

City Administrator's Report – March 19, 2018

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

Safety Notes

Like most of Michigan, Ann Arbor is experiencing a freeze/thaw cycle that results in formation of potholes on our roads. The volume of potholes is much higher this year than in the previous two years. This is a direct result of the harsher winter we have experienced this season. Our crews are out making temporary repairs, as hot-mix asphalt will not be available for several weeks. Please report potholes to [A2 Fix It](#) and remember safety is not a campaign, it is a culture. Every action, every day, be safe!

Success Stories

Jacqueline Beaudry nominated for Michigan City Clerk of the Year. The Michigan Municipal Clerk's Association announced that Jackie has been nominated for 2018 Clerk of the Year. Congratulations, Jackie and thank you for your excellent service to the City of Ann Arbor!

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 and a Chairperson of the task force is on the March 19, 2018 Council Agenda

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 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 **March 19 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- As a written communication from the City Administrator is an update on Council Resolution R-17-422 - March 14, 2018. This provides a monthly update on various safety related items in the vicinity of Huron High School, implementation of Vision Zero, evaluation of crosswalk, land conversions, and speed reduction.

- A public hearing and **Resolution to Approve 1505 White Street Site Plan (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)** are presented for Council action.
- A **Resolution to Confirm Members of an Advisory Task Force to Prepare a Recommendation Outlining the Roles and Responsibilities for a Proposed Community Policing Commission** is presented, per Council direction.
- **A Resolution Opposing the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017** has been added as New Business – Council.

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.

City of Ann Arbor Citizens Academy. With the success of the Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire, and Courts Academy, the City of Arbor will launch an Ann Arbor Citizens Academy (A2CA) this spring to provide a broader view of local government for Ann Arbor residents. The City received a tremendous response rate. The application period closed on March 2, and applications are under review.

During a series of six weekly sessions, from March 28 to May 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m., participants will connect with city staff and elected officials and learn more about long-term city planning efforts, day-to-day operations and the importance of civic involvement. Session topics include: Finance and Budgeting; Voting and Elections; Parks and Recreation; Planning and Preservation; Public Works; Engineering; Sustainability; Water Quality; Police Services; Fire Services; Community Television Network; and City Council. The class will culminate with a graduation ceremony on May 7, 7–8:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.a2gov.org/A2CA.

Other

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.