



Administrator's Report

The city's mission is to deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.

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

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update *Enjoy the Great Outdoors Safely.* Ticks, those little annoying creatures are back — and back energetically — here in Michigan. As you enjoy the great outdoors, be aware that the presence of these critters comes with a whole host of problems, including disease transmission and illness. The blacklegged tick is the primary spreader of Lyme disease. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services ([MDHHS](#)) advises you take precautions in areas where ticks are likely to be present: wear clothes that cover as much skin as possible, and use an insect repellent —after you use sunscreen and do a tick check. You can find out more about the repellent that might be right for you from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [here](#).

A2 Be Safe!

BICENTENNIAL NEWS

Ann Arbor Bicentennial (1824-2024). Planning is underway for Ann Arbor's 200th birthday, to be celebrated throughout the entirety of 2024, with a myriad of events that will be fun, educational, unifying, and inclusive. To kick off this planning year, the Bicentennial Coordinating Committee quickly identified the need to develop a special logo to commemorate the year-long celebration, one that can be used by the community and event organizers to establish consistency and be a recognizable symbol of our collective efforts. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=948>. The Bicentennial logo will be shared with event organizers and others who wish to use it on their promotional materials. Logo requests can be directed to info@a2bicentennial.org. We encourage you to co-brand your events. An event calendar with bicentennial activities will be available soon.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATIONS

- **Great News! Congresswoman Dingell Announced Federal Funding for an Ann Arbor Geothermal System Design.** Congresswoman Debbie Dingell announced that Ann Arbor was selected by the Department of Energy to receive up to \$588,000 to design a [community geothermal heating and cooling system](#). The Ann Arbor project will be a looped geothermal system paired with efficiency improvements, rooftop solar, and battery storage that covers at least 75% of the heating and cooling load and eliminates energy burden for

262 low-income households, a local school, a community mental health service center, and the city's public works facility. For more information about Ann Arbor's project click [here](#). For more information about geothermal heating and cooling, visit DOE's [Geothermal Technologies Office website](#).

- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter.** If you haven't already, please subscribe to monthly, detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren't already, please subscribe at: https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIANNA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIANNA_146.
- **Community Listening Sessions on Sustainable Heating Feedback.** A central part of the city's A²ZERO goal is becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and that means implementing clean, renewable energy choices to heat homes and businesses. On March 20, Ann Arbor City Council approved a [resolution](#) directing Ann Arbor's city administrator to work with interested utilities to begin initiating a responsible and careful transition to clean, safe, and renewable energy for heat in Ann Arbor. To support this work, the City is hosting a series of public discussions and feedback sessions, including:
 - **Listening Sessions:** Two virtual listening sessions are scheduled on May 11 (Register [here](#)) and May 18 (Register [here](#)), both at 6 p.m. to gather community feedback about what sustainable heating could look like in Ann Arbor to help inform city staff negotiating the city's heating franchise. You need only register to attend one session, but registration is required.
 - **Request for Ideas:** A new request for ideas has been released to gather ideas from industry, utilities, and businesses working on sustainable heating. Organizations interested in submitting ideas to this request should visit the [city's website](#) for details.
 - **Email:** Interested individuals are encouraged to email ideas or questions to franchisefeedback@a2gov.org.

Additional information about the City's work on sustainable heating can be found [on the City's website](#).

- **Energy Options Analysis** – OSI and 5Lakes Energy are deep in data analysis for the Energy Options Analysis. If all goes well, the team should be ready to share preliminary results in summer.
- **Commercial Solar** — OSI, in collaboration with the Ann Arbor 2030 District, has launched a new program to help commercial properties in the city and throughout Washtenaw County access the benefits of clean, renewable energy. The A2 Area Commercial Solar Program will provide one-on-one assistance to screen properties for solar potential, help with designing and releasing request for proposals to qualified installers, support in reviewing proposal responses and financial benefits, and help reviewing post-installation energy bills.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***Ann Arbor Solar Stories*** takes place the first Thursday of each month, 7–8 p.m. This one-hour, online event is hosted by the GLREA where the community can hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links. The next event will be held on Zoom Thursday, May 4, 7–8 p.m. Register in advance at <https://www.2glrea.org/events-1/thursday-night-energy-events>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information to join the meeting.
- The monthly 2023 sustainability forum series continues. Join OSI and special guests by registering (for any or all forums) at https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fmqnRmqXT6SgpyK mzRSQVg#/registration.

Upcoming forums are:

- May 31: Where do WE go from here?
- Save the Date: A²ZERO week is coming June 4th – 10th! If you have an activity you'd like to host during that week, please let Missy know (mstults@a2gov.org).

COUNCIL PRIORITIES/INITIATIVES

Ordinance Chapter 14, 1:316 Sole/Best Source Data. Pursuant to changes approved by City Council on July 15, 2019, to [Chapter 14, 1:316](#), attached is the Sole/Best Source data for April 2023 for purchases over \$3,000.

PREVIEWS

The **May 1 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (11). There are 11 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (5). Public Hearings are listed below and under Second Readings.

- Resolution to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Fee Adjustments for the Public Services Area - Engineering, Public Works, Systems Planning, Water Treatment Units and the Fleet and Facilities - Airport Unit of the City Administrator's Office (Public Hearing Only)
- Resolution to Approve FY 2024 Fee Adjustments for CSA (Public Hearing Only)
- Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Hearing Only)

Ordinances – Second Readings (2).

- A Public Hearing and Ordinance to Amend Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 (Water Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor
- A Public Hearing and Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor
- **Ordinances – First Readings (1).**
- An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, (\$40,000,000.00) (Roll Call Vote Required - One Reading Only)

OTHER

City of Ann Arbor Seeks Resident Input About Early Voting. With the approval of Proposition 2 in 2022, Michigan will be introducing nine days of early voting as another option for voters to conveniently cast ballots in statewide federal elections. The City of Ann Arbor is now asking for resident input as the city clerk's office prepares to implement early voting for the 2024 election cycle.

A six-question, anonymous survey has launched to help inform the city of how voters prefer to cast their ballots and their general awareness of the new early voting option. The survey can be found at

https://communityfeedback.opengov.com/portals/annarbormi/Issue_12769 and is open through Monday, May 22, 2023.

“In light of these new changes coming, the City of Ann Arbor plans to use this feedback from city residents to make the voting process convenient, easy to understand and accessible to all who wish to cast a ballot,” said Ann Arbor City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry. Early voting centers will allow voters to come early to vote and tabulate their ballots ahead of Election Day thereby eliminating long lines and wait times. This is a change from the previous system that only allowed early voting using an absentee ballot that was sealed in an envelope and not tabulated until Election Day.

For more information on elections and voting in Ann Arbor, visit www.a2gov.org/elections.

Celebrate Spring with NAP May Events in the Ann Arbor Parks. There are so many reasons - and ways - to celebrate nature in April and May! Join Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation to get involved for Earth Day, World Migratory Bird Day, Huron River Day, World Bee Day, Endangered Species Day, International Day for Biodiversity and more. Also, bird and turtle survey efforts kick off; and join NAP for a guided nature walk. Please see the news release online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=962>, for details.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Purchasing Manager
DATE: 4/28/2023
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for April 2023

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for April 2023 for purchases over \$3,000. Any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

cc: Marti Praschan, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Higgins, Director of Operations

Sole/Best Source for April 2023

Unit	Amount	Vendor	Item	Description	Type
Sustainability	\$ 15,000.00	Sunstone Strategies	(NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).96258	SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING	Best Source
Police	\$ 4,620.00	Brewer's Inc	*AP Invoice	AAPD DB TOWING AND STORAGE	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 24,920.00	Carlisle Wortman	*AP Invoice	EVALUATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 20,000.00	Benlee	BUS PARTS AND EQUIPMENT.99809	TARP PARTS	Best Source
Financial Services	\$ 7,980.00	InPower Consulting	*AP Invoice	COACHING SESSIONS	Best Source
Transportation	\$ 43,050.00	Michigan Lighting Systems East	STREET LIGHT POLES AND STANDARDS.28580	STADIUM RD STREETLIGHT POLES, FIXTURES AND LUMINAIRES	Sole Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 4,784.66	Cummins Sales and Service	*AP Invoice	CITY HALL GENERATOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 5,886.00	Eaton Corporation	*AP Invoice	BATTERY BACKUP	Sole Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 85,000.00	Jack Doheny Supplies	*AP Invoice	PARTS & REPAIRS	Sole Source
WWTP	\$ 186,175.00	D3W Industries	CHEMICALS (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).50530	ODOR CONTROL CHEMICAL (YEAR 1)	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 39,825.00	Bridgeport	*AP Invoice	NAP - STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 14,403.06	Michigan CAT	*AP Invoice	NORTH CAMPUS GEN RADIATOR	Sole Source
Water Treatment	\$ 4,591.50	Security Pest Control	*AP Invoice	SUPERIOR DAM PEST CONTROL	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 12,000.00	Callaway Golf	*AP Invoice	GOLF MERCHANDISE FOR PROSHOPS	Best Source
Fire	\$ 4,672.00	VanWinkle Mattress Co	*AP Invoice	4 TWIN XL MATTRESSES AND 4 TWIN XL STEEL PLATFORMS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 9,083.49	Engineered Floors	*AP Invoice	LPGC - CLUBHOUSE FLOORING	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 5,000.00	Taylor Made Golf Company	*AP Invoice	LPGC - GOLF MERCHANDISE FOR PROSHOPS	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 49,867.00	Core Electric	*AP Invoice	BARTON #3 #4 MOTORS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 4,746.28	Presidio Networked Solutions Group	*AP Invoice	NAP OFFICES - BADGE READER INSTALL	Best Source
Fire	\$ 6,927.00	A.Z. Shmina	*AP Invoice	STATION 1: DOOR AT INSPECTORS ENTRANCE	Best Source