

City Council

Meeting Time: 04-01-19 19:00

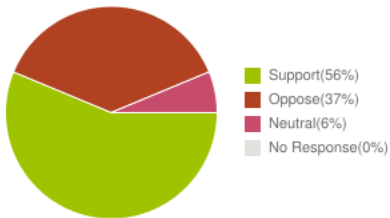
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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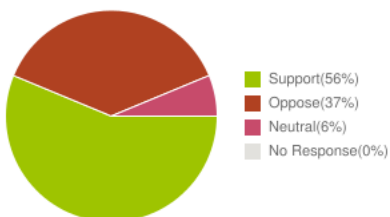
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
CA-13 19-0386 Resolution to Approve and Ratify an Agreement with the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority for the 2019 Bikeshare Program (\$50,000.00)	1	0	0	1
CA-14 19-0567 Resolution No. 3 Establishing a Public Hearing on May 6, 2019 for the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Special Assessment Project	1	1	0	0
B-1 19-0465 An Ordinance to Amend Title VI (Food and Health) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding a New Chapter 73 (Two-Cycle Power Equipment) (ORD-19-08)	1	1	0	0
DC-1 19-0494 Resolution to Appoint Jonathan Overpeck to the Environmental Commission (7 Votes Required)	1	1	0	0
DC-2 19-0284 Resolution Establishing Center of the City Task Force	1	1	0	0
DC-3 19-0565 Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Provide Additional Funding in the FY20/21 Budget and Financial Plan to Address Affordable Housing, Climate Action, and Pedestrian Safety and Provide SMART Performance Outcomes	2	2	0	0
DC-4 19-0581 Resolution Providing FY20 Budget Policy Direction Consistent with the Results of the Community Survey on the Recommended Allocation of the 2017 Washtenaw County Mental Health and Public Safety Millage Proceeds of \$2.2M Annually	4	0	4	0
DC-5 19-0605 Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Collaborate with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to Provide Coordinated Analysis on the Feasibility of City-Owned Properties as Potential Locations for Affordable Housing	1	1	0	0
DC-6 19-0610 Resolution Regarding Community Engagement and Approval Processes for City Related Improvement Projects	3	1	2	0
AC-2 19-0618 Memorandum from City Administrator - Response to Resolution R-18-291 - Resolution to Support One Community Initiative and Ongoing Equity - FY19Q3 Report - March 29, 2019	1	1	0	0

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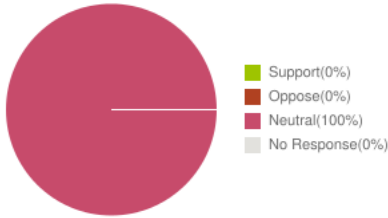
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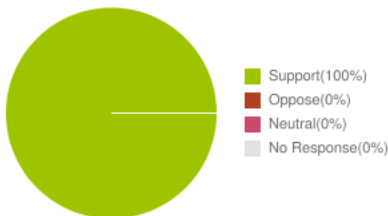
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Submitted At: 11:55pm 03-31-19

Please provide information on the number of bicycles to be made available, and the method of assessing the outcome of the program (miles travelled, number of riders, number of bicycles used per day. I suggest that bicycle riders be informed of best safety practices of riding with traffic. How will the program support use of bicycle helmets? Does the program include flexibility to make adjustments that reflect user preferences by location? Is there a possibility to include bike docking equipment with bus stops?

Agenda Item: eComments for CA-14 19-0567 Resolution No. 3 Establishing a Public Hearing on May 6, 2019 for the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Special Assessment Project

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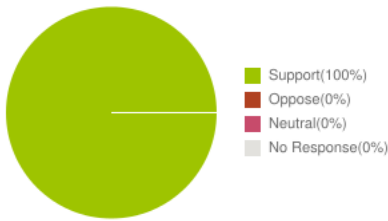
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Submitted At: 4:28am 04-01-19

Agree with listening to the public on the sidewalk gap process. Please arrange to save trees along the new sidewalks. Trees will be important as we move into efforts to address climate action.

Agenda Item: eComments for B-1 19-0465 An Ordinance to Amend Title VI (Food and Health) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding a New Chapter 73 (Two-Cycle Power Equipment) (ORD-19-08)

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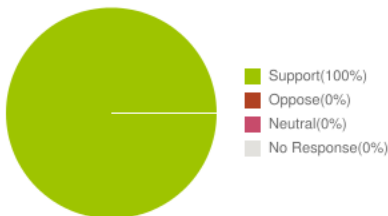
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Submitted At: 4:19am 04-01-19

A good idea to reduce use of polluting, noisy tools. Suggestion: Include assessment of a baseline of number of users of the blower tools, frequency of use and time of day. Improvements over time could be measured in decibels, air particle indices, and subjective assessment of noise and air quality. At least one indicator would be helpful, to assess change that will support ongoing implementation of the ordinance and consideration for expansion to additional areas of the city.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-1 19-0494 Resolution to Appoint Jonathan Overpeck to the Environmental Commission (7 Votes Required)

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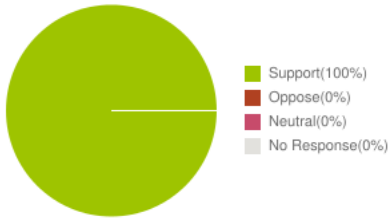
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Submitted At: 4:26am 04-01-19

Dr. Overpeck's expertise will be a welcome addition to the Environmental Commission. It would be great to request him to be an emissary to the University to coordinate climate action efforts. A significant change to the University's climate action plan would be to terminate its action to install a gas-fired power plant on Central Campus. Students and members of the community understand that proceeding with installation of a fossil fuel power plant is antithetical to progress in reducing carbon emissions. The University, ranked #10 in the Big 10 universities for effective climate action. The UM could instead, lead with authority by changing its plan and implementing renewable energy sources now. Let's ask Dr. Overpeck to help UM and the city join to eliminate fossil fuel use.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-2 19-0284 Resolution Establishing Center of the City Task Force

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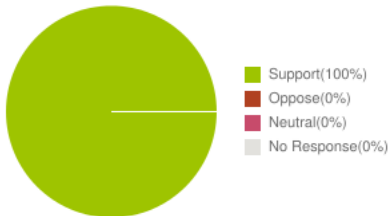
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Submitted At: 3:39pm 04-01-19

The elements of the task force members and the city staff resources are needed to develop a plan to support an exciting feature to downtown that will enliven the area and engage residents and visitors. It will contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the community by bringing people together in a space that we won in common. I urge you all to vote YES on the Resolution Establishing the Center of the City Task Force.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-3 19-0565 Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Provide Additional Funding in the FY20/21 Budget and Financial Plan to Address Affordable Housing, Climate Action, and Pedestrian Safety and Provide SMART Performance Outcomes

Overall Sentiment



Matthew Catanzarite

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 04-01-19

I support the budget resolution sponsored by Mayor Taylor and Council member Griswold that funds pedestrian safety, climate change action, and affordable housing based on the percentages that council affirmed and announced to voters in 2017. The resolution also calls for metrics ("Smart Performance Outcomes") to ensure that the funded programs utilize the money wisely.

Rita Mitchell

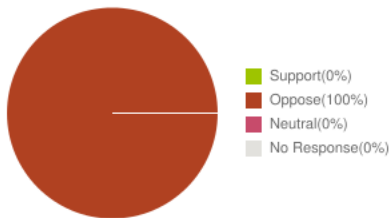
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Submitted At: 4:59am 04-01-19

Please proceed with the resolution, which allows modification for housing, climate action, and pedestrian safety unrelated to the outcome of the County Mental Health and Safety millage funding passed by public vote in November 2017. We need to move on to focus on the goals of budgeting that address these issues and others. Please support the components to measure the success of each of the goals, so that adjustments in funding can be planned for in the future.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-4 19-0581 Resolution Providing FY20 Budget Policy Direction Consistent with the Results of the Community Survey on the Recommended Allocation of the 2017 Washtenaw County Mental Health and Public Safety Millage Proceeds of \$2.2M Annually

Overall Sentiment



Luis Vazquez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50pm 04-01-19

This resolution seems more like an April Fools joke. We elect representatives to lead, not to base policy on surveys.

Ken Garber

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 04-01-19

I was a survey recipient. The survey design made it basically worthless. That's because it provided no information on current levels of funding for the various options, so we had no context in which to rank our priorities for spending the millage rebate money. So using the survey results to set actual spending is a mistake. And even if the survey had been perfectly designed, policy-by-survey is not how government is supposed to work. We elect our representatives to make unpopular decisions (when necessary) as well as popular ones.

Matthew Catanzarite

Location:

Submitted At: 2:10pm 04-01-19

I strongly oppose resolution 19-0581 introduced by Council member Lumm. A resolution to allocate the rebate portion of the millage according to the results of a small 2019 community survey, rather than continuing to honor the multiple Council resolutions that guided voter behavior and community support for the millage in 2017. Council member Lumm's new resolution would redirect much needed funding away from pedestrian safety, affordable housing, and climate action based on the responses of the small sample of surveyed residents.

Rita Mitchell

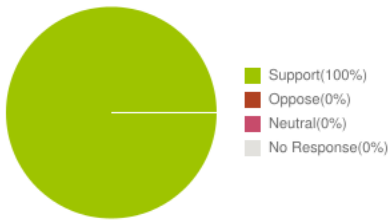
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Submitted At: 4:31am 04-01-19

DC-4 adds complexity and provides limited funding for multiple unrelated budget targets, some of which already have millage support. I do not see the allocations as contributing to effective use of resources in the context of making a positive difference in budget outcomes.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-5 19-0605 Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Collaborate with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission to Provide Coordinated Analysis on the Feasibility of City-Owned Properties as Potential Locations for Affordable Housing

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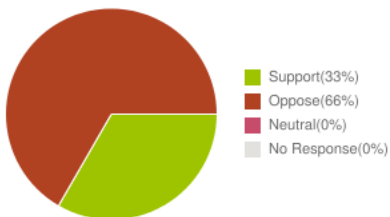
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Submitted At: 4:50am 04-01-19

Great idea to assess all public parcels available for the purpose of affordable housing. As the process continues, please include requirements for energy efficiency and long-term quality design and materials as a component of community benefits. If we plan well now, quality buildings for those with housing needs will function well and look good for many years, with an outcome of less maintenance expense over time.

Agenda Item: eComments for DC-6 19-0610 Resolution Regarding Community Engagement and Approval Processes for City Related Improvement Projects

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Luis Vazquez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 04-01-19

This resolution is balderdash. Ann Arbor needs more road diets, plain and simple. And the same CMs who did not want the lowertown mobility study want this?

Matthew Catanzarite

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07pm 04-01-19

I strongly oppose resolution 19-0610 that would require all road diets to be approved by City Council. The resolution's wording reflects concern that certain roadway changes could "adversely impact [automobile] traffic flow and congestion" and therefore should come for city council approval. I do not see an advantage to subjecting roadway improvements, which are already the product of qualified engineering analyses and robust public engagement through the master planning process and project development, to an additional layer of political review. Indeed, I believe these proposed process changes could easily undermine citizen engagement by allowing Council to alter/deny plans already vetted through the neighborhood planning process. Furthermore, I am incredibly concerned that the only projects that would come under Council review are road diets (lane reductions) which are projects intended to lower traffic speeds and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Rita Mitchell

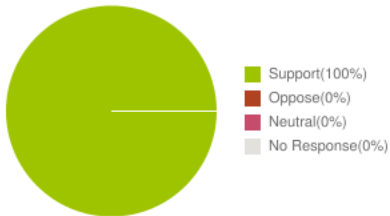
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Engaging the community in decisions that affect geographic areas with which they have familiarity is reasonable. Community engagement that incorporates community feedback will both improve projects and inform those who will most frequently experience the outcome of any given project. The result will likely be greater short and long term support for changes. The engagement process could extend the planning process, but the outcome of community support and understanding will be a gain.

Agenda Item: eComments for AC-2 19-0618 Memorandum from City Administrator - Response to Resolution R-18-291 - Resolution to Support One Community Initiative and Ongoing Equity - FY19Q3 Report - March 29, 2019

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Dora Heitsch

Location:

Submitted At: 7:09pm 04-01-19

Please continue to fund the Sustainability Department. The need for this department continues to grow. The money you spend on this department will be savings in emergency services tomorrow. Be good stewards of our environment, help us prepare to weather the storms that are coming our way.

Kind Regards,
Dora Heitsch