

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: November 05, 2015  
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10	12:11 AM		wc4eb@great-lakes.net	Barnie Banet		Email address	Privacy

## Alexa, Jennifer

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**From:** Jenna Foley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 7:05 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane  
**Subject:** Re: deer

Hi Jane,

I did not see your message in time to attend the meeting in an orderly fashion, I wish I had. In the event that the vote is delayed I would like to support you in the issue, let me know.

Please share my email to the council if it's allowed.

Best,

Jenna

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 5, 2015, at 4:27 PM, Lumm, Jane <[JLumm@a2gov.org](mailto:JLumm@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Jenna, Any chance you could speak tonight in support of the cull and the city's deer mgmnt. plan? Tonight we're voting on hiring the sharpshooters and approving a moratorium on the use of firearms on public land for the purpose of a managed cull. Receiving push back... like the note below.

Thanks so much for taking the time to contact me re: this, Jenna! All best, Jane

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**From:** Lumm, Jane  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:22 PM  
**To:** 'Wendy Harter'  
**Cc:** Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Westphal, Kirk; Grand, Julie; Kunselman, Stephen; Krapohl, Graydon; Eaton, Jack; Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike; Powers, Steve; Bahl, Sumedh; Wondrash, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: deer

Wendy,

Please re-read the article – I did not state it as you describe. I never stated they contracted Lyme in AA or the County. What I sent you is not propaganda. Trust me, I have no “vested interests” other than protecting the public health, safety and welfare of our community. The city's deer management plan was developed in response to residents' concerns.

Thank you, Jane

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**From:** Wendy Harter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:14 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane  
**Subject:** Re: deer

Your reply wasn't helpful at all, the way you stated it for the article (who knows where they got Lyme disease) was intentionally misleading--you know it wasn't from around here as there's no lyme disease in county--a fact!! Stating it like you did made it seem like they could have caught it from around here--so just another politician willing to say anything even if not true--embarrassing for an educated and research oriented community like ann arbor! And please save all your propaganda about lyme disease & the deer "problem"--the whole project was a thinly disguised special interest (pork barrel) led by a politician with vested interests...Shame on you, Jane!

On Thursday, November 5, 2015 2:11 PM, "Lumm, Jane" <[JLumm@a2gov.org](mailto:JLumm@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Dear Wendy,

On Lyme disease, I did meet Ann Arbor residents who have been treated for Lyme – I'm stating a fact. I did not state that they contracted Lyme in Ann Arbor – they do not know where they contracted the disease, they shared that they had the disease and are Ann Arbor residents, and all shared concerns about deer overabundance (a problem Ann Arbor now has) and Lyme (to my knowledge, no cases of Lyme have yet been determined, by the County, to have been contracted w/in the county). One elderly couple invited me into their home to share their personal story, it was quite compelling. I am also familiar with the devastating effects of Lyme disease – my brother (does not live here) had Lyme disease, and was seriously ill.

Here's some information about Lyme disease:

- Lyme Disease and Deer: The Connection is Clear (October 10, 2014):  
<http://www.whitebuffaloinc.org/#!/Lyme-Disease-and-Deer-The-Connection-is-Clear/cw92/898F2DF2-63AB-41D8-83C0-533A2A06C85C>
- Attached is the full text of: "The Relationship Between Deer Density, Tick Abundance, and Human Cases of Lyme Disease in a Residential Community" Author(s) Howard J. Kilpatrick, Andrew M. Labononte, and Kirby C. Stafford, III Source: Journal of Medical Entomology, 51(4): 777-784. 2014. Published by: Entomological Society of America URL: <http://www.bioone.org/doi/full/10.1603/ME13232> This is a recent journal article that documented the effects of reducing the deer population on incidence of Lyme disease and tick abundance.
- [http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public\\_health/news/2013-news-stories/lyme-disease-in-washtenaw-frequently-asked-questions](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/public_health/news/2013-news-stories/lyme-disease-in-washtenaw-frequently-asked-questions)

Hope this is helpful.

Sincerely, Jane Lumm

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**From:** Wendy Harter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:15 AM  
**To:** CityCouncil  
**Subject:** deer

The comment by Jane Lumm in the the Ann Arbor News this morning was irresponsible and misleading at best and a calculated lie at worst--shame on her and all of you that support this type of rhetoric!!! Please, lets deal in facts, Jane, not errant comments that inflame--shame on you! You commented that you met people in the 2nd ward that had

Lyme disease and intimated that they got it here--despite THE FACT that it was stated clearly in the deer investigation that there were no incidences of lyme disease in the county!!!! Shame on you, Jane, for intimating things that are factually not true...

**Alexa, Jennifer**

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**From:** Edward Vielmetti [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 7:16 PM  
**To:** Kunselman, Stephen; CityClerk  
**Subject:** DC-1

The text for this agenda item was not available until the last possible moment. This is not an appropriate way to set the agenda for a public meeting.

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Edward Vielmetti [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Alexa, Jennifer**

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**From:** Freda Herseth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:17 PM  
**To:** Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)  
**Subject:** Interruption at Council Public Speaking Session

Dear Mayor Taylor,

thank you for reminding those in the chamber to not hiss.

Right afterwards, another speaker began and was interrupted by what seemed to be a council member, who then went so far as to shake his head.

I was hoping you would put a stop to that as well. It is bad enough that council members look bored, or shake their heads, read their computers when citizens speak.

thank you,  
Freda Herseth

Alexa, Jennifer

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**From:** Barb Leonard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:26 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane  
**Subject:** Re: Sharpshooter Vote

No Jane, Linda lives around the corner on Glendaloch, not Glendaloch Circle, second house off of Londonderry. Why don't people get it that non-lethal methods may be illegal (if I remember correctly deer sterilization isn't allowed in Michigan), cost prohibitive, and/or so stressful to deer that they don't survive the process (like relocation). And considering that I've lived in my house for thirty-six plus years and only started seeing deer ten years ago, I certainly don't feel like I've displaced them! Let me know how the vote goes.

Barb

Sent from my iPad

On Nov 5, 2015, at 9:51 AM, Lumm, Jane <[JLumm@a2gov.org](mailto:JLumm@a2gov.org)> wrote:

Barb – is this Jennifer Robertson's partner? Tonight Council votes on the sharpshooter contract. Hope you're enjoying Hawaii, and thanks so much for voting before you left town! :- ) Very best! Jane

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**From:** Linda Groat [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane  
**Subject:** Sharpshooter Vote

I am writing today because I just read that Council is voting tonight on the hiring of sharpshooters. It has been a great source of distress to me that you have so vigorously promoted the culling proposal despite the great number of Ward 2 residents who are so strongly opposed.

I would strongly urge that, at a minimum, this proposal be postponed! It seems so out of character with the values that most people in Ann Arbor hold dear.

To use an analogy, I assume nearly all A2 citizens are justifiably distressed by so many recent instances of police officers shooting first, before considering other less lethal options in conflict situations.

In this case, I can't believe our community would decide to "shoot first" instead of trying the least violent alternative. In a university-based research community, it is inconceivable to me that we would not explore the HSUS's recommended non-lethal alternative as a first choice.

Culling our deer neighbors is an essentially anthropocentric stance. Those of us who choose to live in our woodland areas are the interlopers. We are the ones who can and should adapt by planting alternative plants/ shrubs and spraying the more vulnerable garden species.

Sincerely,  
Linda N. Groat  
[REDACTED]

## Alexa, Jennifer

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**From:** Sharman Spieser [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:18 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane; Grand, Julie; Briere, Sabra; Westphal, Kirk; Warpehoski, Chuck  
**Subject:** Feedback About Police Chief Candidates

Hello City Council Members,

As a result of my conversations with the candidates for police chief, I recommend James White as our police department's next leader. I realize that you may, on the basis of your in-depth questioning tomorrow, decide Officer White is not qualified and start a new search. I will respect that decision if you come to it. But tonight it was clear to me that neither the interim chief nor the candidate from Texas should be the next leader of our police department. Here is why I came to these conclusions:

Dr. Hsiao-Wen Lo and I asked all three candidates the same questions, which had to do with 1. recruitment and training; 2. programs to improve the perceptions' residents (and visitors) can get of the police if their only interactions are around crime prevention; 3. the issues of intrinsic bias and internalized and structural racism.

Officer White was the only one whose responses indicated he had experience, had taken initiative and was prepared to assume leadership (including pushback about new initiatives, such as the citizen oversight committee). He gave several examples that described roles he's played and responsibilities related to policy, practice and program development. White did not hesitate or become defensive when responding to any of the questions we (or people around us) asked.

There were three things about Jim Baird's responses that raised concern: 1 He did not have proposals for programs that would engage the police in non-crime prevention activities, which are part of the core of community policing; 2 Instead he talked about "if only" the public would understand what the police are doing - that the public needed to be "educated". This attitude puts the burden of developing positive relationships with the police on the residents and on visitors, when it should be on the police (who should be supported in this by their chief, training, best practices, and the department's priorities). 3 He appeared defensive, especially when we brought up issues like intrinsic bias and racism. When the country is having national conversations about these problems, it is imperative that we have a chief of police who is able to talk about them in his own community without coming across as guarded or uncomfortable.

Rob Severance and his responses indicated an officer who is a thoughtful, compassionate and dedicated human being - but who does not have any experience with a city as complex as Ann Arbor. When asked about intrinsic bias, he responded by asking, "Is there racism in Ann Arbor?" While this is an image that many would like Ann Arbor to have, we do not want a new police chief who needs to learn that racism (and other forms of conscious and unconscious discrimination) exist in our community.

(Chuck, the conversation with Officer Severance occurred after you asked me for feedback.)

I still question an applicant pool that apparently didn't include a more diverse, experienced and highly qualified number of candidates. I'm raising this concern as the city heads into the search and selection process for the city administrator position. But I'll save my questions about that for another email.



I appreciated having the chance to meet the candidates and give feedback. Thank you for considering these impressions.

Sharman

Sharman Spieser

"To be active in the cause of the people and of the earth is to be alive." Alice Walker

## Alexa, Jennifer

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**From:** Jack Panitch [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:37 PM  
**To:** Lumm, Jane; Westphal, Kirk  
**Subject:** Deer Kill/Cull

Kirk and Jane:

I have been listening to both sides this evening. Whether you like it or not, you have a governance problem that goes to the soul of the city. It doesn't matter if the majority votes in favor. It doesn't matter what the scientific evidence shows on this issue. In the eyes of a significant number of Ann Arbor citizens, what you are about to do is morally wrong. If you go ahead with the deer kill/cull, you are pulling the trigger in the eyes of this minority. Moving to the political cost/benefit analysis, weigh the problem against the damage done in the eyes of this minority. And when I use the term "minority," it's a label that includes kids and how they feel about the issue and the world they live in. Sure, it's a complicated world, and we all have to grow up sometime. Why not force kids to grow up before their time? We already do it in so many other ways. Moreover, we are the adults, and we have to make the hard choices, right? Well, sometimes, not so much. Sometimes, data and reason should not be the only guide. Moreover, sometimes data is missing, or misinterpreted and reason jumps the tracks.

Here's an empirical data point for you: one afternoon this summer, my son walked into the house, and I watched a tick crawl off his leg. He had picked it up playing around the yard. It hadn't bitten him yet. We were lucky. I immediately looked into how we could prevent another occurrence. Prevention is not possible. There is no way to limit the wildlife coming through our yard, nor would I want to, and there is no way to eliminate ticks. Deer are not the only tick-vehicles. It's every wild animal that passes through or lives in our yard. We have deer, coyotes, fox, raccoon, skunk, woodchuck, rabbits and squirrels, and they are all tick-vehicles. They are all potential carriers. Are we planning to study the woodchuck over-population next? If Punxsutawny Phil raises his head in my yard and starts eating my vegetables, should I call you to study putting him out of his "misery?"

Koyaaniskatzi.

Best regards,

Jack Panitch

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**From:** Susie Dushane [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 11:11 PM  
**To:** Warpehoski, Chuck; Anglin, Mike; Krapohl, Graydon; Eaton, Jack; Grand, Julie; Kunselman, Stephen; Westphal, Kirk; Lumm, Jane; Kailasapathy, Sumi; Briere, Sabra; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)  
**Cc:** Ted Dushane-preferred Hotmail; Michael Dushane  
**Subject:** Re: Vivid Crosswalks increase visibility without more lighting

Most of the citizens commenting against the deer cull do not live in the 2nd Ward where we are overrun with deer. Please help out and let the cull go forward tonight. We've heard lots and lots of citizen in put, and nothing anyone has said persuades me that they understand what we're dealing with out here. Nobody WANTS to kill deer, but it has become intolerable with these numbers. Please do the unpopular but reasonable thing and let it go forward tonight.  
Thank you for your hard work.  
Susan Dushane

On Sat, Apr 18, 2015 at 8:06 PM, Susan Dushane [REDACTED] wrote:

**City Council Persons:**

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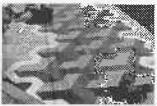
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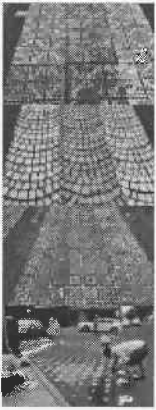
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Sorry - these emails tonight should have been labelled "Deer Cull." I can't make my email program put a different subject line in and still have all your addresses on it.

My point is we really need relief here in the Second Ward, and I hope you will go forward with the cull.

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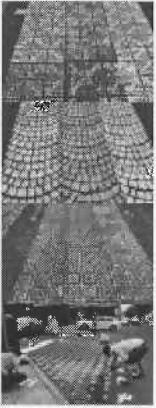
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Alexa, Jennifer

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**From:** wc4eb-request@mailman.great-lakes.net on behalf of Bernie Banet  
**Sent:** Friday, November 06, 2015 12:11 AM  
**To:** wc4eb@great-lakes.net  
**Subject:** [WC4EB] Ann Arbor City Council approves moving ahead with deer management 11-5-2015

Both deer management resolutions before Council this evening were approved by 10-1 votes, with only Mayor Chris Taylor voting "No."  
As a result, the weapons-in-public lands ordinance will be suspended to permit DNR approved culls and USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services will be hired to perform the culls.

==== Bernie Banet ====  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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