

## City Administrator's Report – April 2, 2018

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [hlazarus@a2gov.org](mailto:hlazarus@a2gov.org) or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto: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!

Thank you to Doug Forsyth and the safety team for hosting staff recognition celebrations this past week. City staff achieved a greater than 90% completion rate for all training requirements over the past year!

### Success Stories

**The City - UMTRI Smart Cities project**, "Safety Pilot Model Deployment and Ann Arbor Connected Vehicle Test Environment," has been selected as one of finalists for the IDC's 2018 Smart Cities North America Awards in the Connected & Autonomous Vehicles, Public Transit, Ride-Hailing, Ride Sharing category. Congratulations to Luke Liu, Nicholas Hutchinson, Craig Hupy, and Engineering Staff. Public voting (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IDCSCNA-Finalists>) is open through Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The winners in each category will be announced on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The City has received notification from the **National Flood Insurance Program** that our community has met the requirements for improvement to **Community Rating System (CRS) Class 6**. The new rating is effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The **Ann Arbor Farmers Market** is launching a new **Market-to-Chef** program to make buying local food easier for Ann Arbor restaurants and chefs. Starting in June, participating chefs will receive a weekly email of updated local product availability lists from each of our participating vendors, including prices. Chefs can use this online tool to submit orders and see what's in season. We will also offer drive-in, pick up zones for easy access to the market. With over 120 vendors, chefs can access the freshest produce around, and thousands of varieties of products. Our goal is to make shopping with vendors easier so wholesale buyers can confidently make the switch to local. Kudos to Stephanie Willette for launching the program. For more information, visit the Farmers Market website at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/parks-places/farmers-market/Pages/Market-to-Chef.aspx>

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 City Administrator is coordinating next steps.

The **City Council Work Session on April 9** will focus on the “Building for Tomorrow – Infrastructure Priorities and Projects.”

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

### Previews

The **April 2 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- ***A Resolution to Appropriate the Downtown Development Authority’s Contribution to the Liberty Street and Kerrytown Market Street Lighting Replacement Project (\$150,038.00) (8 Votes Required)***
- A public hearing and second reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 10.44 Acres from TWP (Township District) to PL (Public Land), 1200 and 1400 Chalmers Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Years and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-05)***
- First Reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 4.52 Acres from PL (Public Land District) to R1A Single-Family Dwelling District, 2301 Highland Road Rezoning, 2301 Highland Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Years and 0 Nays)***
- ***A 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)***

### 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 preventative 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](http://a2gov.org/engineering).

## Other

**Ann Arbor Fire Department hosting “Firehouse Friday” on April 6 from 6- 9 a.m.** W4 Country 102.9 will broadcast live at Ann Arbor Fire Station 6, located at 1881 Briarwood Circle. The event is an open house and the public is welcome! Along with AAFD, staff from Ann Arbor Police Department, Human Resources, American Red Cross, Washtenaw County HazMat, and Washtenaw County Technical Rescue will be present.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is currently planning **a road rehabilitation project on N. Main from Huron St. to M-14 in 2022**. While MDOT currently does not have funding available for improvements outside of the roadway, the City of Ann Arbor is looking to ensure MDOT's design process includes a robust engagement with community stakeholders and is coordinated with locally prioritized corridor improvements. Eli Cooper, City of Ann Arbor Transportation Manager will coordinate the city's engagement along with a stakeholder list for this important process. First meeting to be held on April 9th at 10:00AM at 200 N. Main in the Lower Level Conference Room.

**47<sup>th</sup> 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.