



City Administrator's Report – February 4, 2019

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to hlazarus@a2gov.org or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! The City of Ann Arbor strives to incorporate safety and health in every aspect of our operations. Thank you to all of the essential City employees who worked to help keep Ann Arbor safe during the recent polar vortex.

Proclamation Commending the Lifesaving Actions of City Employees, USAA Hockey Referee and Ann Arbor Recreational Hockey League Players. On Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 Eddie Kulczycki was playing in one of the City's recreational hockey leagues and experienced a medical emergency that rendered him unconscious during game play. City of Ann Arbor employees Kelsey LaHaye, Kayla Auer, Gabby Peck, as well as USAA Hockey referee Paul Krolick, were able to provide emergency medical attention to Mr. Kulczycki, while their efforts were joined by recreational hockey league players Matt Kennison, David Goyer and Robert Garcia, and supported by Josh Landefeld and Bill Meeks. The quick decision making actions taken by this group of individuals may very well have saved Mr. Kulczycki's life. Their actions are not only a testament to the character of the Ann Arbor community, but also to the high quality of training and the dedication demonstrated by our Parks and Recreation staff on a regular basis. The Mayor will present a proclamation in honor of this heroic action at the Feb. 4 Council meeting.

AAFD Responded to Fatal House Fire Jan. 31. While we try our best to be safe in all of our activities, unfortunately injuries do happen. "Our crews took great risk last night with their efforts searching for the resident. The bravery of our crews and the injured firefighter cannot be overstated," said Fire Chief Mike Kennedy. "Our thoughts are with the victim's family during this tragic event." The injured firefighter, who has been with the Ann Arbor Fire Department (AAFD) for 13 years, suffered multiple broken ribs and multiple fractures to the left lower leg that will require surgery. Thank you to Chief Kennedy and all of the AAFD for the brave work.

Success Stories

A2 STEAM Solar Project Receives \$15,000 City of Ann Arbor Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant. On Feb. 1, A2 STEAM at Northside was awarded a \$15,000 Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T) grant from the City of Ann Arbor for the development of a kindergarten-eighth grade solar curriculum. More information regarding the grant program is available via [SA2T Grant Program](#). Please There is an [online grant application](#) available on the city's website, which also must include the following:

- Completed and signed application form and scope of work for the project and associated technical documents;

- Project cost estimate;
- Cost-sharing proposal (if any);
- Projected maintenance costs and sources and responsibility for future maintenance costs;
- Evidence of support from impacted stakeholders;
- Evidence that the proposed location for any temporary or fixed installation is suitable for proposed use in the city's right of way or other public land; and
- Statement describing the benefits that will result from the project and how the results will be measured and evaluated.

The city sustainability and innovations office reviews SA2T applications twice a year. Applications not accepted for a grant will automatically be reconsidered at the next evaluation, unless withdrawn. Please contact [Missy Stults, Sustainability and Innovations Manager](#), if you have any questions.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

FY20-21 Budget Planning. City Council Work Session discussions with staff for budget purposes will be held at Larcom City Hall, Council Chambers 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron St. 7 p.m. Meetings will be available to view live in a variety of formats including: Comcast cable channel 16, AT&T UVerse Channel 99 or live [webstream](#). Citizens can also view the meeting later at their convenience via [CTN's Youtube channel](#).

Budget Timeline:

January - March: Council Work Sessions

February 11: FY20 & FY21 Budget Overview and General Fund

February 25: Public Services and Utilities

March 11: Cost of Services/Water Rates

April: In accordance with City Charter, the City Administrator's Recommended fiscal year 2020 budget is submitted to City Council on April 15, 2019. City Council can only adopt one fiscal year at a time even though the city plans for multi-year budgets.

May: City Council, with at least seven affirmative votes, must adopt the budget no later than its second meeting in May (May 20).

Independent Community Police Commission Nomination Process and Timeline. The City of Ann Arbor is seeking citizens to serve on the newly formed 11-member Independent Community Police Commission, which was formed via Council resolution on Oct. 15, 2018. Interested applicants were to complete an application created by the Human Rights Commission by Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019. The online [Independent Community Police Oversight Commission Application](#) includes a two-page description of the new commission's mandate and the responsibilities that will be expected of members. View the commission membership description in the [Independent Community Police Oversight Commission Ordinance](#) (PDF). Due to the polar vortex, which caused the closure of City of Ann Arbor

Government Offices on Jan. 30 and 31 and mail service to be suspended, applicant names will be published on the web on Monday, Feb. 4.

Previews

The **February 4 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Administrator's Communication Items

- **Memorandum from City Administrator: Treeline Trail Status - February 1, 2019.** A resolution providing a Cooperative Agreement with the Treeline Conservancy is anticipated for the February 19th City Council Agenda.
- **Memorandum from City Administrator: Update on City Council Resolution R-18-446 - Resolution Directing Planning Commission and City Administrator Review of Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Amendments.**
- **Memorandum from City Administrator: Appraisals - February 1, 2019 .** The memorandum identifies the requirement from City Code that for appraisals of leased properties and the associated exceptions.
- **Memorandum concerning A2 Fix It.** A2Fixit has become central to our daily operations, and we have received many suggestions on how to improve its functionality and reliability of the data reporting. The memo provides a view of the improvements we are looking to make with a staff work group the Assistant City Administrator is leading.
- **Memorandum from City Administrator: Response to Resolution R-18-497 – Resolution to Address Crosswalk Improvements and Maintenance.** This memorandum provides the data Council requested on the work performed and scheduled to improve pedestrian safety.

Public Hearings (2 total)

Resolutions

- **A public hearing and Resolution to Resolution to Approve the Resolution to Approve the Payne Annexation, 0.48 Acre, 245 Orchard Hills Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

Ordinances at Second Reading

- **A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 108 (Disorderly Conduct of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to Add a New Section 9:69 (Trespass) (Ordinance No. ORD-19-03)**

WIP (Work in Progress)

Community Input Sought for Police Chief Recruitment Efforts. The City's process to recruit and hire a new police chief is underway. The police chief position is currently vacant, with duties being fulfilled on an interim basis.

A primary component of the search and recruitment process is engaging with city residents, property owners, business owners, etc. so that everyone has a voice in identifying the best candidate to lead the Ann Arbor Police Department. Outreach will take place throughout this process; and the city has contracted with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to assist with these efforts. The city is hoping to welcome a new police chief to the city this spring. Please visit www.a2gov.org/AAPDChiefRecruitment for ongoing updates, as they become available, about this process.

Council Resolution Reporting. Staff is working on the following items pursuant to Council directions:

ITEM	DUE DATE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-497	Resolution to Address Crosswalk Improvements and Maintenance	January 31, 2019	Update included as an AC item on February 4 City Council Agenda
R-18-498	Resolution Providing Council Guidance on the Citizen Survey to Obtain Community Input on the Utilization of Council Mental Health & Public Safety Millage Proceeds	February 28, 2019	Notification cards sent to recipients. Surveys being distributed.

Other

President's Day Holiday, Mon., February 18, 2019. Ann Arbor's municipal offices, including the customer service center at Larcom City Hall and the 15th Judicial District Court, will be closed in observance of President's Day. City Council will meet on Tues., Feb. 19, 2019 due to the holiday.

February Events with Natural Area Preservation. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring, and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. For more information about NAP, visit www.a2gov.org/NAP.