

City Administrator's Report – May 7, 2018

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

Safety Notes

The City of Ann Arbor Changing Driver Behavior Study will resume toward the end of this month.

Continuing efforts to raise crosswalk safety awareness, the City has launched a media campaign. The City of Ann Arbor's Changing Driver Behavior study will take place once again this May and June with a new media campaign and round of traffic enforcement. The study, conducted in collaboration with Dr. Ron Van Houten and his team from Western Michigan University, began last year with the goal of utilizing enforcement, in street messaging and communications to improve the yielding and stopping rates at crosswalks in Ann Arbor.

A new ad about stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks will begin airing across southeast Michigan beginning the week of May 1. Additional enforcement at targeted sites in Ann Arbor will begin on Tuesday, May 29 and last two weeks.

A dozen locations on commute routes are part of the study, with half receiving enhanced enforcement and stopping/yielding rate feedback, the other half acting as controls where data is collected to find if compliance rates outside the targeted routes improve. In addition to the media campaign and traffic enforcement, changeable message signs along the road will update drivers on yielding rates allowing the public to see progress in real time.

Last year's efforts resulted in significant improvements. At the targeted enforcement sites across the city, yielding rates went from a mean of 27 percent to 58 percent. At observations sites, where only data was collected, yielding rates jumped from 37 percent to 49 percent. Every action, every day, be safe!

Success Stories

Success! A *Recognition of the Graduates of the Ann Arbor Citizens Academy* is an introduction item on the May 7 City Council Agenda. This celebrates the successful completion of the first Ann Arbor Citizens Academy. During a series of six weekly sessions, participants connected with City staff to learn more about day-to-day operations throughout City government. Thank you to the graduates and City staff on their achievement!

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 5th Council meeting. In accordance with this resolution, a resolution to confirm nomination of the task force

members were approved at the March 19, 2018 Council Agenda. The Task Force has held two meetings which are available via replay [CTN On Demand](#)

The **City Council Work Session on May 14** will focus on the “Ensuring an Inclusive Community – Equity and Housing.”

Councilmembers should send any **FY19 Budget Questions** to Sara Higgins and me, copying Tom Crawford, and Karen Lancaster. Topics will grouped by subject area and responded to weekly throughout the budget process. Responses will be posted on the [Budget Public Process web page](#).

Morehead-Delaware Pedestrian Bridge Open to the Public. The sidewalks were replaced last week and restoration work has been done. Staff will continue to monitor the restoration work to make sure everything is growing properly this spring, but at this point the project is substantially complete. Thank you to Engineering staff for their efforts.

Previews

The **May 7 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- ***A Public Hearing and Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5:1 and 5:10.4 of Chapter 55 (Zoning) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to Modify the Definition of Fraternity or Sorority House and Amend Corresponding Special Exception Use Standards (Ordinance No. ORD-18-06)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 4.52 Acres from PL (Public Land District) to R1A Single-Family Dwelling District, 2301 Highland Road Rezoning, 2301 Highland Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Years and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-07)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve New Fees for Fairview Cemetery***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve New Fees for Adding Additional Quadricycles to a Commercial Quadricycle Operating Permit***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2019 Fee Adjustments for Public Services Area - Engineering and Public Works***
- ***A Public Hearing Only of a Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2019***
- ***At First Reading An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of Approximately 1.8 Acres from P (Parking District) to C2B (Business Service District), Briarwood Mall Parcel 2 Rezoning, 700/720/760 Briarwood Circle (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Years and 1 Nays)***

- At First Reading **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:61 through 2:64, and 2:69, and to Repeal Section 2:73 of Chapter 29 (Change Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**
- At First Reading **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:58 and 4:59 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the City Relative to Responsibility for the Repair of Adjacent Sidewalks**
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- At First Reading **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 7:604 and 7:606 of Chapter 96 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) of Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**

WIP (Work in Progress)

List of Roads for Reconstruction, Resurfacing and Preventative Maintenance for 2018. The City of Ann Arbor has released the tentative list of roads to be part of 2018's reconstruction, resurfacing and preventative maintenance program. This year's construction season will see a complete reconstruction of North Fifth Avenue and Detroit Street in Kerrytown, in collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority, as well as resurfacing of 24 segments of road throughout the city. In addition, stretches of 44 major streets and local roads will have preventative maintenance performed, which takes only a few days to complete but will help extend their useable life and improve traveling conditions. [A map](#) (PDF) and more information about these and other road/utility projects in Ann Arbor can be found at a2gov.org/engineering.

The projected funding for transportation projects in FY2019 is provided in the table below:

| AREA | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Roads | \$18,177,843 |
| Sidewalks | 2,243,043 |
| New Lighting | 115,000 |
| Signs | 343,631 |
| Pavement Markings | 473,637 |
| Lighting Replacement/Maintenance | 639,637 |
| Electronic Speed Limit Signs -Schools | 200,000 |
| TOTAL | \$22,192,965 |

Other

Tuesday, May 8 Special Election Day. The Special Election for an Ann Arbor Public Schools millage will occur citywide on Tuesday, May 8. All city polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. For ballot

information, visit www.a2gov.org/elections; and to locate your ward and/or polling place, go to the Michigan Voter Information web page at www.michigan.gov/vote or contact the city clerk's office at 734.794.6140 or in person.

For those planning to vote absentee, the Ann Arbor city clerk's office will be open special hours Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m.–2 p.m. for voters to pick up or turn in Special Election absentee ballots. All absentee ballots must be returned to the city clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. The city clerk's office is located on the second floor of Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron St. On-street or lot parking is available off of Ann Street, east of Fifth Avenue. In-person requests for absentee ballots will be accepted at the city clerk's office until 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7. Voters requesting ballots on May 7 must vote and return the ballot that same day.