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July/August 2002

1. ACCOUNTING-GOVERNMENT

035479667

"The Role of GASB 34 in the Citizen-Government Accountability Relationship." Dean Michael Mead.

(*State and Local Government Review*, v. 34, no. 1, Winter 2002, p. 5+.)

This article explores the degree to which GASB Statement No. 34, serves the accountability needs of citizens and their governments. Some objectives nevertheless remain unfulfilled under these guidelines.

2. ATLANTA-CITY PLANNING

034817081

A Cultural District For Downtown Atlanta. Arthur C. Brooks and Roland J. Kushner. Atlanta, GA, Research Atlanta, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, 2000. 48p.

Research Atlanta studied the experiences of cities comparable to Atlanta to determine the critical ingredients for a successful cultural district initiative. This report explores three ingredients, and then assembles them into a blueprint for action.

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3. ATLANTA-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

035373951

Atlanta: Race, Class and Urban Expansion. Larry Keating.

Philadelphia, PA, Temple University Press, 2001. 232p. (Comparative American Cities).

Describes Atlanta as having inequality, particularly for African Americans. It remains one of the most segregated cities in the United States. Development plans have remained in the control of private business interests.

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4. AUDITING

032844734

"Management Audits; Passe, or a Useful Quality Improvement Tool?" Dana Hield Whitson and Douglas K. Clark.

(*Public Management (PM)*, May 2002, p. 6+.)

The periodic analysis of departments, functions, and processes is crucial in working toward continuous improvement.

5. BLACKS-YOUTH

034979659

Streets of Death Inside the Black Community. Norman V. Colbert and Jamal RX. Colbert.

Pittsburgh, PA, Dorrance Publishing Company, 2000. 37p.

Outlines the basic structure of a system dedicated to retraining and redirecting the energies and talents of black youth.

R326.8 C671s

6. BROWNFIELDS-PITTSBURGH

035479964

"Residential Development Revitalizes Brownfield Areas." Charles Sheehan.

(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 22, June 3, 2002, p. 1+.)

Homes were built in the late 1990s on a former brownfield site that had a nearly 200 years history of incinerators, slaughter houses and scrap yards.

7. BUILDING-COSTS

034811977

Means Square Foot Cost: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, And Institutional.

Kingston, MA, R.S. Means Company, 23rd Annual Edition, 2002. vp.

A comprehensive, reliable source of current construction cost for typical building structures, when only minimum dimensions, specifications and technical data are available.

R692.5 M463

8. BUSINESS DISTRICTS-KANSAS CITY

032844772

(Kansas City Classic).

(*Urban Land*, April 2002, pages 36-59).

Six articles discuss redevelopment in downtown Kansas City.

9. BUSINESS DISTRICTS-RESIDENTIAL

035479485

"Downtown Living: In the 1990's and Beyond." Eugenie Ladner Birch.

(*Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, Fall 2001, p. 8+.)

10. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

035479949

"Capital Improvements Planning: A Neglected Priority." Harry Tow.

(*Public Management (PM)*, May 2002, p. 12+.)

Managers should be involved in public facilities projects, with the dual objectives of saving money and solving problems.

11. CHARTERS

034812884

Model City Charter.

7th Edition. Denver, CO, National Civic League, 1996. 72p.

The model is a working tool for all those engaged in efforts to improve the structure and procedures of local government and thus increase its effectiveness.

R352 N21cb 1996

12. CHARTERS

035479675

"Municipal Charters." Lawrence F. Keller.

(*National Civic Review*, v. 91, no. 1, Spring 2002, p. 55+.)

The municipal charter is the constitution for local government. This article reviews the historical significance of the municipal charter and its continuing relevance for public life in the United States.

13. CITY COUNCILS

035480228

"The Roles of the City Council and Implications for the Structure of City Government." James H. Svara.

(*National Civic Review*, v. 91, no. 1, Spring 2002, p. 5+.)

The trend toward greater activism by the city council is changing the respective roles of council and city manager. This article frames an analysis of these changes using a typology of council models.

14. CITY PLANNING-CHICAGO, IL

035023754

Chicago Metropolis 2020: the Chicago Plan for the Twenty-First Century. Elmer W. Johnson.

Chicago, IL, University of Chicago Press, 2001. 188p.

Speaks to all facets of urban life from public education to suburban sprawl, for transportation to social and economic segregation with the expressed goal of continuing Chicago's tradition of renewal and foresight.

R307.1216 J631c

15. CITY PLANNING-ST. LOUIS

035010405

St. Louis: the Evolution of an American Urban Landscape. Eric Sandweiss.

Philadelphia, PA, Temple University Press, 2001. 282p. (Critical perspectives on the past).

Offers a rich and satisfactory account of how city neighborhoods were built in the nineteenth century and what happened to them in the twentieth.

R307.76097 S221s

16. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

0348410508

2002 Sourcebook on Collective Bargaining: Wages, Benefits and other Contract Issues.

Washington, D.C., Bureau of National Affairs, 2002. 446p.

Provides current, easy-to-find information needed for bargaining and for wage and benefit planning.

R331.89 B111

17. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

034811894

Collective Bargaining in the Public Sector: The Experience of Eight States. Joyce M. Najita and James L. Stern, Editors.

Armonk, NY, M.E. Sharpe, 2001. 270p. (Issue in work and human resources).

This book provides up-to-date information on public sector collective bargaining and offers unique case studies of legal origins, development and challenges to collective bargaining. Michigan is included in this study.

R331.89041 C686

18. COMMUNITY CENTERS

035479980

"Community Centres—Part 1 & 2." Julian Jacobs and Sean Stanwick.

(*Current Municipal Problems*, v. 28, no. 4, 2002, p. 468+.)

Changing Trends in Community Centre Design and Schools as a Community Resource.

19. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-CHURCHES-PHILADELPHIA

035479477

"Religion, Congregations, and Community: the Philadelphia Story." Ram Cnaan.

(*Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, Winter 2002, p. 28+.)

20. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT

032844871

"A Madness to the Method: Empirically Assessing Small Business Lending Under the Community Reinvestment Act." Jason B. Myers. (*The Urban Lawyer*, v. 34, no. 1, Winter 2002, p. 1+.) This article seeks to build upon the few available studies regarding CRA-related lending to small businesses.

21. DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

032844962 "Strengthening Community Bonds." Michael A. Guido.

(*Minnesota Cities*, April 2002, p. 4+.)

Mayor Michael Guido has brought impressive heart and strategy to his city's rich ethnic diversity, enhancing Dearborn's attraction as a great place to do business, visit, work and raise a family.

22. DETROIT-DEVELOPMENTS

035479832

Detroit Development Initiatives, 2002.

Detroit, MI, Comerica Bank, 2002, 63p.

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23. DETROIT-HOUSING-AFFORDABLE

035480376

Analysis of Detroit's Census 2000 SF1 (100% Count) Data by Master Planning Sector. Dale E. Thomson and Lyke Thompson.

Detroit, MI, Wayne State University, 2002. 39p.

This report presents the first major data analysis completed as part of a broader project to create an affordable housing needs assessment for the City of Detroit.

VF Census 2000 Visi File DESK

24. DETROIT-HOUSING-AFFORDABLE

035480111

CDBG/NOF Evaluation Housing Needs Assessment Analysis of Census 2000 SF1 Data.

Dale Thomson and Lyke Thompson.

Detroit, MI, Wayne State University, 2002. 22p.

Overview and explanation of data and review of major findings.

VF Detroit- Housing- Projects

25. DETROIT-HOUSING-AFFORDABLE

035480103

WSU College of Urban Labor and Metropolitan Affairs Analysis of 2000 Census Data.

Detroit, MI, City Council Fiscal Analyst, 2002. vp.

Review of data findings-

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26. DETROIT-POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

035352658

Whose Detroit?: Politics, Labor and Race in a Modern American City. Heather Ann Thompson.

Ithaca, NY, Cornell University Press, 2001. 295p.

Focuses in detail on the struggles of Motor City residents during the 1960's and early 1970's.

R306.09774 T273w

27. DETROIT-SEWAGE DISPOSAL

034906884

CSO "Umbrella" Project Plan. Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Detroit, MI, The Department 1998. vp.

CSO=Combined Sewer Overflow.

R363.7284 C7333

28. DETROIT-WATER SUPPLY

034906876

Final DWRF Project Plan: FY 99 Capital Improvements.

Detroit, MI, The Department, 1998. vp.

DWRF=Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

R363.7284 F49

29. DETROIT-ZONING

035480210

Concerns Relative to Funding and Administration of Municipal Civil Infractions Bureau in 2002-2003 Budget.

Detroit, MI, City Planning Commission, 2002. 4p.

In 1997 City Council decriminalized zoning offenses and reclassified them as Municipal Civil Infractions. This report recommends the immediate establishment of a Zoning Branch of the Violation Bureau.

VF Detroit- Zoning

30. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

035374066

Public Health Issues in Disaster Preparedness: Focus on Bioterrorism. Edited by Lloyd F. Novick and John S. Marr.

Gaithersburg, MD, Aspen Publishers, 2001. 150p.

The technical aspects of bioterrorism agents are outlined and the planning and communication elements necessary to reduce the risk to our population are described.

R658.477 N858p

31. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

035479311

"What Every Local Official Should Know About Economic Development." Wayne A. Schell.

(*Western City*, May 2002, p. 17+.)

Local economies do not run on automatic pilot. Without careful planning, maintenance and investment, a city or region can see its economic opportunities vanish.

32. ELECTRONIC RECORDS-ONTARIO CANADA

035479774

"Ontario's New Municipal Act: Electronic Record Management Strategies for the Future." Brian Masschaele.

(*Municipal World*, June 2002, p. 7+.)

This article summarizes records provisions within the new Municipal Act and provides a good basis for recommending sound strategies in electronic records management.

33. EMPLOYEE MANUALS

032844806

"Employee Handbook In the Municipal Workplace." Meg Vergeront and Stafford Rosenbaum.

(*The Municipality*, May 2002, p. 164+.)

Handbooks that are thrown together without careful thought, or created but not followed, can end up creating more personnel problems than they solve.

34. EMPLOYEES-MOTIVATION OF

035073791

Empowering Employees. Kenneth L. Murrell and Mimi Meredith.

New York, NY, McGraw-Hill, 2000. 185p. (A Briefcase Series Book).

Follow the techniques, strategies and case studies presented in this book to create a more dynamic, energized and empowered workplace.

R658.314 M967e

35. ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

032963937

Developing Retail Entertainment Destinations. Michael D. Beyard and others.

2nd Edition. Washington, D.C., Urban Land Institute, 2001. 279p.

Shows how retail entertainment has evolved. Gives the inside story on the latest generation of developments. Includes 11 case studies.

R711.552 D492

36. FIREARMS-BOSTON

035479568

Reducing Gun Violence: The Boston Gun Project's Operation Ceasefire. David M. Kennedy and others.

Washington, D.C., National Institute of Justice, September 2001, 71p.

VF Firearms

37. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS-CRIME

035479659

"Urban Neighborhood Information Systems: Crime Prevention and Control Applications." April Pattavina, Glenn Pierce, and Alan Saiz.

(*Journal of Urban Technology*, v. 9, no. 1, pages 37-56.)

The purpose of this article is to chronicle the development of an interdisciplinary, integrated neighborhood-level database for the city of Boston and discuss the potential applications of this database to a wide range of criminal justice problems and initiatives.

38. HOUSING-AFFORDABILITY

032963929

Producing Affordable Housing: Partnership for Profit/NAHB Economics Mortgage Finance and Housing Policy Division.

Washington, D.C., Home Builders Press/NAHB, 1999. 116p.

Explains the many aspects of building successful partnerships to plan and execute affordable housing development.

R363.58 P942

39. INCENTIVES

032844889

"Offering Incentive For New Development: the Role of City Social Status, Politics, and Local Growth Experiences. Paul G. Lewis.

(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 24, no. 2, pages 143-157).

The propensity of municipal governments to offer incentives for new development is empirically examined, drawing upon both the literature on local economic development policy and studies of local residential restrictions.

40. INTERNET-TAXATION

035479865

"New Study Shows That Sales Tax Losses From E-Commerce are Higher Than Previously Thought." Frank J. Sturzl.

(*Current Municipal Problems*, v. 28, no. 4, 2002, p. 438+.)

This loss results from the fact that sales taxes aren't paid on remote, online purchases as they are on "Main Street" purchases.

41. LAND USE-VACANT LAND

035480335

"Vacant Properties: Revitalization Strategies." Joseph Schilling.

(*IQ Report*, v. 34, no. 3, March 2002, entire issue)

A discussion of the vacant-property revitalization cycle: stabilization, resources for rehabilitation, transfer or demolition, and long-term revitalization.

42. LOTTERIES

035480020

"Lotteries, The American States and Federal Government: A Formula for Perpetual Success or Inevitable Destruction in Education Policy?" P. Edward French and Rodney E. Stanley.

(*Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, v. 14, no. 1, Spring 2002, p. 27+.)

Much of the literature on lotteries suggests that financial reliance on state operated lotteries for educational embellishment may actually hinder the process of educational egalitarianism.

43. MEETING-COMMUNITY

035480178

"Managing Community Meetings." Debrah H. Stein.

(*IQ Report*, v. 34, no. 4, April 2002, entire issue).

This report outlines what to do once the meeting begins and provides detailed how-to instructions for engaging in active listening, dealing with angry citizens, and handling difficult questions.

44. MICHIGAN-CHILD WELFARE

35342881

Kids Raised By the Government. Ira M. Schwartz and Gideon Fishman.

Westport, CT, Praeger, 1999. 150p.

Focuses on the problem and issues confronting child welfare as well as such topics as adoption, the relationship between child welfare and delinquency and residential treatment.

R362.70973 S399k

45. MICHIGAN-CITIES-CHARTERS

034812876

Municipal Charter Revision. Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Ann Arbor, MI, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, 1996. 1v. (looseleaf).

Written as a workbook for elected charter Commissioners or those appointed members of charter study groups in Michigan.

R342.02 M925

46. MICHIGAN-E-GOVERNMENTS

035479527

"Michigan's E-Government Value Estimator Tool." Peyman Zand.

(*Public Sector CXO*, March/April 2002, p. 36+.)

Michigan is piloting and will shortly roll out a tool to help state agencies make business cases for e-government initiatives.

47. MICHIGAN-PUBLIC WELFARE

035420430

Income Support and Social Services for Low-Income People In Michigan. Kristin S. Seefeldt and others.

Washington, D.C., Assessing the New Federalism, Urban Institute, 1998. 70p. (State report [Urban Institute]).

R362.6 I37

48. MICHIGAN-ZONING

034812892

Zoning Board of Appeals Handbook. Steve Langworthy.

Ann Arbor, MI, Michigan Municipal League, 2002. 39p.

Written to help new zoning board of appeals members understand the scope of their role and responsibilities.

R346.045 L2692

49. MUNICIPAL FINANCE

032621105

Recommend Practices for State and Local Governments.

Government Finance Officers Association, Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association, 2001. 158p.

The recommended practices discussed in this book include: accounting, auditing and financial management, cash management, budgeting and financial management, debt management and retirement and benefits administration.

R336.014 R245 2001

50. MUNICIPAL FINANCE-NEW JERSEY

035479725

"State Approves New Financing Tools for Redevelopment." John V. Cavaliere.

(*New Jersey Municipalities*, May 2002, p. 6+.)

The tools are the Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law (the "FAF Law") and the Revenue Allocation District Financing Act (the "Revenue Allocation Act").

51. NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNMENT

035373936

Solving Problems Without Large Government: Devolution, Fairness and Equality.

George W. Liebmann.

Westport, CT, Praeger, 2000. 189p.

Discusses such pertinent topics as the future of neighborhoods, enfranchising citizens, resolving disputes and funding neighborhoods.

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52. NEIGHBORHOODS-BUSINESS CONDITIONS-CLEVELAND

035479956

"Community Action to the Rescue." Douglas R. Porter.

(*Urban Land*, April 2002, p. 72+.)

Rescuing an inner-city shopping center in Cleveland, Ohio's Lee-Harvard neighborhood helps save a community in trouble.

53. OPEN SPACES

032963911

How To Turn A Place Around: A Handbook For Creating Successful Public Spaces.

Project for Public Spaces, Inc., New York, NY, Project for Public Spaces, Inc., 2000. 121p.

A common sense guide for everyone from community residents to major on how to understand and improve public spaces in their communities.

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54. OPEN SPACES

035479519

"Streets As Parks." Clair Enlow.

(*Planning*, May 2002, p. 16+.)

Seattle's evolving open space strategy shifts the definition of "open space" away from traditional parks, plazas, and city squares to an all-encompassing "urban ecosystem" that focuses on city streets.

55. PARKS

035364448

Great Parks, Great Cities, 1997-1998: A Sourcebook on Leadership in Urban Parks.

Andrew Schwartz, Editor.

New York, NY, Urban Park Institute at Project Public Spaces, 1999. 103p.

Describes a series of one-day workshops held from Fall 1997 to Spring 1998 to explore the role that urban parks can play in increasing the quality of life in cities.

R307.346 G798

56. PARKS-GRANTS

035480038

"29 Million For Urban Parks and Recreation Grants Awarded to Cities."

(*U. S. Mayor*, June 3, 2002, p. 20+.)

Detroit is to receive \$950,000 under the UPARR (=Urban Park and Recreation Recovery).

57. PENSIONS-INVESTMENT

034949405

Innovation for the Millennium: Creative Solutions for Pension Management. Robert Herman and Others.

Washington Depot, CT, Investor Press, 1995. 85p.

Highlights creative approaches leading pension managers are using to increase the performance and efficiency of their plans.

R343.064 I58

58. POLICE MANAGEMENT

035480384

Police Departments in Large Cities, 1990-2000.

Bureau of Justice Special Report. Washington D.C., Department of Justice, 2002.

16p.

Statistics on staffing, budget, salaries, etc.

VF Police

59. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP-POLICE

035479212

"Contracting Law Enforcement Services." Richard Baranzini.

(*IQ Report*, v. 34, no. 2, February 2002, entire issue).

This report presents basic issues of law enforcement contracting, and it also provides guidance on successful contract and costing-model composition.

60. REGIONAL GOVERNMENT-CHI CAGO

035479972

"Regionalism in Metropolitan Chicago: A Work in Progress." David K. Hamilton. (*National Civic Review*, v. 91, no. 1, Spring 2002, p. 63+.)

This article focuses on two organizations, Metropolis 2020 and the Metropolitan Mayors Council, and identifies areas for further improvement.

61. REGIONAL PLANNING-KENTUCKY

035480095

"(Regionalism: is Regional Cooperation Replacing Competition for Dollars?)." (*City*, Spring 2002, Whole Issue).

This issue is devoted to the importance of regional efforts.

62. STREETS-DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

032963952

Residential Streets. Walter M. Kulash.

3rd Edition. Washington, D.C., ULI, The Urban Land Institute, 2001. 76p.

Takes a practical approach to planning and designing a street that is cost effective.

R711.73 U72r 2001

63. STREETS-DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

4035371716

Traditional Neighborhood Development: Street Guidelines.

Prepared by ITE Transportation Planning Council Committees 5P-8. Washington, D.C., Institute of Transportation Engineers, 1999. 44p.

R625.725 T675

64. TELEVISION-CABLE

032847726

FCC Ruling: Cable Modems Not Part of Cable Service." Juan Otero.

(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 13, April 1, 2002, p. 1+.)

Interstate information service' would not be included in franchise fees and would cost cities \$135 million.

65. TRAFFIC CONTROL-SAN ANTONIO

035479782

"San Antonio's Road, Rail Projects: Modern Solutions."

(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, v. 25, no. 22, June 3, 2002, p. 4+.)

The following reports demonstrate unique solutions to the challenge of providing accurate, timely estimates of arterial travel time to drivers as well as the benefits of operating an integrated highway-rail system.

66. TRANSPORTATION-PLANNING

035364497 & 035364505

How Transportation and Community Partnership are Shaping America. Part 1: Transit Stops and Stations. Part 2: Street and Roads/

Project for Public Spaces, Inc. Washington, D.C, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. 1999 & 2000. vp.

R307.14 H83 1999 & 2000 Pt. 1&2

67. ZONING

035373233

Zoning 101: A Practical Introduction. Carl J. Stephani and Marilyn C. Stephani. Washington, D.C., National League of Cities, 2001. 66p. (NLC's Officials Guide Series).

A plain-language text explains the day-to-day realities of zoning theory and administration.

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