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TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator

CC: Nick Hutchinson, City Engineer  
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SUBJECT: Council Agenda Responses

DATE: 1/3/17

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**CA-3 – Resolution to Approve a Construction Contract with Smith’s Waterproofing, LLC for the E. Stadium Boulevard Bridges Deck Sealing Project (\$35,276.85)**

**Question:** It does not seem that thermal cracking on the Stadium Bridges this soon after construction would be a normal occurrence, yet the cover memo indicates that the thermal cracks on the bridges are not structural or problems related to materials or workmanship. I recognize this is not a significant amount of money, but can you please elaborate a bit on this needed work and whether it is typical to need repair/maintenance on a newly-constructed project like we’re doing here? (Councilmember Lumm)

**Response:** The cracks in the bridge decks are thermal expansion and contraction cracks that began to develop shortly after the bridge decks were cast in 2012, before they were opened to vehicular traffic. This type of cracking is typical in these types of structures, and is not indicative of a flaw in the construction or of a larger structural defect. Sealing of the cracks should be performed at this time as part of standard maintenance practices to prevent the intrusion of water and salt into them, which would accelerate the deterioration of the bridge.

**CA-4 – Resolution to Authorize Professional Services Agreements with Bergmann Associates, Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects & Surveyors, D.P.C. (Bergmann) for \$674,656.50 for the Design of the Allen Creek Railroad Berm Opening Project**

**Question:** What is the expected project budget for Phase 2 (Construction Phase) and what are the anticipated funding sources? (Councilmember Lumm)

**Response:** The full scope of the construction and the methods that will be used to implement the project are still to be determined. These details will have an impact on the overall project cost, and will be worked out as part of the design phase of the project. Thus, all that is available for the Phase II construction cost estimate at this time is a very rough planning level cost estimate, which ranges from \$3.6M to \$4.7M. Anticipated funding sources for the project include various grants from FEMA (flood mitigation portion), Transportation Alternatives Program (non-motorized portion), and Department of Natural Resources. Funding sources for the local match will include the Stormwater Fund and the ALT Fund. Staff anticipates that overall, approximately 80% of the project will be paid for by grants.

**B-1 – An Ordinance to Add a New Chapter 120 (Closed Captioning to Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-16-24)**

**Question:** In response to my question on outreach for the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, staff indicated “The disability commission is working on a survey for A2Open City Hall and possibly some direct contacts with local businesses. The Commission would plan to have this outreach completed by the first Council meeting in January”. Can you please provide an update on the survey and/or outreach efforts? (Councilmember Lumm)

**Response:** The survey in A2 Open City Hall was successfully fielded in the month of December. However, staff has received a request to get more focused information from the business community over the next few weeks. Staff concurs with the request to postpone this item for one month, based upon the recommendation from the Commission on Disability Issues, so that additional outreach efforts can be concluded,

**B-2 – An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor Repeal of Chapter 18, Employees Retirement Systems, Title I of Said Code and Adding a New Chapter 18, Employees Retirement System, Title I of Said Code (Ordinance No. ORD-16-28) (Ordinance No. ORD-16-28)**

**Question:** Have there been any new developments in the negotiations with the Police, Deputy Police Chiefs, Firefighters, and Fire Assistant Chief bargaining units on the adoption of the City’s new dual pension plan for new hires in those units? (Councilmember Lumm)

**Response:** We are heading to 312 arbitration with AAPOA and our first mediation date is set for January 25, 2017. We continue negotiations with Fire and Deputy Chiefs and

both of those groups have had presentations on the dual plan with our consultant, Leon LeBrecque. We have not yet started negotiations with the Assistant Chiefs.