

City Administrator's Report – February 5, 2018

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

Safety Notes

Doug Forsyth has been named the City Safety Manager. Doug has been actively involved in several initiatives designed to make A2 workplaces as safe as they can be, including both the internal Safety Ready training program and the A2 Be Safe initiative. Please join me in congratulating Doug and supporting a safe and welcoming workplace.

[Changing Driver Behavior Study](#). Data is not being collected over the winter, however the Western Michigan University (WMU) team still has a budget to conduct some more data collection this spring, and if they opt to continue the data collection.

Be Safe A2!

Success Stories

A Memorandum from the City Administrator: Green Fleets Policy Update. Provided as a written communication item from the City Administrator on the February 5th agenda. Staff has completed the revision to the City's **Green Fleet Policy**, and incorporated input from the Energy Commission and Environmental Commission.

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. A [Resolution Creating an Advisory Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission](#) is scheduled on the February 5th Council Agenda.

The City Council Work Session scheduled on February 12 will focus on "Setting the Stage: Legislative Updates and Policy Agenda Development." Information will be presented by Howard S. Lazarus, City Administrator along with Kirk Profit and Gary Owen, of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI).

Previews

The **February 5 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- **A Memorandum from the City Administrator: Winter 2018 Deer Management Update** is included as a written Administrator's Communication item. The 2018 program was completed safely.

- ***A Memorandum from the City Administrator: Response to Resolution R-17-472: Requesting Staff Review of Mobility***
- ***A Memorandum from the City Administrator: Response to Resolution R-17-237 Green Fleets Policy***
- A public hearing and ***Resolution to Approve Rainbow Child Care Site Plan, 2600 Nixon (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Years and 0 Nays)*** – postponed from the December 18, 2017 Council meeting. The petitioner’s request for postponement has been communicated to the Mayor and Council.
- At first reading is ***An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:17 of Chapter 1 (Adoption, Contents and Interpretation) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor***. The amendment is to update the positions in each service area authorized to issue citations for violations of the indicated chapter of the City Code.
- ***A Resolution to Approve Construction of an Additional Drive Approach on Huron Parkway, South of Hubbard Street to Service the DTE Apex Substation*** (postponed from December 18, 2017 and January 16, 2018 regular sessions).

WIP (Work in Progress)

One Community: Advancing racial equity in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. The city is partnering with Washtenaw County for ongoing training facilitated by GARE (Government Alliance on Race and Equity). Leadership and various staff from city and county participated in a kickoff workshop for the Racial Equity Initiative on Jan. 29, the first step in working toward the development and roll out of racial equity plans for both organizations.

Other

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.

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.

Applications to participate are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018. There are two components to the application process. All applicants must complete and submit an [online application](#).

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

Sustainable Ann Arbor Forum Focus on Measuring & Tracking Strategies. The second in the series of four Sustainable Ann Arbor forums will explore ways to measure and track the success of sustainability

programs. Join the city and a distinguished panel of experts to discuss this topic Thursday, Feb. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. Details of this series are also posted online at www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/planning-areas/climate-sustainability/sustainability/Pages/SustainableAnnArborForum.aspx

Attend a Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting with the Ann Arbor Police Department. The Ann Arbor Police Department is inviting residents and businesses in the city to attend a Neighborhood Watch Community Meeting. AAPD will share information about police department programs and changes within the department; area-specific crime statistics; prevention tips; and how to stay informed and get involved. These meetings will also provide the opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns.

Meetings are being held throughout the city; and residents and businesses are encouraged to attend the meeting closest to them for information specific to their neighborhoods. ([See the map to determine the neighborhood area you're in](#) - PDF.)

- **Westside Area Meeting** — Forsythe Middle School Media Center, 1655 Newport Road, Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Northeast Area Meeting** — Logan Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 2685 Traver Road, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Downtown and Southeast Area Meetings will be scheduled later in the year.**

If you have questions about these meetings, please contact the neighborhood watch coordinator, Police Service Specialist Jamie Giordano, at 734.794.6900, ext. 49528 or jgiordano@a2gov.org.