

## ***City Administrator's Report – February 20, 2018***

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [hlazarus@a2gov.org](mailto:hlazarus@a2gov.org) or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto:shiggins@a2gov.org).

### ***Safety Notes***

Michigan winters can be tough on our roadways. The freeze-thaw cycle is a primary cause of potholes and pavement failures. Please assist our Public Works pothole patrol by reporting pavement problems via the A2 Fixit application.

A “hats-off” salute to Chuck Fojtik and his crew for assistance provided to UM. With the rising temperatures, the university had ice falling from the roof of the North Quad building onto the sidewalk and lane of Huron Street. Chuck and his crew responded within minutes of receiving the call to install an illuminated portal sign and additional cones to provide a much safer lane and sidewalk closure, particularly for nighttime travel.

The City has safely completed the 2018 deer management program, including culling and sterilization activities. Thank you to Tom Crawford, Derek Delacourt, Doug Forsyth, and all of the volunteers who assisted in the program. Information concerning the City's ongoing efforts will be posted on the [deer management web page](#).

### ***Success Stories***

Kudos to Jessica Hull and the Human Resources benefits team. Their leadership in promoting health lifestyles throughout the workforce resulted in the cost of our medical benefits for 2017 coming over \$1 million under the state's hard cap. Their efforts will result in our continued ability to provide exceptional health care benefits without increasing the cost to our staff members. Very well done!

As posted in A2 News Notes, the transformation of the gender-inclusive restroom on the third floor of City Hall into a Mother's Room is nearing completion. The private room will be equipped with a comfortable chair, footstool, mini-fridge, noise machine, side table and sink and is scheduled to open for use by the end of February 2018.

### ***Council Priorities/Initiatives***

**Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices.** The report is available via Legistar and posted on the [City Administrator's AAPD Community Engagement Practices](#) web page. R-18-039 [Resolution Creating an Advisory Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission](#) was approved at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. In accordance with this resolution, staff will prepare a resolution by the March 19, 2018 City Council meeting to confirm nomination of the task force members and a Chairperson of the task force.

The City Council Work Session scheduled on March 12 will focus on the “FY2019 Budget and Cost of Services/Rates.”

With spring approaching, Engineering and Public Works staff will reinstall the gateway treatments that proved to be both effective and popular last year. Staff is also preparing to address the “Tier 3” improvements in and around neighborhood schools.

## Previews

The **February 20 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- The following two items are anticipated to be added to the agenda:

***Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and Local 369 of the International Union of the American Federation of State, County, And Municipal Employees AFL-CIO (AFSCME), Effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021.***

***Resolution to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Police Officers Association for Police Service Specialists Effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020.***

These items provide certainty to the City and staff for the coming years, and recognize the exceptional services provided by staff covered by these collective bargaining agreements.

- ***A Memorandum from the City Administrator: An Update in Response to Resolutions R-17-421 and R-17-422*** is included as a written Administrator’s Communication items. The memorandum provides updates on various safety-related items near Huron High School, implementation of Vision Zero, evaluation of crosswalks, lane conversions, and speed reduction.
- ***A Resolution to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Parking Agreement between the City of Ann Arbor and the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Ann Arbor*** will make permanent the 20% share of parking revenues to the City. The resolution also addresses adjustments of parking fines and other matters that will help DDA manage our parking resources.
- A public hearing and second reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning Ordinance) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to add Section 5:83 (Solar Energy Systems) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-01).***
- A public hearing and second reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:17 of Chapter 1 (Adoption, Contents and Interpretation) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.*** The amendment is to update the positions in each service area authorized to issue citations for violations of the indicated chapter of the City Code.
- A public hearing and ***Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2018 Fee Adjustments for Parks & Recreation Services for Argo and Gallup Liveries***
- A public hearing and ***Resolution to Approve FY19 Fee Adjustments for Safety Service Area - Fire Department Service Fee Schedule***

- A first reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:61, 9:62 and 9:68 of Chapter 108, Disorderly Conduct, of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor***
- A first reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Sections 10:69, 10:70, 10:71, 10:72, 10:73 and 10:75 of Chapter 126, Traffic, of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.***

### ***WIP (Work in Progress)***

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

**City of Ann Arbor Citizens Academy.** With the success of the Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire, and Courts Academy, the City of Arbor will launch an Ann Arbor Citizens Academy (A2CA) this spring to provide a broader view of local government for Ann Arbor residents.

During a series of six weekly sessions, from March 28 to May 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m., participants will connect with city staff and elected officials and learn more about long-term city planning efforts, day-to-day operations and the importance of civic involvement. Session topics include: Finance and Budgeting; Voting and Elections; Parks and Recreation; Planning and Preservation; Public Works; Engineering; Sustainability; Water Quality; Police Services; Fire Services; Community Television Network; and City Council. The class will culminate with a graduation ceremony on May 7, 7–8:30 p.m.

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

For more information, visit [www.a2gov.org/A2CA](http://www.a2gov.org/A2CA).

### ***Other***

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

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

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

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