

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: August 8, 2013
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Alexa, Jennifer

From: Brad Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 7:37 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: No to Main St. football closures

Thanks for your vote and your response.
Brad

From: "Higgins, Marcia" <MHiggins@a2gov.org>
To: Brad Cook [REDACTED]; "Teall, Margie" <MTeall@a2gov.org>; "Hieftje, John" <JHieftje@a2gov.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2013 5:47 PM
Subject: RE: No to Main St. football closures

Brad, I plan on voting no on the closure. Thanks, Marcia

From: Brad Cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Hieftje, John
Subject: No to Main St. football closures

I again urge you to vote against closing Main St. on football Saturdays. They had the opportunity to address security concerns during the stadium remodel and instead chose to build with little setback on Main, far less than would be allowed by the city. They created their own problem and should deal with it themselves. The reports I heard about the public meeting on this topic said that the residents were pretty solidly against the closure as well. Please don't allow the city residents and particularly the 4th ward be inconvenienced yet further - Main St. belongs to the city.

Brad Cook

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 8:30 PM
To: ctaylor@hooperhathaway.com
Subject: FW: 8/8 Agenda Item DS-1 - Resolution to Approve Street Closures for University of Michigan Football Games for the 2013 Season
Attachments: DRAFT Main Street Closure 2013 Football Season Request with Modifications 8-8-13.pdf; UM Main Street Closure Request Community Meeting.pdf

From: Higgins, Sara **On Behalf Of** Powers, Steve
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 12:50 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Powers, Steve; Seto, John; Hupy, Craig; Williams, Debra; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Harrison, Venita
Subject: 8/8 Agenda Item DS-1 - Resolution to Approve Street Closures for University of Michigan Football Games for the 2013 Season

Mayor and Council:

I requested from Safety Services Administrator/Chief of Police Seto a summary of the community meeting held by the City regarding the closure of Main Street during University of Michigan football games. Chief Seto's summary is below. Chief Seto is also proposing a modification to the closure plan in response to concerns received. Chief Seto is proposing to close southbound Main Street one-hour before kick-off and reopen immediately upon conclusion of the game.

Chief Seto and representatives from University of Michigan Public Safety and Federal Department of Homeland Security will be attending tonight's City Council meeting to answer questions you might have regarding the recommended closure. Craig Hupy, Public Services Area Administrator, will also be present to answer questions regarding traffic flow management. Answers to your caucus questions will be provided in the staff response memo that will be sent this afternoon. Attached is a draft of the proposed changes to the resolution.

Comments from Chief Seto:

A community meeting regarding the University of Michigan request for Main Street Closure was held on July 24, 2013. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. Chief Seto, Sgt. Sartori and Mr. Hupy were the City staff members present. The PowerPoint presented during the meeting is attached to this message.

Upon reviewing the comments and suggestions made during the meeting, the following are potential changes to the original request:

- Southbound lanes of Main Street will remain open to all traffic until one hour before the game begins.
 - This will address concerns raised by residents that access to residential lawn parking off of Main Street will be affected and residents will experience a financial impact. Participants advised that many of their customers access their parking off of Main Street and a three hour closure is too early.
- The communication plan will include advising everyone that Main Street will be open after the game.
 - This was suggested so that fans will know that post game traffic is not affected by the pre-game closure.
- Signs limiting local traffic only onto W. Keech, Potter, Berkley and Snyder from Belmar will include information that residential lawn parking is open.

- This will address the concern by some participants that residential lawn parking near Main Street will be impacted due to confusion of the local traffic only signs.
- Signs and signals staff have begun a review of post game signal timing along out bound W. Stadium Blvd. The goal is to have an improved long signal pattern on outbound W. Stadium to help move post game traffic away from the stadium area. The challenge will be moving traffic through the Stadium/Maple & Jackson intersection. During the season, the Stadium corridor as well as other corridors will be reviewed for further upgrades and adjustments.
 - This will evaluate post game congestion concerns for W. Stadium, regardless if a pre-game Main Street closure is approved.

Steve Powers
City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
734-794-6110

..Title

Resolution to Approve Street Closures for University of Michigan Football Games for the 2013 Season

..Memorandum

The attached resolution is to approve a request from the University of Michigan to close Main Street between Stadium and Pauline. Closure for north bound lanes will be from three hours before the game until the game ends. Closure for south bound lanes will be from one hour before the game until the game ends. The games for 2013 season are on the following dates:

- 8/31/13
- 9/7/13
- 9/14/13
- 10/5/13
- 10/19/13
- 11/9/13
- 11/30/13

The applicant, the University of Michigan, in close collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Ann Arbor Police and other local law enforcements officials, is seeking to enhance security at Michigan Stadium and for the residents who live in nearby neighborhoods by creating a vehicle-free zone around the Michigan Stadium during Saturday UM Football games. The vehicle-free zone would be created by closing E. Keech Street between S. Main and Greene streets, limiting access to parking permit holders on Greene Street from E. Hoover to Keech streets, closing the westbound right-turn lane on E. Stadium Boulevard (onto S. Main Street) just south of the Michigan Stadium, and closing S. Main Street to both local and through traffic from Stadium Boulevard to Pauline. These closures would be effective three hours before a game to the end of the game. with the exception of south bound S. Main Street which will be closed beginning one hour before a game to the end of the game. Vehicle access from the neighborhood streets onto the closed area of S. Main Street would be either prohibited or restricted at police-controlled access points depending on the street to accommodate people needing ingress or egress to properties fronting S. Main Street that have no side-street access. The closed portion of these streets will remain available for pedestrian use and emergency vehicle response to the area.

..Staff

Prepared by: Debra Williams, Management Assistant

Reviewed by: Sumedh Bahl, Community Services Area Administrator and John Seto, Safety Services Area Administrator

..Body

Whereas, The University of Michigan, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, City of Ann Arbor Police and other local law enforcement officials are cooperating in a joint effort to enhance security at Michigan Stadium and for the residents who live in nearby neighborhoods by creating a vehicle-free zone around the Stadium during football games;

Whereas, The vehicle-free zone would be created by closing E. Keech Street between S. Main and Greene streets, limiting access to parking permit holders on Greene Street from E. Hoover to Keech streets, closing the westbound right-turn lane on E. Stadium Boulevard (onto S. Main Street) just south of the Michigan Stadium, and closing S. Main Street to both local and through traffic from Stadium Boulevard to Pauline;

Whereas, These closures would be effective three hours before a game to the end of the game, with the exception of south bound S. Main Street which will be closed beginning one hour before a game to the end of the game; and

Whereas, The dates for said closures would occur on the following dates:

- 8/31/13
- 9/7/13
- 9/14/13
- 10/5/13
- 10/19/13
- 11/9/13
- 11/30/13

RESOLVED, Street closures on E. Keech Street between S. Main and Greene streets, limiting access to parking permit holders on Greene Street from E. Hoover to Keech streets, the westbound right-turn lane on E. Stadium Boulevard (onto S. Main Street) just south of the Michigan Stadium, and S. Main Street between Pauline and Stadium occur from three hours before until the end of each game, with the exception of south bound S. Main Street which will be closed beginning one hour before until the end of each game on the following dates:

- 8/31/13
- 9/7/13
- 9/14/13
- 10/5/13
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- 11/30/13



Community Meeting Regarding the University of Michigan Main Street Closure Request

July 24, 2013

Downtown District Library



Background

- A request was made by the University of Michigan Police Department for the street closure on July 15, 2013
- It is anticipated that it will go before Council consideration on August 8, 2013.



Why the Request by the University Police

- Security enhancement during Football Saturdays
- Homeland Security recommendation
- Other Stadiums have similar security measure of closing surrounding streets
 - University of Wisconsin - Madison
 - Ohio State University - Columbus



Previous Main Street Closures

- September 10, 2011 – Notre Dame Game
 - This closure began at 5:00 pm, 3 hours before the start of the game.
 - Main Street was opened at 11:30 pm, right before the game ended.
- President Obama visit in May 2010 -
University of Michigan Commencement



The Current Closure Request

- The request is for the 7 University of Michigan Home games this year with the dates of:
 - 8/31/13, 9/7/13, 9/14/13, 10/5/13, 10/19/13, 11/9/13 and 11/30/13.
- The portion of Main Street that is requested for closure is between Stadium and Pauline.
- The duration of the closure is requested to be 3 hours before game time until the end of the game.
- Main Street will be open for post game traffic.



The Detour Route



- Southbound traffic detoured at Main/Pauline to Pauline/Seventh to Seventh/Stadium to Stadium/Main
- Northbound traffic detoured at Main/Stadium to Stadium/Seventh to Seventh/Pauline to Pauline/Main



Police Response to Closure

- 6 additional AAPD Officers will be specifically assigned to handle detour route and affected area.
 - Officer(s) will be assigned to Pauline and Seventh
 - Officer(s) will be assigned to Stadium and Seventh
 - Officers will be assigned in the Allmendinger Neighborhood to respond to any traffic problems in the area.



Police Response to Closure

- Additional Officers will also assist in closing Main Street from Stadium to Pauline
- Post game traffic will not be affected since Main Street will be open prior to the end of the game.
- AAPD will consult with UM Police to make the determination of when Main St. will be open.
 - One determining factor will be when the crowd decides to leave the stadium.



Other City Staff Response to Closure

- Signs and Signals will have 2 additional staff to monitor traffic control devices.
- Manual control of traffic signals will occur if needed at additional intersections.



What we know from 2011

- Game time was 8:00 pm
- Very little traffic back-ups as a result of Main St. closure
- Officers assisted motorists needing to access parking lots off of Main St.
- Main St. was opened prior to the end of the game
- Few complaints after the game



Response to Known Concerns

- Barricade removal
- Police will maintain the Main Street closure as a vehicle free zone, except for emergency vehicles
 - No game day experience activities or vendors will occupy the vehicle free zone
 - AAPD will maintain control of this vehicle free zone



What is different for 2013



- Start times vary from Noon, 3:30 pm and 8:00 pm.
- Weather conditions may affect traffic patterns.
- General admission for student section seating.



How will new issues be addressed

- Additional Officers and city staff will be assigned to specifically address problems
- AAPD and UM Police will meet after every game to evaluate any issues
- Staff will evaluate the Main Street closure after the first three games, where start times will be 3:30 pm, 8:00 pm and Noon



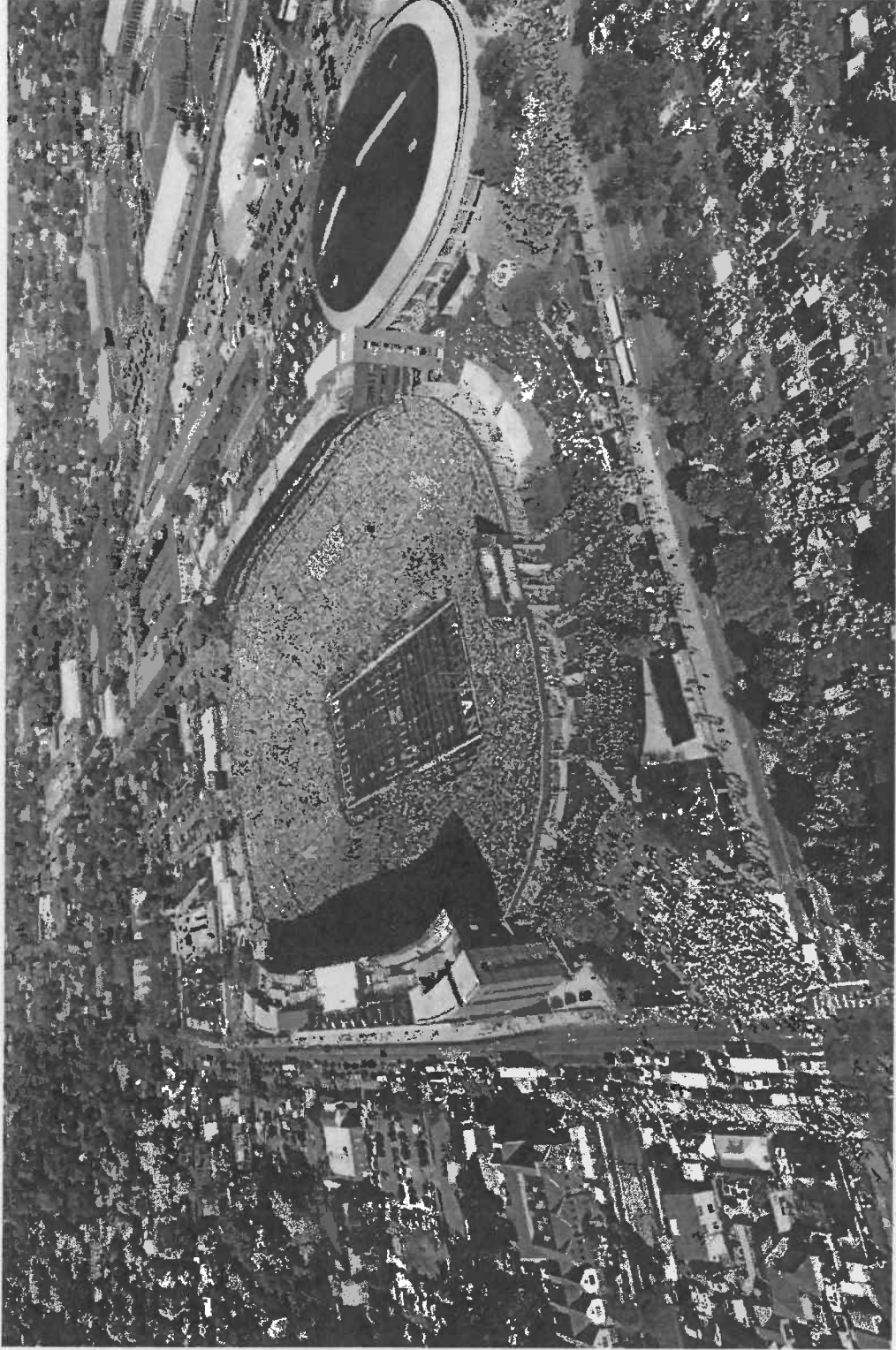
Additional Information



- The AAPD supports this recommendation for these reasons:
 - I believe it is balanced approach for public safety
 - The large crowd is not only in the Stadium, it is in our neighborhoods as well.
 - A Main Street closure may also improve pedestrian safety at Main and Stadium
 - The AAPD has to keep pedestrians off of Main Street prior to the start of games



Michigan vs. MSU





Additional Information

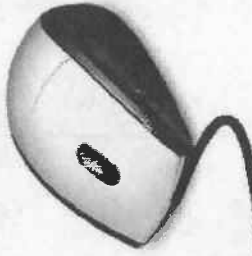


- I have discussed this with the UM Police Chief and we have modified the request so that I am comfortable supporting this.
- I am also confident that we can work with the University of Michigan Police to mitigate any issues.
- I have great confidence in our city staff to work out any unforeseen issues that may arise.
- I witnessed firsthand how the closure went in 2011.
- We will re-evaluate the closure after the first three games.



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Questions

John Seto
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Ann Arbor Police Department
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JSeto@a2gov.org

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From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 9:21 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)

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Alexa, Jennifer

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 9:23 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Amendment

Can you send me a copy of your language?
Thanks,
Jackie

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 9:23 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: amendment

Thanks! I sent my email too soon!

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Jeffrey Hayner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 9:56 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Your consistent vote on DC-2 is appreciated

Dear Ms. Higgins,

I wanted to let you know that I appreciated your No vote on Agenda item DC-2 - Resolution Calling for Repeal of Michigan's Stand Your Ground Law and for Strengthening Firearm Regulations.

I agree that it is unlikely everyone in the city feels this way. I also think that resolutions like this, while I admire the sentiment, and calls for community action they are based upon, are not the best use of City Council time. Lastly, as I pointed out to some of the resolutions sponsors, any call to repeal a Public Act in order to strengthen firearms regulations would have to include a call for the repeal of Public Act 377. Public Act 377, among other effects, removed the ability of municipalities to add further restrictions to the state guidelines for the purchase of handguns. Prior to this act, the City required potential handgun buyers to obtain a License to Purchase before such a purchase could be made. It also compelled the holder of that License to make that purchase in a limited amount of time, and to return the completed license and handgun to the city for a safety check and serial number registration. All of these requirements allowed our law enforcement officers greater insight into the number and type of handguns in our community, and also gave them a look at the purchaser; and I suppose the opportunity to challenge a purchasers fitness to own a handgun. Public Act 377 in my opinion served to weaken our city's firearm regulations, and it's repeal should have been included in any call to strengthen firearms regulations.

I support the right of the people to lawfully obtain and own firearms, under state and federal constitutional protections. But having an informed local police department can go a long way towards reducing gun violence, and protecting the rights of all citizens.

In any event, thank you for the vote, and for your service to the city.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Lavery, Jason [jlavery@wdiv.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:35 PM
To: Lumm, Jane
Subject: UM Football Main Street

Sorry to bother you this late....

Just trying to confirm the council approved UM's request to close portion of Main Street for home football games this fall.

Can you tell me the final vote?

Thanks.

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From: Lavery, Jason [jlavery@wdiv.com]
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From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:41 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
Cc: jlaverty@wdiv.com
Subject: RE: UM Football Main Street

Hello:

The final vote on the amended resolution was 7-4 in favor of the resolution.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Kunselman, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:39 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: UM Football Main Street

Please respond as I don't have the tally of the vote.
Steve

From: Laverty, Jason [<mailto:jlaverty@wdiv.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:36 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
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From: Jeff Hayner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:49 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Re: AAPAC appointment

Thank you for your quick response, I can certainly appreciate that policy, although of course there are persons who are seated chairs of boards and commissions who are in the council race. Nevertheless, I will stay engaged with the public art program as a resident and arts lover.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hayner

On Aug 8, 2013, at 5:11 PM, "Hieftje, John" <JHieftje@a2gov.org> wrote:

> Hi Jeff:

>

> Glad you wrote. I meant to call you but fell behind over the last
> couple of days. My assistant has been out of the office since Tuesday.

>

> I guess I wasn't paying enough attention to the 1st ward council
> election but I read in A2.com that you are a candidate for council.
> Congratulations! I understand the effort and energy that takes.

>

> It has long been a practice not to appoint candidates for council to
> city boards. Should you be successful you will have a full slate of
> council committees to sit on so it has proven best to hold off.

>

> Thank you again for your interest.

>

> John Hieftje

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jeffrey Hayner [mailto:[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
> Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 5:04 PM
> To: Hieftje, John
> Cc: Kailasapathy, Sumi
> Subject: AAPAC appointment

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> Dear Mayor Hieftje,
>
> I was looking at the agenda for tonight's council meeting and see that
> I am no longer listed in the Appointments and Nominations Memorandum
> for appointment to the Ann Arbor Public Arts Commission. I called the
> city clerk to inquire and she referred me to your office. Please let
> me know what is happening with this, I am looking forward to serving.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Jeff Hayner

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Lavery, Jason [jlavery@wdiv.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:53 PM
To: Petersen, Sally
Subject: RE: UM Football Main Street

Thank you!
Have a good night!

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From: Petersen, Sally [mailto:SPetersen@a2gov.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 10:53 PM
To: Lavery, Jason
Subject: RE: UM Football Main Street

Yes, it passed 7-5 with two amendments. A review will take place after the first 3 games.

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From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2013 11:08 PM
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Hi Jason,

Thanks for writing. It was approved. Northbound Main will be closed 3hrs before kickoff, Southbound Main will be closed 1 hr before.

Please feel free to call if you want any follow-up: (734) 834-3600. I should be up until around 12:00.

Best,

Christopher

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Sorry to bother you this late....

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Can you tell me the final vote?

Thanks.

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