

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: December 7, 2015
Email Redactions List Pursuant to Council Resolution R-09-386

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14	9:03 PM		Chuck Warpehoski	Jacqueline Beaudry			
15	9:17 PM		All City Council	Mrs. Alexander		Email Address	Privacy

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Warpehoski, Chuck
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 7:30 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: draft amended religious observance rule change
Attachments: religiousobservance.pdf; ATT00001.txt

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Cc: Warpehoski, Chuck
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From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 7:38 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Crawford, Tom; Postema, Stephen
Subject: FW: proposed amendment for Rule 5C (consent agenda)

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From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 5:44 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: Fwd: proposed amendment for Rule 5C (consent agenda)

here it is.

Sabra Briere
First Ward City Council
Ann Arbor
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734-277-6578 (cell)

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

On Dec 3, 2015, at 1:15 PM, Briere, Sabra <SBriere@a2gov.org> wrote:

The current version reads:

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The Consent Agenda shall consist of ordinances and resolutions considered routine. Items on the Consent Agenda may be approved by a single motion. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda shall not require the reading of the titles of items on that agenda other than ordinances. If any member of the Council objects to consideration of an item as part of the Consent Agenda, that item shall be moved to the end of the appropriate portion of the regular agenda. All contracts under \$100,000.00 will be listed in the consent agenda for council approval. Contracts over \$100,000.00 will be listed in Motions and Resolutions under the DS section for staff.

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First Ward City Council member
Ann Arbor, MI

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From: Reena Liberman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 7:56 PM
To: Grand, Julie
Subject: Re: Bike lights/Non-motorized citizen committee

Julie: I look forward to a thoughtful and successful program.

Reena

On Mon, Dec 7, 2015 at 5:48 PM, Grand, Julie <JGrand@a2gov.org> wrote:
Hi Reena,

I just wanted to share that I'll be bringing forth a resolution this evening at Council to partner with the getDowntown Program in giving away bike lights. Our plan is to pair these lights with a TBD educational message.

All the best,

Julie

Julie Grand
Ann Arbor City Council, Ward 3
[\(734\) 678-7567](tel:(734)678-7567) (c)

On Dec 2, 2015, at 11:22 AM, Reena Liberman [REDACTED] wrote:

Bike light giveaways is a good idea but it needs to be paired with creating greater public awareness about cyclers realizing how invisible we are, particularly in the dark, to the typical driver who we are sharing the road with. My hope is that it will gradually become obvious to cyclers about the need to be lit up from all directions, something on the front, back, spokes maybe, etc

Reena

On Wed, Dec 2, 2015 at 11:05 AM, Nancy Shore <nancy@getdowntown.org> wrote:

Zach and others,

Yes, it is true that we aren't giving away bike lights this year as part of Conquer the Cold. Instead we are giving away other reflective items.

However, I would also be interested in a wider effort in collaboration with other partners.

--Nancy

<image001.gif><image002.jpg>

Nancy Shore, *Business Services Director*

getDowntown Program and TheRide

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From: Ackerman, Zach [<mailto:ZAckerman@a2gov.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 10:27 AM

To: Reena Liberman [REDACTED] Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org>

Cc: Grand, Julie <JGrand@a2gov.org>; Nancy Shore <nancy@getdowntown.org>; Smith, Chip

<ChSmith@a2gov.org>; Erica [REDACTED]; Westphal, Kirk <KWestphal@a2gov.org>;

Linda Diane Feldt [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Bike lights/Non-motorized citizen committee

Chuck & all,

You're right about the getDowntown giveaway, but looks like the prizes have changed. Last time I could find bike lights as a prize for Conquer the Cold was 2011. Might be something for them to look into again. Here are their current prizes: <http://challenge.getdowntown.org/learn-how-it-works.php>

I could definitely get behind a broader program though.

Best,
Zach

Zachary Ackerman

Ann Arbor City Council

Ward 3

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From: Reena Liberman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Warpehoski, Chuck
Cc: Grand, Julie; nancy@getdowntown.org; Ackerman, Zach; Smith, Chip; Erica; Westphal, Kirk; Linda Diane Feldt
Subject: Re: Bike lights/Non-motorized citizen committee

Thanks for this information. It can be incorporated into the discussion at the Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition meeting next week.

Reena Liberman

On Wed, Dec 2, 2015 at 9:36 AM, Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org> wrote:

Locally the AAATA and the getDowntown program have had some level of bike light giveaway. I believe the AAATA program was when they added bike racks to the buses and the getDowntown project was for participants in their Conquer the Cold winter commuting challenge.

-Chuck

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> On Dec 1, 2015, at 1:09 PM, Grand, Julie <JGrand@a2gov.org> wrote:
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> Hi Reena,
>
> Thank you so much for reaching out and sharing your interest in serving on a citizen

committee tasked with improving bike safety. Since our call, I've done some preliminary research on bike light giveaway programs. Most seem to involve public-private partnership and some have included universities. So the good news is that there are existing models out there.

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> I will definitely keep you in-the-loop as the conversations progress. Thank you so much for your interest in being part of the solution. Our city truly benefits from citizens like you.

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> Best,

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> Julie

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From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
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To: Postema, Stephen
Cc: Briere, Sabra; Crawford, Tom
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This is the Rule that was referred to the Rules Committee.

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From: John Lloyd [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 8:30 PM
To: Warpehoski, Chuck
Subject: Re: support for deer cull

Yes, it was.

On Mon, Dec 7, 2015, 3:45 PM Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org> wrote:
Thank you.

I remember speaking with someone on Spring Street on this issue 3 years ago when I was first running for office. Was that you?

-Chuck

Chuck Warpehoski
Ann Arbor City Council, Ward 5
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c: 734-972-8304

On Dec 6, 2015, at 3:05 PM, John Lloyd [REDACTED] wrote:

Chuck,

I appreciate your support for the deer cull. I know those on the other side are getting loud about it - just want to let you know I think you're on the right side, and the side of the majority. I intend to get as loud as necessary to ensure the city goes ahead with the cull.

I know I don't need to convert you, so feel free to skip the rest of this message, but I've put down more thoughts on this subject below.

John Lloyd
[REDACTED]

I love animals and have been a supporter of the Humane Society, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund for years, but the status quo is neither good for deer, good for the environment, or good for the people of Ann Arbor.

Last winter we woke most mornings to find 3 deer in our yard at 1029 Spring St. It was difficult to get them to leave - I could approach to within 15 feet without their being deterred, and as the largest of the 3 glared at me. They primarily grazed on yew shrubs at the back of our property. These bushes range from about twenty to forty feet high and run for about forty feet across the back property line, creating a very effective privacy hedge that's about fifteen feet deep. These shrubs were there and

mature twenty years ago when we moved into our house - I think they must be at least 30 years old. The deer did a great deal of damage to the bushes up to about six feet high, turning a beautiful hedge into an eyesore. I don't know whether the plants will survive and recover from this damage or not. If we have to replace them, it will be a huge and expensive project, and it would take decades to achieve the same effect. In fact, I don't know how we could achieve the same effect with plants that would not just be eaten again.

The deer did not come back as frequently in the summer. We had some damage to hostas, tulips and other plants, but it was not as severe. However, I expect that will change as the deer population continues to grow and eliminates other sources of food.

I realize some people don't think it's justifiable to kill deer even if they cause thousands of dollars of damage to people's landscapes, but it is also not good for the ecology of the area to have an out of control deer population. "If deer populations reach extreme levels, they virtually eliminate the regeneration of many plant species that are essential to the functional biodiversity of living landscapes." (page 33 *The Living Landscape*, Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy, Timber Press, 2014). Deer in this area are doing damage to parks like Bird Hills and Bluffs and it will get worse.

I also question whether it's in the deer's best interest allow the status quo to continue. In a more natural ecosystem, deer would have predators who would not only kill deer, but also keep them from lingering too long in the same location. Deaths by predator are a more traumatic experience than deaths by sharpshooters. If the population is left to grow uncontrolled, it will not be too long before they have eliminated the plants they eat within the city, and will have no place else to turn, and many will starve.

Then there are issues like automobile safety and lyme disease.

Non-lethal methods are not cost-effective when used alone.

I share the views of the group Washtenaw Citizens for Ecological Balance (www.wc4eb.org) and recommend you visit their web site.

Alexa, Jennifer

From: Grant Strobl [gstrobl@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 8:32 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Gov't Relations: U-M Central Student Government

Mayor Taylor & Council,

It was a pleasure attending the city council meeting tonight.

Once again I am Grant Strobl, the current government relations chair for the U-M Central Student Government. I am tasked with working with local, state and federal governments to provide input and suggestions to policy that would benefit the university community here in Ann Arbor. Furthermore, I am a resource for everyone on the council to provide the student perspective.

From public safety to housing, I look forward to help coordinate efforts between the students and the city.

It would be great to sit down and meet each of you in person. Please let me know if you have any scheduled coffee/office hours, or when you are most available.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email (gstrobl@umich.edu) or mobile phone

[REDACTED]
Cordially,

Grant Strobl
Chairman, Government Relations (Central Student Government)
[REDACTED]

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From: Microsoft Outlook on behalf of Grand, Julie
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 8:59 PM
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To: JLumm@a2gov.org, Expanded: CityCouncilMembersAll@a2gov.org

To: SKailasapathy@a2gov.org, Expanded: CityCouncilMembersAll@a2gov.org

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To: ChSmith@a2gov.org, Expanded: CityCouncilMembersAll@a2gov.org

..Title

Resolution to Direct Staff to Allocate \$1,000.00 from ~~the Alternative Transportation Education Budget~~General Fund Fund Balance to Fund a Bike Light Giveaway Program for Ann Arbor Residents (8 Votes)

..Body

Whereas, Section 257.662 of the State of Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (MVC) requires, "A bicycle...being operated on a roadway between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.";

Whereas, It is in the interest of all transportation users to increase cyclists' visibility;

Whereas, On December 3, 2015, the getDowntown Program, in partnership with the Ann Arbor DDA, established a program providing bike lights and reflective gear to downtown employees; and

Whereas, The getDowntown Program has received a number of requests for these materials from Ann Arbor residents who are not employed in the downtown; and

Whereas, By partnering with the getDowntown Program, the City of Ann Arbor hopes to encourage additional partnerships to promote cycling safety and to provide safety equipment and educational material, especially for those who cannot afford such equipment; and

Whereas, For mid-year expenditure increases, Council typically identifies a source of offsetting revenue or reduced expenditure; and

Whereas, The General Fund Community Events fund process was completed earlier this fiscal year with \$1,000.00 remaining unspent, and there are no pending applications for this use.

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council directs staff to reduce the Community Events budgeted funds by \$1,000.00 and re-allocate \$1,000.00 from the Alternative Transportation Education Budget these monies to the General Fund Public Services Administration area to establish and fund a Bike Light Giveaway Program for the residents of Ann Arbor.

Sponsored by: Council Members Grand, Smith, Ackerman and Westphal

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Subject: Re: draft calendar rule change

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> On Dec 7, 2015, at 8:58 PM, Beaudry, Jacqueline <JBeaudry@a2gov.org> wrote:
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> Can you send me your amendment in email or text file? I can't format the PDF.
> Thanks!

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> www.a2gov.org P Think Green! Please don't print this e-mail unless
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> From: Warpehoski, Chuck
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RULE 3 □ Time and place of Council Meetings

Council shall establish a calendar of the time and place of regular meetings of Ann Arbor City Council by the third regular Council meeting after the general election.

Regular meetings of the Ann Arbor City Council shall be held on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber at City Hall, with exceptions as defined below:

- *When the first or third Monday is a major holiday, in which case the meeting shall be held the next secular day (Tuesday), or a later day that same week as set by Council.*
- *When the first or third Monday precedes an election day, in which case it will be held on Thursday of that week.*
- *When Council Chambers at City Hall are unavailable due to construction or other reasons, Council Meetings shall be re-located to another suitable location.*
- *For the purpose of this rule, major holiday shall be defined as:*
 - *any civic holiday observed by the City of Ann Arbor, or*
 - *any major religious holiday observed by more than 2.5% of Ann Arbor residents (as reported on City-Data.com or other appropriate survey) and that precludes civic participation from adherents.*
- *Council shall also avoid scheduling work sessions on major holidays and, when possible, avoid scheduling special sessions on major holidays.*
- *For the 2016 calendar year, the religious holidays recognized for rescheduling shall include:*
 - *The first and second nights of Passover*
 - *The evening before and the first night of Eid al-Fitr (as determined by the Fiqh Council of North America and reported on moonsighting.com)*
 - *The the evening of the first night of Rosh Hashanah, the first 2 days of Rosh Hashanah, and the evening following the second day*,*
 - *The evening of Yom Kippur, the day of Yom Kippur, and the evening following the day of Yom Kippur*

Council may, by majority vote, adjust the schedule of regular meeting times and places to accommodate special elections, construction, or other external contingencies that were unanticipated when the calendar was initially set.

(City Charter, section 4.4)

Alexa, Jennifer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 9:17 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Lumm, Jane; Westphal, Kirk; Grand, Julie; Kunselman, Stephen; Eaton, Jack; Krapohl, Graydon; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike; zaackerman@gmail.com; Ackerman, Zach; Smith, Chip; smitty2@gmail.com
Subject: STOP PUTTING THE SAFETY OF ANN ARBOR FAMILIES AT RISK!!!

Dear Mayor Taylor and City Council Members,

STOP PUTTING THE SAFETY OF ANN ARBOR FAMILIES AT RISK!!!

Every resident of Ann Arbor has a legal right to protect their safety. The City is putting the safety of Ann Arbor families at risk by scheduling the January, 2016 slaughter of deer in public parks close to residential homes. The governing law in Michigan is clear that no one may shoot or kill a deer within 450 feet of an occupied residence (the statutory "safety zone") without the written permission of the owner or occupant of that residence. The purpose of this law is to protect Ann Arbor families, and to provide general safety for the public at-large.

The City is planning to use the ineffective method of slaughtering 100 deer in public parks, less than 450 feet from residents' homes, to control the deer population. The City chose to approve the biased recommendations of its primary "consultant", the Washtenaw Citizens for Ecological Balance (more accurately the "Citizens for Slaughter") to cull the deer in Ann Arbor. This organization is a self-anointed group of non-experts who want to slaughter deer to protect landscaping. The founders of Citizens for Slaughter were originally members of Wild Ones, a group which promoted natural landscapes. Unfortunately, the City chose to ignore the expert advice of the Humane Society to use recognized and effective non-lethal methods to control the deer population in Ann Arbor. Members of the Citizens for Slaughter admit that the City Council's approved culling of 100 deer in the City's public parks will have to be within 450 feet of occupied residences to be effective. This will be a clear violation of Ann Arbor residents' statutory right not to have sharpshooters shoot and kill deer within their 450 foot "safety zone". The

City has not publically acknowledged that the statutory "safety zone" rule applies to the City's planned 2016 winter deer cull.

The City and Citizens for Slaughter members believe that if the 450 foot safety zone rule limits the City's deer culling in the public parks, there will not be enough locations for the culling to be successful. The City Council's decision to proceed with the slaughter of 100 deer is based on the false premise perpetrated by the DNR that the 450 foot safety zone law does not apply to permitted deer culls. THE CITY COUNCIL MUST REVERSE ITS DECISION TO CULL 100 DEER AND MUST RECONSIDER ITS DECISION NOT TO USE NON-LETHAL METHODS TO CONTROL THE DEER POPULATION IN ANN ARBOR. There is no difference under state law, requiring a 450 foot "safety zone" for home owners, whether the deer is shot and killed pursuant to an approved DNR deer nuisance permit or by a hunter during the hunting season. However, the DNR has taken the improper position that the 450 foot safety zone requirement only applies to hunters during the hunting season and not to DNR permitted deer culls; its position is patently false and not supported by the law. On April 18, 2015, the City received a copy of a legal opinion on this issue from Bruce Laidlaw, the former city attorney for Ann Arbor from 1976 to 1991. His legal opinion was that deer may only be shot if the sharpshooters are more than 450 feet from occupied dwellings unless the City has the written permission from the owner or occupant. The City was put on notice from its own former well respected city attorney that while the law authorizes the DNR to issue permits to kill deer causing nuisances, the law provides for no safety zone exceptions.

Therefore, the City may not violate the residents' statutory right which requires the City to obtain written permission from every single resident who resides within 450 feet of the City's planned deer slaughter in the public parks.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alexander

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.