

**Ann Arbor City Council Session: August 4, 2011
 Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386**

<u>Received Time</u>	<u>Sent Time</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>Redactions</u>	<u>Reason for Redaction</u>
7:41 PM	7:41 PM	wbwc@googlegrroups.com	wbwc@googlegrroups.com on behalf of Robert Kindler		Email addresses	Privacy
7:50 PM	7:49 PM	Rapundalo, Stephen	Dodson, Heidi		Email address	Privacy
8:12 PM	8:12 PM	Anglin, Mike	McCormick, Sue	Hietje, John; Hohnke, Carsten; Crawford, Tom	Email address	Privacy
8:40 PM	8:40 PM	wbwc@googlegrroups.com	wbwc@googlegrroups.com on behalf of Paul Alman		Email address and telephone numbers	Privacy
8:48 PM	8:48 PM	Grimes, Dave	Olson, Sheila		Email address and street address	Privacy
9:39 PM	9:39 PM	wbwc@googlegrroups.com	wbwc@googlegrroups.com on behalf of Kathleen Vonk		Email addresses and telephone number	Privacy

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:16 PM
To: *City Council Members (All); Beaudry, Jacqueline
Cc: Crawford, Tom
Subject: DC-3
Attachments: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT.docx

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT

Whereas, on July 18th by resolution the City Council authorized the Human Resources Director to offer the position of City Administrator to Steven D. Powers;

Whereas, the City Council appointed Councilmembers Higgins, Taylor and Briere to work with the Human Resources Director to finalize an employment contract between Steve Powers and the City of Ann Arbor;

Whereas, a contract was negotiated and an agreement was reached;

RESOLVED, that City Council approves the Employment Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Steve. D. Powers and requests the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said agreement;

RESOLVED, that Steve D. Powers start date will be September 15, 2011.

Councilmembers Higgins, Taylor, Briere

Greenshields, Rachel

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Cc: Crawford, Tom; Bowden (King), Anissa; Postema, Stephen
Subject: RE: DC-3

The packet link has been updated with the documents for DC-3.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Briere, Sabra
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:40 PM
Subject: Read: RE: DC-3

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From: wbwc@googlegroups.com on behalf of robert klingler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:41 PM
To: wbwc@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [WBWC] Notes from the June WBWC Monthly Meeting

Please inform if meeting was held.

On Sun, Jun 5, 2011 at 3:18 PM, Tim Athan [REDACTED] wrote:
I have attached the meeting notes from the June monthly meeting.

We generally do not have a monthly meeting in July, and this year will be no exception. Our next monthly meeting is planned for the first Thursday of August.

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From: Heidi Dodson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:49 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Congrats, lunch w/ Kamlai & me?

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Peter Allen [peter@ptallen.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:55 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Sabra Briere; Sandi Smith; McDonald, Kevin; Karl Frankena; Greg Ottaviani; Marsha Chamberlain; Rampson, Wendy
Subject: Need city council to bless this sidewalk as a public sidewalk
Attachments: Real of Building View 115 W Liberty with balconies & doors.jpg; Rear doors entering onto sidewalk Ann Arbor City-20110804-00162.jpg; Sidewalk view Ann Arbor City-20110804-00164.jpg

All: We just converted the 115 W Liberty Salon Vox building to 2 condos, and Salon Vox closed on their purchase last week. The title issue came up at closing at American Title that the sidewalk behind the building is not designated a public sidewalk. This is preventing me from closing on the sale of the top floor residential condo because their only doorway opens onto this sidewalk. See the right green painted door in the attached photos. The city installed the sidewalk several years ago.

I had a nice conversation with Kevin McDonald today and he stated the resolution to this would require an act of council unless we can find the site plan done for the the Kline's Parking Lot that showed that the sidewalk and siteplan were approved by council and showed the sidewalk as public. this is the fastest, easiest and cheapest solution. Wendy, could you check this out?

This problem is not just for my property. The Ann Arbor Art Assn and Joe & Carolyn Arcure to my east also cannot claim access to a public sidewalk to get to Ashley or the alley.

The city owned all these properties back in the 1970's and sold them to Arcure's, the AA Art Assn and Busch's for Rider's Hobby Shop. I bought from Riders. You sold just the buildings, not any rear land nor formal legal access to what was once an alley back there. Maybe nobody worried about it because they were all rear entrances and everyone had doors onto Liberty.

But my top floor residential condo only has 1 entrance, the one in the picture facing the Kline's lot. I have this unit under purchase agreement to a wonderful young married couple wanting to significantly improve it for raising a family!

I am asking for as fast a fast track approval as is possible. Kevin seems to have all the facts as of today and is working on it. The problem is getting it on the council agenda. Help! Peter

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Peter Allen, President, Peter Allen & Assoc.

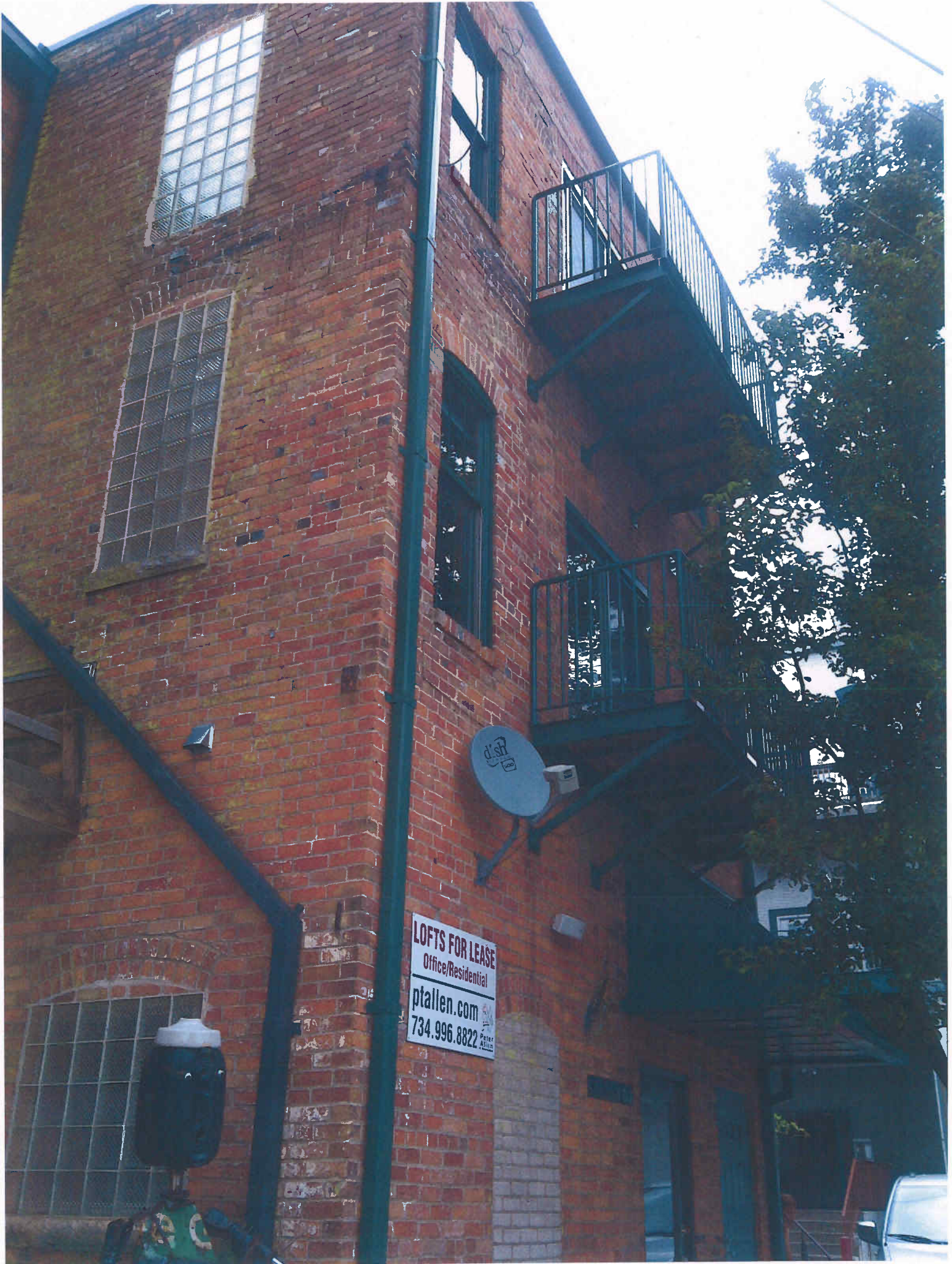
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HOURS

MON	FRI	9am	5pm
TUE	SAT	9am	Midnight
WED	SUN	9am	2pm
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:12 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Cc: Hieftje, John; Hohnke, Carsten; Crawford, Tom
Subject: FW: Sidewalk problem

Hi Mike,

Thank you passing along the inquiry. I can appreciate the resident's frustration - it certainly appears that we have stalled at an awkward spot in the process. Please see Matt's description below. We will continue to do everything we can to expedite.

Sue

Sue F. McCormick
Public Service Administrator
100 N Fifth Av
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Phone: (734) 994-2897

mailto: smccormick@a2gov.org

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-----Original Message-----

From: Warba, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:03 AM
To: McCormick, Sue; Crawford, Tom
Subject: RE: Sidewalk problem

Good morning Sue,

We have purchased rubber walk in the past approximately 2 years ago and currently have it in place in 7 locations. The product is indeed manufactured in California, Sole source, and it is only produced when the manufacture has enough orders booked to be profitable. The product is only available in 1/2 load 1,000 square feet quantities. We were able to partner with Livonia to place and order previously. We are working with the manufacturer to get human rights approval to issue a purchase order and hope to resolve that issue soon.

Until the walk is removed it is not possible to determine what course of action is appropriate to remedy the deficiency. Often times the tree roots have just heaved the soil which can be removed and a new slab can be poured. In this instance the root was in direct contact with the slab, and the root could not be removed without jeopardizing the health and safety of an otherwise healthy tree.

I feel our options are limited in that the roots can't be removed without sacrificing the tree, and the rubber walk provides the only remedy. I can assure you we will do all that we can to expedite the process.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thanks,
Matt

-----Original Message-----

From: McCormick, Sue

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Crawford, Tom; Warba, Matt
Subject: FW: Sidewalk problem

Matt, we have acquired rubber walk before, did we have this problem previously, is there an alternative supplier?

Matt(for my edification) - why would we have removed the walk without the product? Were we not aware of how we were going to resolve the tree root issue until we had it exposed?

What are our options to get this resolved quickly?

Sue

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-----Original Message-----

From: Anglin, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 5:02 PM
To: Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike; Hieftje, John
Cc: 'michael anglin'
Subject: FW: Sidewalk problem

Hello all,

I am forwarding this request for service and I hope some resolution can be found since the sidewalk has been "under construction" for some time now...

Thanks Mike

Thank you
Mike Anglin
549 South First Street
Ann Arbor, Mi 48103
Home 741-9786

-----Original Message-----


From: michael anglin [<mailto:mikeanglin07@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 7:25 AM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Fwd: Sidewalk problem

----- Forwarded message -----

From: michael anglin <mikeanglin07@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 2, 2011 at 2:37 AM

Subject: Fwd: Sidewalk problem
To: Mike Anglin <manglin@a2gov.org>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Enid Sutherland <>
Date: Mon, Aug 1, 2011 at 4:04 PM
Subject: Sidewalk problem
To: mikeanglin07@gmail.com

Hi Mike,

Thanks again for helping us out .

And good luck tomorrow!

Best,
Enid S

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Mike Anglin
Councilman 5th Ward
Ann Arbor
549 South First Street
Home 741-9786

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From: Derezhinski, Tony
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To: Derezhinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen
Cc: Crawford, Tom; Dempkowski, Angela A; Higgins, Sara; Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: Draft Agenda for August 15
Attachments: 08-15-11 Draft Agenda.pdf

Hi:

Attached is the draft agenda for August 15. We are anticipating an item being added to the agenda regarding the acceptance of a Green Communities Planning Grant.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Agenda City Council

Monday, August 15, 2011

7:00 PM

Ann Arbor Municipal Center, 301 E. Huron
Street, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 11-0929 Golden Paintbrush Awards
(Mayor's Office)

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

*** (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN
ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

*** ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE
ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

- PH-1 11-0633** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.1 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single-Family Residential District), Betke Property, 2562 Newport (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-11-12)
(Community Services - Sumedh Bahl, Area Administrator)
- Attachments:** ORD-11-12 Briefed, Proposed Chpt 55 Amend.pdf, Planning Staff Report - 12-07-10.pdf, CPC Minutes - 12-07-10.pdf
- (See B-1)

- PH-2 11-0790** An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:451 to 1:1455 of Chapter 17, Reapportionment of Wards, of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor
(City Clerk - Jacqueline Beaudry)
- Attachments:** Chapter 17 Redistricting Ordinance REVISION 1.pdf, Census 2010 Proposed Ward Boundaries August 4th 2011 Map.pdf, Census 2010 Proposed Ward Boundaries July 5th 2011 Map.pdf, Chapter 17 Redistricting Ordinance As Amended 070511.pdf, Chapter 17 boundary changes ordinance, Census 2010 Redistricting Proposed Ward Boundaries Map.pdf, Census 2010 Proposed Ward Boundaries Map.pdf
- (See B-2)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

CA CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 11-0932** Resolution to Approve Administrative Services Agreement with ICMA-RC
(Human Resources - Robyn Wilkerson, Executive Director)
- Attachments:** 090611 ICMA RC Agreement
- CA-2 11-0933** Resolution to Approve a Temporary Liquor License to Slow Food Huron Valley - HomeGrown Festival 2011 (Local Food Festival) on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market
(City Clerk - Jacqueline Beaudry)
- CA-3 11-0953** Resolution to Rescind City Requirement that Contractors Execute CUB Agreement with Washtenaw County Skilled Building Trades Council as Condition of Award of City Construction Contract
(City Administrator - Tom Crawford, Interim City Administrator)
- Attachments:** 2011-PA-0098.pdf

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

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C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

- C-1 11-0893** An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2011-B to the Michigan Finance Authority (**Roll Call Vote Required - One Reading**)
(Financial and Administrative Services - Matthew V. Horning, Treasurer)
- Attachments:** Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2011-B

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

None.

DS New Business - Staff:

- DS-1 11-0900** Resolution to Authorize a Sole Source Purchase Order to Carrier & Gable, Inc. for the Purchase of Traffic Signal Materials (\$450,000.00)
(Public Services - Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator)
- DS-2 11-0913** Resolution to Approve a Contract with ABC Paving Company to Renovate the Tennis Courts at West Park, ITB No 4144 (\$216,331.50)
(Community Services - Sumedh Bahl, Area Administrator)
Attachments: West Tennis Cts ITB-4144.pdf
- DS-3 11-0954** Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Lemon Loop 5K - Sunday, September 4, 2011
(Community Services - Sumedh Bahl, Area Administrator)
Attachments: Lemon Loop 5K.pdf
- DS-4 11-0949** Resolution to Approve an Inter-fund Loan from the Pooled Investment Fund (Fund 0099) to the Ann Arbor Municipal Center Fund (Fund 0008); (Not To Exceed \$3,000,000.00)
(Financial and Administrative Services - Matthew V. Horning, Treasurer)
- DS-5 11-0946** Resolution Authorizing City Employees and Officers to Appear in Small Claims Court
(City Attorney Services - Stephen K. Postema, City Attorney)

E COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL****F WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

- F-1 11-0897** Second Quarter 2011 Investment Portfolio Report
(Financial and Administrative Services - Matthew V. Horning, Treasurer)
Attachments: 2011 Q2 Portfolio Report.pdf, 2011 Q2 Portfolio Summary.pdf

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**H & I CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS**

- H** The following communications were referred as indicated:

- H-1 11-0918 Communication from Janis A. Bobrin, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner regarding notice of receipt of petition regarding the Allen Creek Drain and Malletts Creek Drain
Attachments: Allen Creek Drain & Malletts Creek Drain Notices
- H-2 11-0966 Communication from Comcast regarding changes to installation prices effective August 5, 2011
Attachments: comcast communication
- H-3 11-0967 Communication from Janis A. Bobrin regarding notice of Public Hearings on the Malletts's Creek Drain E. Stadium Bridges Project and the Allen Creek Drain E. Stadium Bridges Project scheduled for August 22, 2011 at the Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, Western County Service Center, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., 2nd floor in Ann Arbor, Michigan
Attachments: Malletts Creek Drain & Allen Creek Ddrain E. Stadium Bridges Projects Public Hearing Notices
- I The following minutes were received for file:
- I-1 11-0707 March 15, 2011 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
(Planning and Development Services)
Attachments: 3-15-2011 Approved CPC Minutes
- I-2 11-0708 April 5, 2011 City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
(Planning and Development Services)
Attachments: 4-5-2011 Approved CPC Minutes
- I-3 11-0876 Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2011 and June 8, 2011
(Human Resources - Robyn Wilkerson, Director)
Attachments: 051111 HRminutes, 060811 HRminutes
- I-4 11-0880 Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2011, June 8, 2011
(Human Resources - Robyn Wilkerson, Executive Director)
Attachments: 051111 HRminutes, 060811 HRminutes

- I-5 11-0882 Commission on Disability Issues Meeting Minutes - April 20, 2011, May 18, 2011
(Human Resources - Robyn Wilkerson)
Attachments: 042011DisabilitiesComMinutes, 051811DisabilitiesComMinutes
- I-6 11-0888 Airport Advisory Committee Minutes - May 18, 2011
(Fleet & Facilities Services - Matthew J Kulhanek)
Attachments: AAC minutes 051811.pdf
- I-7 11-0903 Park Advisory Commission Minutes - May 17, 2011 and June 21, 2011
(Community Services - Sumedh Bahl, Area Administrator)
Attachments: APPROVED PAC Minutes -05-17-11.pdf, APPROVED PAC Minutes -06-21-11.pdf
- I-8 11-0919 Ann Arbor Housing Commission Board Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2011
(Housing Services - Marge Novak, Manager)
Attachments: June 20 minutes
- I-9 11-0908 City of Ann Arbor Employees' Retirement System Minutes - June 16, 2011
(Retirement System Services - Nancy Walker)
Attachments: B-1 BDMTG JUNE.2011
- I-10 11-0909 City of Ann Arbor Retiree Health Care Benefit Plan & Trust Board Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2011
(Retirement System Services - Nancy Walker)
Attachments: B-1 VEBA Bd June 2011
- I-11 11-0926 Environmental Commission Minutes 06-23-2011
Attachments: Environmental Commission_Minutes_06232011.pdf
- I-12 11-0963 Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes - May and June 2011
(Public Services - Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator)
Attachments: AAPAC Meeting Minutes - May 2011.pdf, AAPAC Meeting Minutes - June 2011.pdf

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY, PENDING LITIGATION, AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS SET FORTH OR INCORPORATED IN MCLA 15.268 (C), (E), AND (H).

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN) CABLE CHANNEL 16:

LIVE: MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 7:00 P.M.

REPLAYS: TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011 10:00 A.M. AND FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011 7:30 P.M.

REPLAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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A hard copy of this Council packet can be viewed at the front counter of the City Clerk's office.

Greenshields, Rachel

From: wbwc@googlegroups.com on behalf of Paul Alman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:40 PM
To: wbwc@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [WBWC] Re: Car ran into a cyclist at 4th & Liberty

I encourage everyone to re-read the posts below. Notice that Kathy Vonk, a police officer who not only knows the laws better than most of us but has to enforce them (and teach them to other officers), uses the terms "...safest thing..." and "safe thing..." in her comments. Not once does she say "the law says..." or anything like that. She focuses on, as I think we as cyclists must do, what is safe first and foremost, not what is "legal". Others (Eric, Jim, etc.) tend to focus on phrases like "...laws which apply...", "...laws protecting riders...", "...law says..." etc. I certainly don't encourage anyone to ignore the laws, but I do urge all of us to take full responsibility for our actions while riding.

To me, regardless of what the law says, regardless of any political philosophy I espouse regarding governmental responsibility for making the roads safe for me, it is absolutely imperative, (again to me), that I take full responsibility for my actions while riding. In any situation, regardless of what the law says, when I have a confrontation accidental, whether accidental or not, with a motor vehicle, I will lose. Period and always.

I do want the laws to help clarify how we all behave towards one another (in this case regarding use of the roads) but I will never abrogate my responsibilities as a cyclist to any law, and will act in what I know is the safest manner for me in any situation. Or to be real, I will at least try to do so.

Preaching to the choir, I hope, but I still encourage everyone to read Robert Hurst's "The Art of Cycling" and see if implementing some of his suggestions might help make you safer when riding within the vehicular mix we find on the road.

Paul A.

On Aug 4, 2011, at 5:34 PM, Peter Zetlin wrote:

> I contacted Police Chief Barnett Jones to ask that he clarify the
> circumstances of the accident and the laws which apply. It's be more
> than a week, and so far Chief Jones hasn't replied. All I know about
> the accident is what I read in the Chronicle. If, as described in the
> Chronicle, it's true that a car in the left lane has the right to cut
> off a bike in the bicycle lane, then perhaps it's not a good idea to
> use the bike lane.

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> Would the Coalition consider contacting the police or the mayor to ask
> about the laws protecting riders in bike lanes?

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> On Jul 28, 9:39 am, Jim Rees <jim.r...@rees.org> wrote:

>> Eric Boyd wrote:

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>> On 7/26/11 7:36 PM, Kathleen Vonk wrote:
>> >Just a note that in my opinion, the safest thing for turning
>> >vehicles to do - is to drive in, and block the bike lane, only

>> >after they have clearly and safely established the "lead" position
>> >in front of a cyclist. If they can't do this with adequate
>> >distance then they shouldn't try to make the turn in the first
>> >place. After they have taken the bike lane, they make the turn -
>> >this prevents a cyclist from riding next to a turning vehicle.
>> >Cyclists can't always see a late blinker (or no blinker for that
>> >matter). When there is no bike lane, the best place for a cyclist
>> >is to take the lane if going straight through - this prevents a
>> >motor vehicle from unsafely passing and turning in front of the
>> >cyclist. Yeah, an inconvenience for the motorist but I'd rather
>> >be an inconvenience than ran over.
>> The other safe thing to do, in my opinion, is if you come up on a
>> bike that is likely to approach the intersection as you want to turn
>> through their path is to slow down, let the bike go first, and then
>> shift over and turn.
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>> When I'm driving a car, I used to merge into the bike lane before
>> turning right, as Kathleen suggests. But we had a discussion on the
>> list a year ago and I am now convinced this is illegal. The law says
>> you can't drive in the bike lane except at the point of turning.
>> When I'm on my bike, I usually move left out of the bike lane as I'm
>> approaching an intersection. At major intersections you'll notice the bike lane disappears some ways ahead.
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>> Turning motorists are supposed to yield to those going straight through.
>> But they are not used to yielding to someone approaching from the
>> starboard quarter. Traffic engineers usually eliminate the
>> possibility of someone coming from behind and crossing your path when
>> you're turning, because it's a dangerous situation even if it's clear
>> who has RoW. Bike lanes create one of the few exceptions to this rule I can think of.
>>
>> Bike lanes still make me very nervous for this reason and I tend to
>> avoid them. If I'm confused, and those on the list are confused,
>> then I think we need some better guidance from the law.

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While walking around the entire property today, I noticed some unusual wiring. An extension cord is plugged into the outdoor outlet of the Ghezzi back deck. It goes underneath the deck, and connects to a black cord. The black cord is buried, and goes down to their basement. Appears they are running part of their heat lamps in the basement to the outlet on their deck.

Is this code for the city of Ann Arbor? Doubtful. Fire hazard, electrical hazard? If they are going to run a marijuana cultivation facility next door, don't you think it should be up to code??!! Fire inspection needed?











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Huffington's Bogus Defense of Unpaid Bloggers

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While many view the labor practices of the Huffington Post as affecting only a small handful of writers, Arianna Huffington's willingness to classify people working for her site as "non-employees" could impact the rights of all workers.

As unpaid internships become the norm among a new generation of workers, more and more employers are finding interesting ways to classify those working for them as "non-employees" who don't need to be paid. This classification occurs despite the fact that employers often force unpaid workers to obey the same rules as paid workers.

Huffington, who sold her business to AOL for \$315 million early this year, continues to deny that her website's unpaid bloggers (and there may be as many as 8,000) have an employee-like relationship to the company. (After the sale, The Newspaper Guild (TNG) and the National Writers Union (NWU) in March called for bloggers to boycott the Huffington Post and join an electronic picket line against the publication.)

She and Huffington Post Executive Editor Nico Pitney have argued that their bloggers needn't be paid because writing for Huffington is like writing for social media sites like Facebook or Twitter. In a candid e-mail exchange on a private liberal listserv that was leaked early this year, Pitney compared unpaid Huffington bloggers to Twitter or Facebook users, saying:

i wonder whether twitter, facebook, and dailykos will ever pay me for the content i've provided them, and which they've happily monetized. probably not, but i don't mind. i understood what i was getting out of writing for them when i did it. which is i think the same case for our bloggers, who get their own benefits from posting on our site, ask to do it, and often yell at me (usually justifiably) when it takes too long for their post to go live.

Likewise, Arianna Huffington compared unpaid bloggers to social media users in a column explaining why she does not pay her writers.

However, the standards of conduct imposed on Huffington Post bloggers are regimented and employee-like compared to what's expected from social media users. (Full disclosure: I was "fired" as an unpaid blogger for the Huffington Post in January 2011 for not meeting such standards, when I used my status as a Huffington Post blogger to help 200 construction workers break into a conference of bankers.)

On Twitter and Facebook, users can post anything they want (as long as it does not violate laws; e.g., threats). Bloggers at the Huffington Post, on the other hand, must have every single post approved by an editor before it is allowed to be published. To state the obvious, Twitter or Facebook do not pre-approve each status update or tweet. If the Huffington Post doesn't feel that the post by an unpaid blogger meets its standards of journalism, it will not publish the post.

To be even more specific about the standards expected from Huffington Post bloggers: The site does not allow its bloggers to use anonymous sourcing. Likewise, Huffington Post often factchecks posts before they go up. On several occasions when I used to write (again, unpaid) for the site, I received phone calls and emails from editors asking me to provide more details and sourcing in order to verify a statement I had written in a blog post. On Twitter and Facebook, no editors call you up to check the accuracy of your statements; you can simply post whatever you want.

The Huffington Post, however, goes to great lengths to decide what can be written for the site so that its content appears professional and equal in quality to content written for sites that do pay all of their writers. The columns of paid Huffington Post reporters appear side by side next to many unpaid bloggers - making it difficult for most readers to tell what content is produced by paid writers and unpaid writers.

Finally, the Huffington Post imposes very strict standards of conduct on its bloggers to protect its reputation as a professional journalistic publication. Andrew Breitbart was demoted as a front-page blogger because of what he said about progressive activist Van Jones in an interview with the Daily Caller. And in my case, as Huffington Post Executive Business Editor Peter Goodman told me upon "firing" me, "You pulled a stunt and damaged our reputation and that's why you're not writing for us anymore."

So is the Huffington Post a social media site as it likes to claim while defending its policy of not paying writers? Or is the website a professional journalistic entity? Legally speaking, the answer is unclear. But what is clear is that the ambiguity of the employment relationship of Huffington bloggers allows the website to profit off unpaid bloggers' writing.

The larger trend toward unpaid labor

In creative industries such as journalism or the arts, workers have always worked for little or nothing in order to gain the exposure needed to further their career. But the use of unpaid work is spreading beyond creative industries as a new generation hunts for jobs in a difficult economy.

According to "Paving the Way Through Paid Internships," a report by Demos and the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) published last year, in 1992, only 9 percent of graduating college students had held an internship. By 2006, 83 percent of graduating college students had held an internship. The EPI estimates that at least 2.5 million students work each year as interns, with anywhere from one-fourth to one-half of all interns working unpaid - often in violation of many state and federal labor laws forbidding such practices.

But it's not just young workers that are working for free in the hope of eventually gaining a job anymore.

"We realized what a big problem this was when we started discovering middle age workers who had been laid off that were working unpaid for six months as a tryout period for a company, while collecting their unemployment benefits in order to get by," says EPI Vice President Ross Eisenbrey.

Workers who remained unemployed for long period of times often face discrimination because employers feel those workers have lost skills; thus many unemployed workers choose to work unpaid for companies in order to gain skills and to make their resumes look better.

Unpaid labor - whether in the form of interns or unpaid Huffington Post bloggers - is an extreme form of another trend in America's workforce: the shift away from full-time official employees (with benefits) to independent contractors. A few decades ago, nearly all workers were classified as full-time employees, not independent contractors, who are ineligible for healthcare and retirement benefits and denied key rights such as unemployment insurance, workers' compensation insurance, minimum wage and overtime laws, and, most significantly, the right to join a union. Now, the Department of Labor estimates that 30 percent of all companies misclassify employees as independent contractors in order to avoid paying benefits to workers and giving workers these benefits and rights.

While some prominent labor-funded progressives, such as former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, American Prospect Executive Editor Robert Kuttner, and several individuals from Campaign for America's Future have continued to blog at the Huffington Post - in violation of the NWU/TNG picket line - union leaders such as AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, USW President Leo Gerard, and UAW President Bob King strongly back the Huffington boycott because they realize the dramatic effect that Arianna Huffington's labor practices could have on all workers, not just journalists and other writers.

"If we as a labor movement allow the Huffington Post to get away with this - pretty soon we are going to see young kids walking around construction sites working as unpaid apprentices," said Ironworkers Local 377 member Mike Daly at San Francisco's Labor Fest, after a panel titled "Blogging, Journalism, The Net & Free Labor."

A divide now exists in many workplaces between employees classified as regular full-time employees with full benefits and rights, and employees doing similar jobs but classified as independent contractors. With the rise of a new generation of young people often forced to work as an unpaid interns in order to gain a job, how long will be it before a similar divide emerges in the workplace between workers who are paid and workers who are deemed unworthy of being paid?

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On War, Guilt and 'Thank You for Your Service'

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Watch a 1940s or 1950s movie set in New York City -- noir, comedy or melodrama -- and you are sure to spot him: straphanging on a crowded subway car, buying a newspaper at a kiosk or sitting in a coffee shop. The anonymous man in uniform is a stock extra in these films, as elemental to the urban landscape as the beat cop, the woman with the baby carriage or the couple in love.

But today, a woman or man in military uniform dining in a restaurant, sitting on a bench in Central Park or walking up Broadway constitutes a spectacle. I have witnessed this firsthand whenever one of my military colleagues and I have taken West Point cadets to the city to attend a performance or to visit a library or museum. My civilian clothes provide camouflage as I watch my uniformed friends bombarded by gratitude.

These meetings between soldier and civilian turn quickly into street theater. The soldier is recognized with a handshake. There's often a request for a photograph or the tracing of a six-degrees-of-separation genealogy: "My wife's second cousin is married to a guy in the 82nd Airborne."

Each encounter concludes with a ritual utterance: "Thank you for your service." Obligatory Thanks

One former captain I know proposed that "thank you for your service" has become "an obligatory salutation." Dutifully offered by strangers, "somewhere between an afterthought and heartfelt appreciation," it is gratifying but also embarrassing to a soldier with a strong sense of modesty and professionalism. "People thank me for my service," another officer noted, "but they don't really know what I've done."

Sometimes, the drama between soldier and civilian turns plain weird. One officer reported that while shopping in uniform at the grocery store one evening, she was startled by a man across the aisle who gave her an earnest, Hollywood-style, chest-thumping Roman salute. My friend is unfailingly gracious, but she was entirely at a loss for a proper response.

These transactions resemble celebrity sightings -- with the same awkwardness, enthusiasm and suspension of normal expectations about privacy and personal space. Yet while the celebrity is an individual recognized for a unique, highly publicized performance, the soldier is anonymous, a symbol of an aggregate. His or her performance is unseen. Spitting on Soldiers

The successful reincorporation of veterans into civil society entails a complex, evolving process. Today, the soldier's homecoming has been further complicated by the absence of a draft, which removes soldiers from the cultural

mainstream, and by the fact that the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have little perceptible impact on the rhythms of daily life at home.

Whether anyone ever spat on an American soldier returning from Vietnam is a matter of debate. The sociologist and veteran Jerry Lembcke disputed such tales in "The Spitting Image: Myth, Memory, and the Legacy of Vietnam." Apocryphal or not, this image has become emblematic of an era's shame, and of the failure of civilians to respond appropriately to the people they had sent to fight a bankrupt war.

The specter of this guilt -- this perdurable archetype of the hostile homecoming -- animates today's encounters, which seem to have swung to the other unthinking extreme. "Thank you for your service" has become a mantra of atonement. But, as is all too often the case with gestures of atonement, substance has been eclipsed by mechanical ritual. After the engagement, both parties retreat to separate camps, without a significant exchange of ideas or perspectives having passed between them. Collective Responsibility

When I broached the subject with a major with whom I had experienced the phenomenon, he wrote a nuanced response.

Although he's convinced that "the sentiments most people express appear to be genuinely FELT," he nonetheless distrusts such spectacles. "Does the act of thanking a soldier unconsciously hold some degree of absolution from the collective responsibility?" he asked.

No reasonable person would argue that thanking soldiers for their service isn't preferable to spitting on them. Yet at least in the perfunctory, formulaic way many such meetings take place, it is an equally unnatural exchange. The ease with which "thank you for your service" has circumvented a more enduring human connection doesn't bode well for mutual understanding between soldiers and civilians. The inner lives of soldiers remain opaque to most of us. A Seductive Transaction

"Deep down," the major, who served in Iraq, acknowledged, "my ego wants to embrace the ritualized adoration, the sense of purpose, and the attendant mythology." The giving and receiving of thanks is a seductive transaction, and no one knows that better than this officer: "I eagerly shake hands, engage in small talk, and pose for pictures with total strangers." Juxtaposed in his mind with scenes from Fallujah or Arlington National Cemetery, however, his sanitized encounters with civilians make him feel like Mickey Mouse, he confessed. "Welcome to Disneyland."

Thanking soldiers on their way to or from a war isn't the same as imaginatively following them there. Conscience-easing expressions of gratitude by politicians and citizens cloak with courtesy the often bloody, wounding nature of a soldier's service. Today's dominant narrative, one that favors sentimentality over scrutiny, embodies a fantasy that everything will be okay if only we display enough flag-waving enthusiasm. More than 100,000 homeless veterans, and more than 40,000 troops wounded in action in Iraq and Afghanistan, may have a different view. Lincoln's Consolation

If our theater of gratitude provoked introspection or led to a substantive dialogue between giver and recipient, I would celebrate it. But having witnessed these bizarre, fleeting scenes, I have come to believe that they are a poor substitute for something more difficult and painful -- a conversation about what war does to the people who serve and to the people who don't. There are contradictions inherent in being, as many Americans claim to be, for the troops but against the war. Most fail to consider the social responsibilities such a stance commits them to fulfilling in the coming decades.

Few Americans have understood more clearly the seductions and inadequacies of professing gratitude than Abraham Lincoln. Offering to a mother who had lost two sons in the Civil War "the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic," Lincoln nevertheless acknowledged "how weak and fruitless must be any words... which should attempt to beguile" her from her grief. Expressions of thanks constitute the beginning, not the end, of obligation.

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Paul Alman wrote:

I encourage everyone to re-read the posts below. Notice that Kathy Vonk, a police officer who not only knows the laws better than most of us but has to enforce them (and teach them to other officers), uses the terms "...safest thing..." and "safe thing..." in her comments. Not once does she say "the law says..." or anything like that. She focuses on, as I think we as cyclists must do, what is safe first and foremost, not what is "legal". Others (Eric, Jim, etc.) tend to focus on phrases like "...laws which apply...", "...laws protecting riders...", "...law says..." etc. I certainly don't encourage anyone to ignore the laws, but I do urge all of us to take full responsibility for our actions while riding.

A cyclist was injured while doing something that we all assumed was legal, by a driver doing something we all assumed was illegal. Now the police are saying the driver who injured that cyclist was not at fault. I would like to know what the law, as interpreted by our Chief of Police, actually says in this case. I think that's a reasonable request.

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The Black Commentator
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It is tempting to describe last week's Congressional battle over the budget as a spectacle with lots of theatrics reflecting little more than jockeying for political position. That would be a mistake. It was much more than that. It involved weighty substance bearing on the future economic well-being of millions of people, particularly working people. Perhaps even more importantly, the future of democracy was also at stake.

And still is.

Someone on television said last week that the bill bearing the name of House Speaker John Boehner "gave" President Obama an increase in the debt ceiling. Actually, it was neither the House Republicans' to give; nor was it Obama's to receive. The ceiling has been lifted 77 times since 1917 and it was never a gift to anybody; it has been a normal process of government. Never before has the process been a successful tool for crude extortion.

If the people who set the Tea Party in motion and sustain it want a mandatory "balanced budget" there is a democratic way of going about getting one; introduce specific legislation. They wouldn't take that route. Theirs is an awful idea, it would unlikely ever become law, and more people are coming to realize that what's being proposed is just another slimy maneuver to go after - amongst other things - Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid.

Some polls do indicate popular support for a balanced budget amendment. A lot has to do with how the question is placed.

Responses shift when people are asked whether they favor such a thing if it means slashing Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid, or reducing education funding or doing nothing to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Another part in this is the demagoguery about the Federal budget being the same as one's household budget, a mythology the President himself has buttressed with his folksy kitchen table allegories.

"Countries' debts are not like individual households; they can be serviced over generations," commented the British newspaper, The Guardian Sunday. "In the aftermath of a credit crunch, a country that tries simultaneously to cut public and private debt will suffer prolonged economic stagnation or depression. The cost in lost opportunity, broken lives and busted businesses is too high to slash public debt; indeed, the right action may be to increase it."

In the end, the reactionaries didn't get everything they longed for last week but the country got shafted nonetheless. And there's more to come.

The economy is in dreadful shape - 14 million people are jobless - and there's little hope for significant improvement any time soon. Indeed, many economists are saying there's little more than darkness in the tunnel. This problem wasn't addressed in Washington last week, it won't be addressed next week as the politicians prepare for vacation, and there is every reason to believe what they just did is only going to make matters worse. "It also hobbles the capacity of the government to respond to the jobs and growth crisis," economist Robert Reich wrote Monday in his blog. "Added to the cuts already underway by state and local governments, the deal's spending cuts increase the odds of a double-dip recession. And the deal strengthens the political hand of the radical right."

Last Saturday morning, the New York Times said editorially, "Now the only hope left for avoiding default on Tuesday is for the Senate to piece together a compromise that can pass with bipartisan majorities in both chambers. It will undoubtedly cut far too much, at a time when the economy can't afford it. It will contain no needed revenue increases and could still trigger a downgrade. But it would eliminate the imminent threat of financial chaos." Then, in the afternoon, as it became clear during Senate debate what the price might be (and was, as it turned out) to avoid chaos, the paper posted the next day's editorial online. It argued that there was no reason to believe that absent action by the government "conditions will turn around anytime soon."

"Indeed, they are bound to worsen if Congress approves deep near-term spending cuts as part of a debt-limit deal while letting relief and recovery measures expire," the editors said.

"We will leave it to the historians to figure out how both political parties, and many Americans, became convinced that austerity is the road to recovery," said the Times. "History provides evidence that it is not, including the premature budget tightening of 1937 that reignited the Depression."

No need to put the weight on historians. The warnings have been sounded over and over again, by some of the Times' own political and economic commentators. But overall, the major media has been woefully derelict and dissenting voices from the left side of the aisle have been shut out almost completely.

"What is at stake is a radical Republican agenda to totally reverse the progress in economic justice that began with the great reforms of Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal," wrote Robert Scheer on TruthDig.com July 27. "Consider the direct consequence of the economic crisis that unfettered Wall Street greed has wrought, particularly in reversing the gains made by the most underprivileged sectors of the population." Scheer went on to reference the statistics released last week underscoring the devastation that the current economic crisis has visited upon working people and the disproportionate burden borne by the women, men and children in African America, Latino and Asian communities.

On July 27, Dean Baker, co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR), wrote on Al Jazeera:

"Policy debates in Washington are moving ever further from reality as a small elite is moving to strip benefits that the vast majority need and support. The battle over raising the debt ceiling is playing a central role in this effort.

"The United States is currently running extraordinarily large budget deficits. The size of the annual deficit peaked at 10 percent of GDP in 2009, but it is still running at close to 9.0 percent of GDP in 2011. The reason for the large deficits is almost entirely the downturn caused by the collapse of the housing bubble. This can be easily seen by looking at the projections for these years from the beginning of 2008, before government agencies recognized the housing bubble and understood the impact that its collapse would have on the economy.

"...Remarkably, both Republicans in Congress and President Obama have sought to conceal this simple reality. The Republicans like to tell a story of out-of-control government spending. This is supposed to be a long-standing problem (in spite of the fact that Republicans have mostly controlled the government for the last two decades) that requires a

major overhaul of the budget and the budgetary process. They are now pushing, as they have in the past, for a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

"It might be expected that President Obama would be anxious to correct the misconception about the budget, but this would not fit his agenda either. President Obama is relying on substantial campaign contributions from the business community to finance his re-election campaign."

"In this respect, the crisis over the debt ceiling is the answer to the prayers of many people in the business community," continued Baker. "They desperately want to roll back the size of the country's welfare state, but they know that there is almost no political support for this position.

The crisis over the debt ceiling gives them an opportunity to impose cutbacks in the welfare state by getting the leadership of both political parties to sign on to the deal, leaving the opponents of cuts with no plausible political options.

"To advance this agenda they will do everything in their power to advance the perception of crisis. This includes having the bond-rating agencies threaten to downgrade U.S. debt if there is not an agreement on major cuts to the welfare state."

Baker described the battle over the debt ceiling as an "elaborate charade that is threatening the country's most important social welfare programs." "There is no real issue of the country's creditworthiness or its ability to finance its debt and deficits any time in the foreseeable future,"

he wrote. "Rather, this is about the business community in general, and the finance sector in particular, taking advantage of a crisis that they themselves created to scale back the country's social welfare system. They may well succeed."

Baker's contention that both the Republicans and the Democrats were anxious to broker a deal that would slash (It's called "reform") Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid and the rest "leaving the opponents of cuts with no plausible political options," goes right to the undemocratic nature of everything that occurred on Capitol Hill last week.

And, it didn't end over the weekend. There's the new bipartisan commission (or "Super Congress") that is supposed to sort this all out behind closed doors and come up with new recommendations by Christmas, to be voted up or down with limited debate and no amendments allowed. This time, if the backroom plotters can't agree, the cuts will occur automatically.

There is renewed talk of meeting the goal of the "the President's deficit commission." But there is no such commission goal. The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, headed by Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles, failed at its task, its' elite, handpicked 17 members couldn't agree and they issued no report. But it won't die. Give it a little jolt and it springs back to life, like Dr. Frankenstein's monster.

Central to the defunct commission's co-chair's "goal" is the slashing of Medicare and Social Security. Not wanting to acknowledge that there is nothing close to a national consensus on doing such a thing, members of the Washington-Wall Street, elite who are hell-bent on eviscerating the post-war social compact, keep the myth of a commission report alive as a template for each of their efforts. And the major media, either out of collusion or ignorance, keeps the myth alive.

And now they are going to try again.

Firedoglake.com calls the 12-member Super Congress a "

Catfood Commission on steroids - tasked specifically with cutting Social Security and Medicare benefits over the next few years" designed "to make it easier to fast-track wildly unpopular benefit cuts into law while shielding those who vote for cuts from accountability."

As Robert Borosage of the Campaign for America's Future warns, "The raw deal sets a precedent that Republican leaders are already celebrating: from now on, they boast, every debt ceiling vote will be the occasion for holding the economy hostage to more extreme demands. A balanced budget constitutional amendment. A two-thirds vote for any tax hike on the rich. Privatization of Social Security. The demands will get more extreme over time."

One thing the past week's events put to rest is any notion of transparency. It's been all backroom shuffling by elite players. Even members of Congress have complained of being kept in the dark. It is therefore little wonder that, as Stanley Greenberg wrote in the Times Sunday, lots of voters tune out the politicians' and express sentiments like these: "It's just words" and say things like:

"There's just such a control of government by the wealthy that whatever happens, it's not working for all the people; it's working for a few of the people." "We don't have a representative government anymore."

The "bipartisan" measure cobbled together in Congress over the weekend did not, thank the lord - for now - do the dirty deed on Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid. Although you wouldn't know it relying on the major media, much of the credit for that is due to grassroots action by senior advocacy groups, unions and others, and sustained resistance from parts of the Democratic Party leadership, especially members of the Congressional Black and Progressive caucuses.

But the battle has only just begun; the slashers have set the stage for doing it later - by hook or by crook.

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1. Iranian Detention of US Activist, Journalist Nears Two- Year Mark (Stephen Zunes in Truthout)
2. Iran: Release US hikers held for two years (Amnesty International)

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Iranian Detention of US Activist, Journalist Nears Two-Year Mark

by: Stephen Zunes,
Truthout News Analysis

Truthout
July 24, 2011

<http://www.truth-out.org/iranian-detention-us-activist-journalist-nears-two-year-mark/1311268030>

July 31st marks exactly two years since Iranian authorities seized three Americans - Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd, and Josh Fattal - in the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan and falsely accused them of espionage on behalf of the US government.

All three are progressive, anti-imperialist activists, which not only makes the charges against them particularly absurd, but also may explain why the Obama administration has done so little to free them.

Shourd was released last September and returned to the United States, but Bauer and Fattal remain imprisoned, and are scheduled to finally go to trial on the second anniversary of their arrest. They were given a few hours in court back in February, at which they submitted long written statements and their not-guilty pleas. Since then, there have been no additional proceedings. Several dates for the trial have been set, and then canceled without explanation.

The two have still not been allowed to have even a brief meeting with their lawyer.

Portrait of Three Activists

Bauer, Shourd, and Fattal were graduates of the University of California at Berkeley and were well known in the antiwar movement in the Bay Area. Fattal's major passions were sustainable agriculture, food justice and permaculture, which he pursued at the Aprovecho Research Center in Oregon.

Just prior to visiting Bauer and Shourd, he had been serving as a teaching fellow with the International Honors Program's Health and Community project, spending time in Switzerland, India, China and South Africa. While a student at Berkeley, he was a leader in the movement to get military recruiters off campus.

With support from the Investigative Fund of The Nation Institute and the Center for Investigative Reporting, Bauer was working as a freelance journalist in various countries in the Middle East, exposing a number of aspects of US policy in

the region that Washington would rather keep quiet. Along with his friend Dahr Jamail, he was one of the few independent journalists in Baghdad. His 2009 article "Iraq's New Death Squad" in The Nation magazine revealed how Iraq Special Operations Forces (ISOF), the largest foreign Special Forces outfit ever developed by the United States, was engaged in widespread human rights abuses. An article he wrote for Mother Jones just months before his capture revealed how the US government, in an effort to bring temporary stability to Iraq, funneled billions of dollars to what he referred to as, "the country's next generation of strongmen." At the time of his arrest, Bauer was finishing a major investigative article on the illegal use by Israeli occupation forces of "nonlethal" weapons, such as the "long- range teargas canister" (which essentially acts as a missile), against nonviolent protesters. During the past two years, such weapons killed Bassem Abu Rahmah, a leading Palestinian nonviolent activist, and have grievously injured scores of others, including Americans Tristan Anderson and Emily Henochowicz.

Shourd was teaching English as a volunteer with the Iraqi Student Project, which was set up to help refugees whose education had been interrupted by the US invasion and occupation. Among her projects was helping some of the more promising young exiles to obtain scholarships at American universities. Before leaving the United States, Shourd was living in Oakland, where she was an organizer in support of immigrant rights, including the historic May Day marches of 2006. She also facilitated groups to the US-Mexican border to challenge the Minutemen and other nativist vigilantes. Prior to moving to the Middle East, Shourd spent time in the Mexican state of Chiapas doing solidarity work with the Zapatistas. Her blogs on the ongoing repression by both the Mexican and Israeli governments were well received by human rights activists.

While in Oakland, both Shourd and Bauer were part of the Midnight Special Law Collective, which provides legal and other support for activists around the country. Along with Fattal, they were actively involved with Direct Action to Stop the War in organizing nonviolent action campaigns against the US occupation of Iraq. They also volunteered for the Common Ground Collective's efforts to support rebuilding poor sections of New Orleans devastated by Hurricane Katrina based upon the principle of "solidarity, not charity."

On moving to Syria in 2008, Shourd and Bauer chose to live in a Palestinian refugee camp and engage in Palestine solidarity work. When Israeli occupation forces shot their friend, Anderson, in the head during a nonviolent protest in the West Bank, they went to visit him in an Israeli hospital, just three weeks before their kidnapping.

In Kurdistan

Iraqi Kurdistan is generally considered to be a safe place for Western tourists. The mountains there are among the most beautiful in the world, so it's not surprising that young Americans familiar with the Middle East would want to explore the area. Unfortunately, the Bush administration had used these same mountains to arm PJAC, a militant separatist group of Iranian Kurds closely aligned with the PKK, the notorious Turkish Kurdish militia. Obama suspended the clandestine effort within days of coming to office in 2009 and appropriately declared PJAC a terrorist group.

The Bush administration may also have sent US Special Forces to the region to infiltrate Iran in preparation of a major US attack - as revealed in a series of articles by Seymour Hersh - a practice also apparently suspended by the Obama administration. Given this recent history, claims of infiltration by American agents in this border region can appear plausible to many Iranians. In many respects, then, the continued captivity of Bauer and Fattal is yet another tragic legacy of the Bush administration.

The destination of the three hikers was the Ahmed Awa waterfall, an area popular among Iraqis and a growing number of Western tourists. The spot was highly recommended by locals, but none of the three Americans apparently knew that it was so close to the Iranian border. Though the Iranian regime claims they crossed into Iranian territory, eyewitnesses say they were seized inside Iraq by Iranian guards who illegally crossed the border and effectively kidnapped them. Indeed, the Revolutionary Guard officer who apparently ordered their abduction has since been arrested on suspicion of smuggling, kidnapping and murder. In short, despite such characterizations in the media, these were hardly "hapless hikers" who naively walked into Iran.

Disparity in Coverage

The fate of these two activists has not received the amount of attention the media gave to Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi, who was detained for three months on espionage charges by the Iranian regime, or of journalists Lisa Ling and Euna Lee, who were freed after four months in captivity by the North Koreans following intervention by former president Bill Clinton. A number of right-wing bloggers, labeling the hikers as "anti-Israel" and "far-left," have argued that the State Department should just "let 'em rot."

Perhaps as a testament to his own youthful idealism as a community organizer, President Barack Obama acknowledged their activism in a statement calling for their release, saying, "They are simply open-minded and adventurous young people who represent the best of America, and of the human spirit. They are teachers, artists and advocates for social and environmental justice." Overall, however, the Obama administration appears to place freeing them from Iranian captivity as a relatively low priority.

After working unsuccessfully through official channels for the first ten months of their captivity, some of the friends and family members of the detainees decided to publicize their plight - along with their history of activism - in the hopes that global civil society, particularly the progressive activist community, would take the kind of initiative not yet coming from Washington. Within months, Shourd was freed. However, the campaign has not grown as fast as many had hoped, even as a concern over the health and safety of Bauer and Fattal has grown.

The fearmongering and saber-rattling that US hawks have directed at the Iranian regime make it difficult for some progressive activists in the United States to speak out against the repression of the right-wing theocratic regime in Tehran. Yet, while the military threat posed by Iran is often greatly exaggerated, the repressive nature of the regime is not. Indeed, the absurd notion that these three progressive, anti-imperialist activists would be spying for the US government is but one more demonstration of the moral and political bankruptcy of the Iranian government. And, given that - despite all the extreme anti-Iranian rhetoric - Washington is not doing much in support of these American captives, it's up to the progressive community to organize on their behalf.

Leading progressives such as intellectuals Noam Chomsky and Cornel West, activist-scholar Angela Davis, antiwar activist Cindy Sheehan, Codepink cofounder Medea Benjamin, journalists Alex Cockburn and Christian Parenti, and the late historian Howard Zinn have called for their release. As Chomsky put it, "These young people represent a segment of the US population that is critical of [U.S.] policies, and often actively opposed to them. Hence their detention is particularly distressing to all of us who are dedicated to shifting US policy to one of mutual respect rather than domination."

For More Information

A petition is posted at www.freethelikers.org, which also posts ways to send letters to US and Iranian officials and learn how to help organize actions to protest Bauer and Fattal's detention and demand their release. Another web site, which focuses primarily on their activism and includes links to their writings, can be found at: freeourfriends.eu. For information on this month's campaign calling on people to contact the Iranian interest section in Washington in the lead-up to the trial, contact <http://twoyearsistoolong.wordpress.com>.

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Iran: Release US hikers held for two years

Amnesty International
29 July 2011

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news-and-updates/iran-release-us-hikers-held-two-years-2011-07-29>

Iran must release two US nationals held for the past two years apparently for political reasons, Amnesty International said today, ahead of a fresh hearing in their case on 31 July.

The hearing comes two years to the day after Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, both aged 29, were arrested while hiking in the Iraq-Iran border area. The exact circumstances of their arrest remain unclear, but the Iranian authorities have charged them with espionage and illegal entry.

A third US citizen arrested with the men, Sarah Shourd, was released last September on bail equivalent to US\$500,000.

"The Iranian authorities have held these men for two years, subjecting them to legal proceedings that fall far short of international fair trial standards," said Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Deputy Director of Amnesty International's Middle East and North Africa Programme.

"The parody of justice must end here - by now it seems clear that the Iranian authorities have no legal basis for continuing to hold these US nationals, so they must be released and allowed to leave the country."

During their two-year detention in Tehran's Evin Prison, Bauer and Fattal have been only been granted one brief family visit, when their mothers visited Iran in May 2010.

They have been denied adequate access to their lawyer and have had very limited access to consular assistance.

The Iranian authorities have ignored repeated appeals from the international community and the men's families to release them and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has hinted that the hikers were being held as a bargaining chip to be used in Iran's dealings with the United States.

Amnesty International has repeatedly raised its concerns on the treatment of Bauer and Fattal with the Iranian authorities and has called publicly for their release.

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Subject: Certain's Late Summer Webinar Series!

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10 am PT

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Recent security breaches across multiple industries serve as a stark reminder of the importance of vigilant maintenance of data integrity. Event planners, as they leverage more and varying technologies to manage and execute events, also need to be more careful than ever. Just one security breach which compromises your data and the confidence of your attendees, clients, and partners can threaten your entire business. In this webinar, Certain partners with email marketing industry leader **ExactTarget** to help clarify the risks, identify the potential security gaps event planners might be overlooking, and show you protective measures you can immediately take to protect your attendee data.

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From: wbwc@googlegroups.com on behalf of Kathleen Vonk [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:39 PM
To: wbwc@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: [WBWC] Re: Car ran into a cyclist at 4th & Liberty

There is more to the incident than was originally revealed by the cyclist, pertaining to the condition of the bicycle - specifically the brakes or lack thereof - and whether the motor vehicle had already clearly established his position ahead of the cyclist before signaling and making the turn.

In my posts I also said something to the effect of "I don't have enough information to know what actually happened in this crash..." In my opinion, that turned out to be very relevant in this matter. The prudent thing to do (for me only) is to not post any additional information until the internal complaint is complete.

Keep in mind that only one side of the incident has been heard.

When I am allowed, I will definitely provide the additional information.

Kathleen Vonk
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Rees <jim.rees@rees.org>
To: Paul Alman <[REDACTED]>
Cc: wbwc@googlegroups.com
Sent: Thu, Aug 4, 2011 9:18 pm
Subject: Re: [WBWC] Re: Car ran into a cyclist at 4th & Liberty

Paul Alman wrote:

I encourage everyone to re-read the posts below. Notice that Kathy Vonk, a police officer who not only knows the laws better than most of us but has to enforce them (and teach them to other officers), uses the terms "...safest thing..." and "safe thing..." in her comments. Not once does she say "the law says..." or anything like that. She focuses on, as I think we as cyclists must do, what is safe first and foremost, not what is "legal". Others (Eric, Jim, etc.) tend to focus on phrases like "...laws which apply...", "...laws protecting riders...", "...law says..." etc. I certainly don't encourage anyone to ignore the laws, but I do urge all of us to take full responsibility for our actions while riding.

A cyclist was injured while doing something that we all assumed was legal, by a driver doing something we all assumed was illegal. Now the police are saying the driver who injured that cyclist was not at fault. I would like to know what the law, as interpreted by our Chief of Police, actually says in this case. I think that's a reasonable request.

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From: Derezinski, Tony
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:47 PM
Subject: Read: Draft Agenda for August 15

Your message

To: Derezinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen
Cc: Crawford, Tom; Dempkowski, Angela A; Higgins, Sara; Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: Draft Agenda for August 15
Sent: 8/4/2011 8:32 PM

was read on 8/4/2011 9:47 PM.

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From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:26 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: amendment to sidewalk ordinance

That if the charter amendment is adopted, the City Attorney and relevant staff shall bring to the Council, on or before December 1, 2011, an ordinance to amend the City Code language relative to the obligation of a property owner to repair the adjacent sidewalk to conform with the City's decision to undertake the sidewalk repair program for the duration of this millage, and

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
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Subject: FW: August 4 Council meeting

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Subject: August 4 Council meeting

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Emails from last night are ready.

Thanks,
Dave

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