

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: March 16, 2015
 Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386**

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2		7:51 PM	Christopher Taylor	Bryan Kelly		Privacy	Email
3		10:32 PM	Kirk Westphal	Sarah Petersen		Privacy	Email
4		12:03 AM	Steve Powers	Kirk Westphal		Privacy	Email
5		12:31 AM	Sabra Briere, Jane Lumm	Jim Walker	Julie Grand, Stephen Kunselman, Christopher Taylor, Sumi Kailasapathy, Kirk Westphal, Jack Eaton, Graydon Krapohl, Chuck Warpehoski, Mike Anglin	Privacy	Address, Phone

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Bryan Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 7:51 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: Thanks again

Dear Mayor Taylor,

I was just informed that my appointment was unanimously approved. I am sorry I couldn't be there in person.

Once again I'd like to thank you, both for the opportunity you've given me, and also for the email you sent taking issue with the things I'd written.

Receiving it was a necessary gut-check that forced me to realize that, startling though it may be, some people actually read (or at least skim) the things I say, and may take issue with those things if I can't defend them properly. As a newly-minted public servant, I will try to make my word and subject matter choices more conscientious.

The other day, the girlfriend and I were trying to think of people in government who were good family people. (She in general is worried that the more I dabble, the more corrupted I may become.) She mentioned you, and I couldn't help but agree. Seeing you walking the Arcade with your family the other day confirmed as much.

I appreciate the continuing banter and good nature between you and I very much. I never had any intention of running a dirty, mud-slinging campaign, but your affable good nature made it nigh impossible.

Kind regards,

Bryan

P.S. Do you think the Undertaker's undefeated streak in Wrestlemania will end this year?

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Sarah Petersen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 10:32 PM
To: Westphal, Kirk
Subject: Substitute Ordinance

Hi! Can you please ask staff to provide copies of the substitute ordinance, if passed, to the Disability Commission in 24-point and Braille in time for review before our Commission meeting on Wed? Thanks! Sally

Sent from my iPhone

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Westphal, Kirk
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 12:03 AM
To: Powers, Steve
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Substitute Ordinance for Commission on Disability Issues

Steve,

Could you please comment on whether this is possible and copy Chair Petersen.

Kirk

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From: jcwconsult@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 12:31 AM
To: Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane
Cc: Grand, Julie; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); Kailasapathy, Sumi; Westphal, Kirk; Eaton, Jack; Krapohl, Graydon; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Snowy congratulations !

To Councilwomen Briere and Lumm,

Congratulations for crafting a substitute ordinance and a set of common sense amendments that will give us a new sidewalk snow clearance ordinance that is a LOT better than either the existing ordinance or the first version revision that almost nobody wanted.

Is is perfect for every scenario? Probably not, there are always compromises in legislation and no such ordinance can deal with every outlier of the endless possibilities.

But it is very good. Thanks to all the others on Council for the good questions, comments, suggestions, and the final vote to approve the sub with the common sense amendments.

Now I have one question - but it is for you to decide. What is the hurry to settle this in the next 30-60 days? The 2014-15 snow season will be 100% over before any changes could be effective. Wouldn't this make a fine issue to have the final hearing and debate in a low-agenda meeting sometime this summer? That would leave plenty of time in the late summer and early fall to do announcements and education about the requirements of the new ordinance - well before the first snowfall of the 2015-16 season.

Regards,

Jim Walker

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

From: jcwconsult <jcwconsult@aol.com>
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Sent: Wed, Mar 4, 2015 3:28 pm
Subject: Sidewalk snow clearance

To our Ward 3 Council Members, the Mayor, and all the other Council Members,

The proposed change to require shoveling the sidewalks with any tiny amount of snowfall should be rejected as going too far. It is not reasonable in our view to make residents subject to high fines and costs for failing to clear a one-sixteenth inch dusting of snow.

If it is needed, we would support a clarification that residents must shovel their walks when an inch or more of new snow falls **and/or when the total snowfall accumulates to an inch or more on the sidewalk**. That is a reasonable rule. It is also reasonable to require access to crosswalks and bus stops be cleared. And it is reasonable to require sand/salt when the sidewalks become icy with melting snow or freezing rain.

But it is NOT reasonable for this scenario to occur for a one-eighth inch dusting of snow, as seen in a newspaper comment:

For the record the fees for a first offense are as follows:

Total \$295

Citation: \$140 -- (\$120 citation fine + \$20 in other admin fees)

Removal fees: \$155 -- (\$50 admin fee + actual cost of removal)

All these were incurred in a 36-hour period in January.

I totally understand what we're trying to do here, but nearly \$300 on the FIRST offense?

Please consider that the above scenario is quite likely to occur when a neighbor can report you as a "gotcha" after a meaningless one-eighth inch snowfall to "punish you" for some other totally unrelated cause of friction between people. That will be utterly unfair and unreasonable.

And we all know that we live in Michigan, not in Key West. Dealing with snow is a fact of life in Michigan and any other four season climate. People can and do move about on small amounts of snow, it is just an expected part of life in Ann Arbor.

We urge Council to reject removing the one inch rule.

Respectfully,

James and Molly Walker

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