Carlberg, Nicolas, Hartwell, Mayor Sheldon, 6

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Smith, Kolb, Daley, 4

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Lumm moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding Building Department fees:

RESOLVED, THAT THE BUDGET BE INCREASED BY \$65,000 IN FEES FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, \$6,000 FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT AND THAT GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE USAGE BE REDUCED BY A CORRESPONDING AMOUNT, THAT STAFF BE DIRECTED TO BRING FORWARD THE NECESSARY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES IN THE BUDGET, AND A BRIEF SUMMARY OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT FEE STRUCTURES AND INCREASES OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS;

(impact: estimated \$65,000 revenue increase to building department account; offset=GF surplus revenue decrease)

On roll call the vote was as follows: Yeas, Councilmembers Lumm, Nicolas, Kolb, 3

Nays, Councilmembers Hanna-Davies, Fink, Carlberg, Smith, Hartwell, Daley, Mayor Sheldon, 7

The Mayor declared the motion defeated.

At the request of Mayor Sheldon, Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding funds for the Commission

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on Increasing Safety for Women:

RESOLVED, THAT \$5,000 BE REALLOCATED FROM THE 95-96 HEALTH INSURANCE BUDGETED AMOUNT TO A NON- DEPARTMENTAL LINE-ITEM TO FUND IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL APPROVED STRATEGIES SUGGESTED FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INCREASING SAFETY FOR WOMEN;

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried with Councilmembers Fink and Lumm dissenting.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding the Waste Watcher publication.

RESOLVED, THAT THE WASTE WATCHER PUBLICATIONS PER YEAR BE RESTORED

FROM 1 TO 2 ISSUES, AND THAT FUNDING BE RESTORED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE TO THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT;

After discussion, Councilmember Kolb withdrew his motion pending receipt of further information regarding funding for the recycling "hotline" and duplication or overlapping of the City's publications.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding cost saving measures and ideas:

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR(S) INSTITUTE FORMAL PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BRING FORTH COST-SAVING MEASURES AND IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF CITY SERVICES, STAFF, OPERATIONS, AND PURCHASES FROM ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS. THESE PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GROUPS, OPERATIONAL AUDITS, SUGGESTION BOX AND RESPONSE PROCEDURES, OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS NECESSARY TO FURTHER THE GOAL OF CONTINUAL COST-SAVINGS AND IMPROVED EFFICIENCIES IN PROVIDING CITY SERVICES;

On a voice vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried. Councilmember Hartwell was absent for the vote.

Councilmember Kolb moved that the resolution be amended by adding the following language regarding a Budget Review Committee:

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT A BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND A COURSE OF ACTION TO REDUCE THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT PROJECTED BETWEEN REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE 1996/1997 FISCAL YEAR. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL CONSIST OF THE MAYOR, FOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS, ONE MEMBER EACH FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONS: PLANNING, PARK ADVISORY, AND SOLID WASTE, TWO CITIZENS WITH EXPERIENCE IN BUDGETING AND OR FINANCE, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE TEAM ASSIGNED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR(S). THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE IS TO EVALUATE CITY SERVICES AND SOURCES OF REVENUE TO SEE IF THERE IS A NEED TO

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HOLD AN ELECTION TO RAISE THE SOLID WASTE MILLAGE, THE GENERAL OPERATING MILLAGE AND/OR ESTABLISH A DEDICATED MILLAGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL AND QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITIZENS OF ANN ARBOR ARE MAINTAINED. THE COMMITTEE SHALL EXAMINE ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE, INCLUDING MILLAGE RATES, ALTERNATIVE TAXES, USER FEES, AN ADMINISTRATIVE TAX FEE, AND SPECIAL REGIONAL DISTRICTS. IF THE COMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT ELECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE HELD OR THAT OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE ARE NOT TO BE PURSUED, THEN THE COMMITTEE SHALL RECOMMEND SPECIFIC SERVICE REDUCTIONS (INCLUDING PERSONNEL) TO MATCH PROJECTED REVENUES. A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL IS TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE 1996/1997 ANNUAL BUDGET;

After discussion, Councilmember Kolb withdrew this motion pending further discussion by Council on committee composition, deadline for submission of the recommendation to the Council and duration of the committee.

#### MEETING RECESSED

Mayor Sheldon recessed the meeting at 10:45 p.m. to be reconvened on Tuesday, May 30, 1995 at 7:30 p.m.

W. Northcross

Clerk of the Council

Linda J. Wise

Recording Secretary