

City Administrator's Report – November 20, 2017

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to hlazarus@a2gov.org or shiggins@a2gov.org.

Safety Notes

As you and your family and friends travel during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, please be aware of pedestrians and cyclists, and **BE SAFE A2!**

Steven Schantz, our Safety Manager, will be leaving his job with the City of Ann Arbor this week to pursue an opportunity in the private sector. We wish him well in this pursuit. Doug Forsyth will serve as the Interim Safety Manager while we look to fill the vacancy over the coming months.

Success Stories

Stadium Boulevard Reconstruction Project winner of 2017 APAM/MDOT Asphalt Paving Award. Cadillac Asphalt, LLC, Rawsonville Plant, City of Ann Arbor and Parsons Brinkerhoff will receive an Award of Merit at this year's Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan (APAM)/MDOT Asphalt Paving Awards program for its work on the Stadium Boulevard Reconstruction Project. Congratulations to Craig Hupy, Nicholas Hutchinson, Michael Nearing, and Public Services/Engineering staff for their excellent work!

Over this past weekend, crews from Public Services responded to a seep at the Barton Dam embankment and a water main leak on Sunset across from the Water Treatment Plant. Interim measures have been taken to ensure continued water supply to our community.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. The City and the Human Rights Commission held a work session on Thursday, Nov. 16 to discuss the report. The report is available via Legistar and posted on the [City Administrator's AAPD Community Engagement Practices](#) web page.

The **Zoning Ordinance Re-Organization (ZORO)** project is making its way to the Planning Commission in December, with Council consideration shortly after the New Year.

The table provided at the end of this document provides the status of current outstanding items that Council has directed via resolution.

Previews

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

- At first reading ***An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.54 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), The Glen Mixed***

Use Development PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 201, 213, 215, 217 Glen Avenue and 1025 East Ann Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Years and 1 Nays)

- ***A Public Hearing/Resolution to Approve Weber Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2857 Packard Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 0 Years and 7 Nays)***
- The following three items, postponed from the November 9th Council meeting, regarding the development of the 1140 Broadway property are presented for public hearings and adoption:
 - ***A Public Hearing/Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 6.4 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to C1A/R (Campus Business Residential District) WITH CONDITIONS, 1140 Broadway Rezoning***
 - ***A Public Hearing/Resolution to Approve Broadway Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, with Modifications to Chapter 62 Landscaping and Screening***
 - ***A Public Hearing/Resolution to Approve the 1140 Broadway Brownfield Plan***

WIP (Work in Progress)

Staff has completed the revision to the City's **Green Fleet Policy**. The revised document will be sent to the Energy Commission and Environmental Commission for review and input.

The City is pursuing a pilot with **SnowBuddy** under the micro-grant program to provide sidewalk snow clearing for mobility-challenged citizens and low-income seniors to ensure connections to transit stops are maintained during inclement winter weather.

Other

Thanksgiving Day Holidays. City municipal offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. There will be no trash, recycling or compost collection services in the city of Ann Arbor on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23. The normal Thursday pickups will occur on Friday, and the normal Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday, Nov. 25, this week only. Safety services and utility operations will maintain 24-hour schedules throughout.

Seasonal Compost Pickup. The seasonal curbside pickups of compostable materials will end for the growing season on Friday, Dec. 8, 2017. Ann Arbor's compost collection provides an opportunity for pickup of fall leaves and other yard debris that have been placed on lawn extensions in paper bags or compost carts or tied into brush bundles, as described online at a2gov.org/compost.

Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-off Station at 2950 E. Ellsworth Road will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23. The Drop-off station is regularly open weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

For more information on solid waste, recycling and compost please visit a2gov.org/recycle.

Sign Ordinance Updates. The City of Ann Arbor is updating its sign ordinance to include new and innovative sign standards that reflect evolving technologies and approaches as well as a general update

of sign regulations. Two public meetings have been held seeking public feedback. A third public meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 9 – 10 a.m. at the DDA, 150 S. Fifth, Ann Arbor, MI. The project consultant Giffels Webster, has set up an online feedback platform called [PictureThis™](#) to better understand how residents and business owners think the current sign ordinance is working and what may need work. As they are out and about in Ann Arbor, the city urges the public to look for the signs they view as particularly effective and attractive — or conversely — ineffective. Images can be submitted to [PictureThis™](#) from any internet browser via phone, tablet or computer by clicking the blue "what do you think?" button once on the PictureThis™ site.

For more information, please visit the [sign ordinance project web page](#).

New Councilmember Orientation. Councilmember-Elect Bannister participated in New Councilmember Orientation on November 16-17, and has site visits scheduled on December 1. Please contact Sara Higgins with any questions at shiggins@a2gov.org

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.

STATUS OF COUNCIL-DIRECTED ITEMS			UPDATED: 171120
Item ID	Title	Requirement	Status
R-17-422	Resolution Supporting Vision Zero Implementation, Including Near-and Long-Term Roadway Safety Measures at Huron High School and City Wide	Provide a monthly status report on the potential of near-term safety improvements for Huron High School Students.	Due to Council 171215.
		Provide a preliminary outline of the approach and potential resources needed to accelerate implementation of Vision Zero.	Due to Council 180115.
		Provide a preliminary plan for evaluation of all road signage near mid-block crossings to enhance visibility and driver awareness.	Due to Council 180115.
		Provide a preliminary plan to evaluate restriping all incomplete road conversions recommended in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, in addition to any other road segments that in staff's evaluation are not optimal for the safety of all road users.	Due to Council 180115.
		Provide a summary of known local and national safety outcomes of lane reductions, including a summary chart of state and national best practices of traffic models and traffic counts related to lane reductions.	Due to Council 180115.
		Provide a local traffic safety data inventory and data gap analysis, including traffic counts, speeds, and injury and crash data on all 4- and 5-lane roads, major one-way roads, MDOT roads, and known dangerous roads.	Due to Council 180215.

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		Provide an evaluation of the recommendations and findings of the Transportation Commission concerning speed reductions throughout the City.	Due to Council 180215.
		Provide a work plan to implement Vision Zero, including additional recommended engineering changes to reduce road user injuries.	Due to Council 180315.
R-17-421	Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Huron High School	Evaluate additional street lighting on Huron Parkway and present to Council staff's recommendations on street lighting (potential locations and cost) as well as a status report on the other related pedestrian safety-related improvements within 60 days.	Due to Council 180115. Combine with items from R-17-422.
17-1502	Resolution Directing the City Administrator to Review the Ann Arbor Crosswalk Ordinance (Section 10:148 of the Ann Arbor City Code).	Provide an engineering review of the Section 10:148 of City Code by an appropriately credentialed professional engineer,	Presented to the Transportation Commission on 1711115. Due to Council on 171218.
		Review the applicable definition of a crosswalk.	Presented to the Transportation Commission on 171115.
		Review and summarize the infrastructure added since the adoption of the 2010 ordinance and its appropriateness	Due to Council 171218.
		Provide the rationale for the recent removal of curb ramps.	Presented to the Transportation Commission on 171115.
		<i>Present the above items to the City's Transportation Commission for review and policy recommendations.</i>	<i>Presented to the Transportation Commission on 171115. Transportation Commission recommended retaining current crosswalk ordinance. Action completed.</i>

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		Present the City's Transportation Commission's recommendations to the Council's Policy Agenda Committee.	Due to Council at 171218 meeting.