

City Administrator's Report – July 2, 2018

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

Safety Notes

Every action, every day, be safe! Stay safe and comfortable when temperatures soar. The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration and the National Weather Service are providing a [heat awareness fact sheet](#) (PDF) to explain heat-related terms, dangers and warning signs. This resource also notes appropriate first aid guidelines to administer in addition to calling for help when needed. Be sure to note the following precautions from NOAA and NWS to be safe whether at work, home or play.

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. If you wait until you feel thirsty, dehydration may already be setting in.
 - Identify a cool place nearby to seek refuge from the heat when needed; and know the symptoms to watch out for of heat-related illnesses.
 - Avoid over exertion, particularly during the hottest hours of the day, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Be sure to check out the [NOAA/NWS fact sheet](#) (PDF) for many more tips and details.

Fireworks. If you're planning to celebrate the July 4th holiday with fireworks, please remember to do so safely and responsibly. For starters, per [City of Ann Arbor ordinance](#) (Section 9:266 of Chapter 115 Weapons and Explosives of Title IX), keep in mind that fireworks usage is permitted only during certain timeframes and only around national holidays. For the Independence Day holiday, use is allowed only on July 3, July 4 and July 5, and only 8 a.m.–11:59 p.m. on these dates. Use is always prohibited at city parks, schools and all public and private property that isn't your own.

Now that you know the "when" and the "where (not)," visit the city website to [learn more about how fireworks may be used](#), as well as some friendly, neighborly reminders and safety tips. For more information related to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act please reference the [Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Fireworks Program](#).

Enjoy the holiday and please stay safe!

Success Stories

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has selected the partnership among the City of Ann Arbor, the City of Detroit, the City of Windsor, the University of Michigan and private sector partners Ford and Deloitte to participate in the WEF's SIMSystem: Designing Seamless Integrated Mobility Project pilot. The pilot seeks to merge technology and transportation systems to provide enhanced mobility address the region.

The Forum received 13 applications representing 10 different countries. The applicant pool was diverse, competitive and demonstrative of the impressive range of mobility advancements occurring across the world. On 10 May, the SIMSystem Working Group convened in New York to evaluate the applications and

narrowed down the pool of 13 applications to four finalists. By majority vote, the Working Group selected Michigan-Canada as the top applicant and also elected to partner with only one geography in this initial pilot year. The SIMSystem Steering Committee approved the Working Group's recommendation on May 24. Team members participated in a kick-off meeting on June 19 in Detroit.

City staff leadership successfully completed a 4-day training program with **FEMA on Community Emergency Preparedness**. The program concluded with a simulated exercise designed to test the City's procedures and communications. The A2 extended team, including representatives from the State Police, University of Michigan, Michigan Medicine, Veterans Administration, St. Joseph's, Huron Valley Ambulance, Red Cross, and Washtenaw County Health did an exceptional job as strong relationships were developed.

On Tuesday, June 26, Shift 2, Fire Engine 1-1: Lieutenant Brent Kostanko, Driver/Operator Danielle Lalonde, FF Robert Vanderkarr, and FF Cody Eddington with HVA **delivered a healthy baby girl named Promise**. Excellent work!

Council Priorities/Initiatives

The Advisory Task Force on Community Policing is continuing to meet and seek community input on the formation of a Community Policing Commission, per the recommendation of the **Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices**. Task Force meetings are posted on Legistar. Past Task Force meetings are available via replay on [CTN On Demand](#).

Previews

The **July 2 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- A Public Hearing and **Resolution to Approve 321 North Main Street Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, 321 North Main Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Years and 0 Nays)**
- A Public Hearing and **Resolution to Approve Homewood Suites Planned Project Site Plan, 2457 South State Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Years and 0 Nays)**
- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of **An Ordinance to Replace Previously Repealed Chapter 9 (Model Neighborhood Policy Board) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor with a New Chapter, Which New Chapter Shall be Designated as Chapter 9 (City Seal and Flag) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**
- At First Reading **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of .41 Acre from R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to O (Office District), 2455 South Main Rezoning, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Years and 0 Nays)**

WIP (Work in Progress)

Nixon Corridor Improvement Project Survey Extended to July 29. The survey for input regarding the initial design of the Nixon Road Corridor has been extended to July 29. The project limits are between north of Huron Parkway roundabout to south of the M-14 overpass and excludes the recently constructed Dhu Varren roundabout. Additional project information is available at a2gov.org/Nixon.

Water rates. A new website has been established, a2gov.org/waterrates, to help people with questions regarding the changes to drinking water and sewer rates that Council enacted on June 18.

The City is engaged with other regional partners in exploring the benefits of a combined approach to addressing solid waste issues. The working group has prepared a working draft **Articles of Incorporation for the Eastern Washtenaw Solid Waste Authority**. Council will continue to be kept apprised of progress as it occurs.

Other

Independence Day Schedule. City of Ann Arbor municipal offices will be closed for Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4. There will be no trash, recycling or compost collection on the 4th. Regular Wednesday pickups will occur on Thursday, and the rest of the collections will occur one day later throughout the week. The normal Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday, July 7. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Ann Arbor Art Fair Thursday–Sunday, July 19–22. The annual [Ann Arbor Art Fair](#) will bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city when it returns this year Thursday–Sunday, July 19–22. Check the city's [road and lane closures web page](#) as the event nears to find out which streets will be closed.

City Seeks Champion Tree Nominations accepted through July 31. The City of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the Champion Tree program this summer. The Champion Tree program identifies and catalogs the largest tree of each species within the city and then publishes the results within a searchable online map. If you believe your tree to be one of the biggest and best of its species, please visit a2gov.org/champtrees to fill out a nomination form.

Forestry staff will then evaluate tree nominations and will notify residents if their tree is selected. Both public and private trees may be nominated. Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2018. Nominations received after July 31 will be evaluated for inclusion in the 2019 Champion Tree list.