

City Administrator's Report – April 16, 2018

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

Safety Notes

Safety is now recognized as an official City core value. Thank you to the City safety unit for prioritizing safety in all we do. Every action, every day, be safe!

Success Stories

Ann Arbor wins Greenest City Award. Ann Arbor has been recognized as one of the greenest cities in Michigan by Insurify! This award recognizes the contributions of your residents towards minimizing your city's carbon footprint through responsible car ownership and driving habits.

To create the list of winners, Insurify's data scientists analyzed over 1.5 million vehicles input into our site by auto insurance shoppers. They analyzed factors including fuel efficiency, engine type, annual miles driven, commuting patterns, and count of cars per household. The resulting list identifies the five communities in each state with the lowest average environmental impact score.

Statistics show that vehicles represent one of the single greatest sources of polluting emissions in the United States, so this award shows the world that Ann Arbor is having a meaningful positive impact on the environment! More information on the award, and the full list of winners, can be found at <https://insurify.com/insights/greenest-city-awards/>

Ann Arbor selected as an IDC Smart Cities North America Award in the category of Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, Public Transit, Ride-Hailing, Ride-Sharing. The new awards were designed to recognize the progress North American communities have made in executing Smart Cities projects, as well as provide a forum for sharing best practices to help accelerate Smart City development in the region. Winners were named in 14 categories and with a tie in both Education and Sustainable Infrastructure, 16 cities were represented, underscoring the overwhelming success and efficiency of smart city projects implemented across the country. Winners will be honored at the Smart Cities New York event, May 8-10th at Manhattan's Pier 36. To learn more about the event, please visit <https://smartcitiesny.com>. To learn more about these winning projects, please visit <http://bit.ly/2EU8ZMO>. Congratulations to Craig Hupy, Nick Hutchinson, Luke Liu, and Engineering staff on this excellent achievement.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. The report is available via Legistar and posted on the [City Administrator's AAPD Community Engagement Practices](#) web page. R-18-039 [Resolution Creating an Advisory Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission](#) was approved at the February 5th Council

meeting. In accordance with this resolution, a resolution to confirm nomination of the task force members were approved at the March 19, 2018 Council Agenda. The Task Force's first meeting is Friday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The **City Council Work Session on May 14** will focus on the "Ensuring an Inclusive Community – Equity and Housing."

Councilmembers should send any **FY19 Budget Questions** to Sara Higgins and me, copying Tom Crawford, and Karen Lancaster. Topics will grouped by subject area and responded to weekly throughout the budget process. Responses will be posted on the [Budget Public Process web page](#).

Council Gallery Project. The Ann Arbor Art Center has been contracted by the City of Ann Arbor to present seven rotating art exhibitions in City Council Chambers over a period of 52 weeks. The exhibitions are designed to highlight the diverse talent and creativity of Ann Arbor area artists, and are on display for 7-8 weeks each. The fifth exhibition was installed this week. I encourage everyone to check out the installations. Visit the Ann Arbor Art Center's website (www.annarborartcenter.org) for more information about each installations. The newest installation features colorful encaustic and cold wax mixed media paintings by Ann Arbor artists Beth Billups and Deb Eyde.

Previews

The **April 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

An **Introduction of Unified Development Code Adoption Draft.** A project to clarify and reorganize the Zoning Ordinance and ten other development-related ordinances. City Council will consider a first reading of the [proposed Unified Development Code](#) on April 16, 2018. If passed at first reading, a second reading and adoption could occur as soon as May 21, 2018.

Drop-in office hour sessions are offered to learn more about the proposed reorganization and answer any questions about the proposed code. No appointments necessary!

- **Wednesday, April 18 - 8:00 to 9:30 am**, City Hall First Floor South conference room.
- **Friday, April 20 - 12:00 to 1:30 pm**, City Hall First Floor South conference room.
- **Wednesday, April 25 – 3:00 to 4:30 pm**, City Hall First Floor South conference room.
- A **Presentation of the City Administrator's Proposed FY2019 Budget.** Public hearings will be scheduled on the May 7 City Council Agenda. On May 21, with at least seven affirmative votes, City Council must adopt the budget no later than its second meeting in May.
- At First Reading **An Ordinance to Repeal Sections 4:16 through 4:20 and Section 4:30 of Chapter 47 (Streets and Curb Cuts) of Title IV; and Chapter 55 (Zoning), Chapter 56 (Prohibited Land Uses), Chapter 57 (Subdivision and Land Use Control), Chapter 59 (Off-Street Parking), Chapter 60 (Wetlands), Chapter 61 (Signs and Outdoor Advertising), Chapter 62 (Landscaping and Screening), Chapter 63 (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control), of Title V; and Chapter 104 (Fences) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor with a New**

Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of Said Code (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)

- At First Reading **An Ordinance to amend Sections 1:4 and 1:17 of Chapter 1 (Adoption, Contents and Interpretation) and Sections 1:191 and 1:239 of Chapter 8 (Organization of Boards and Commissions) of Title I; Section 2:5 of Chapter 26 (Solid Waste Management), Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates), and Section 2:211 of Chapter 33 (Stormwater System) of Title II; Section 7:414 of Chapter 94 (Junk Yards) of Title VII; Section 8:509 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII; Section 9:42 of Chapter 107 (Animals), Section 9:79 of Chapter 109 (Liquor), and Section 9:366 of Chapter 119 (Noise Control) of Title IX; and Section 10:63 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**
- **Resolution to Amend the Budget and Appropriate Funds Not to exceed \$4,200,000.00 from the General Fund Balance to Effect the City's Ownership of 350 South Fifth Avenue (\$4,200,000.00) (8 Votes Required)** (postponed from April 2, 2018 City Council meeting)
- **Resolution Authorizing Notice and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds - 350 South Fifth Avenue (6 Votes Roll Call)** (postponed from April 2, 2018 City Council meeting)

WIP (Work in Progress)

List of Roads for Reconstruction, Resurfacing and Preventative Maintenance for 2018. The City of Ann Arbor has released the tentative list of roads to be part of 2018's reconstruction, resurfacing and preventive maintenance program. This year's construction season will see a complete reconstruction of North Fifth Avenue and Detroit Street in Kerrytown, in collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority, as well as resurfacing of 24 segments of road throughout the city. In addition, stretches of 44 major streets and local roads will have preventative maintenance performed, which takes only a few days to complete but will help extend their useable life and improve traveling conditions. [A map](#) (PDF) and more information about these and other road/utility projects in Ann Arbor can be found at a2gov.org/engineering.

The projected funding for transportation projects in FY2019 is provided in the table below:

AREA	AMOUNT
Roads	\$18,177,843
Sidewalks	2,243,043
New Lighting	115,000
Signs	343,631
Pavement Markings	473,637
Lighting Replacement/Maintenance	639,637
Electronic Speed Limit Signs -Schools	200,000
TOTAL	\$22,192,965

2017 Water Quality Report Released. The City of Ann Arbor has published its annual water quality report. The 2017 report is available online at a2gov.org/waterreport while printed versions are available at the Larcom City Hall Customer Service Center, Ann Arbor District Library branches, the Water Treatment Plant or by request by calling 734.794.6426.

The 2017 report, a requirement of the Safe Drinking Water Act, provides an in-depth look at sources of drinking water, levels of contaminants and important information on water quality issues. The report reflects Ann Arbor's rigorous testing and demonstrates how Ann Arbor drinking water continues to meet or exceed state and federal regulations.

All America City Finalist. The City was named a finalist, however has regrettably decided not to move forward with the competition. Thank you to Pat Jenkins, Ross Dunbar and the participating Ann Arbor Public Schools Skyline High School students for their work throughout the application process. We appreciate the recognition of being named a finalist.

47th Annual Earth Day Festival is April 22. The public is invited to celebrate our natural world at the [2018 Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival](#) (PDF) Sunday, April 22 noon–4 p.m. at Leslie Science & Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road in Ann Arbor. This free, family-friendly event features displays from over 30 local environmental, non-profit and governmental organizations; live animal demonstrations; learning presentations around sustainable living; hands-on activities; live entertainment; crafts; green building and commuting solutions; energy topics; water awareness; recycling topics; sustainable agriculture; and much more.