

City Administrator's Report – June 4, 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 began airing across southeast Michigan the week of May 1. Additional enforcement at targeted sites in Ann Arbor began on Tuesday, May 29 and will 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

Pools busy over Memorial Day weekend, thanks to the hot weather. This year the pools welcomed approximately 5,000 visitors over the 3-day holiday weekend. In comparison, in 2017, the pools had approximately 1,200 visitors over the time-period. Thank you to pool staff who did an excellent job managing the busy crowds and keeping everyone safe.

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 on 24 May. Team members will participate in a kick-off meeting the second week in June.

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 [CTN On Demand](#).

The **City Council Work Session on June 11** will focus on “Building a Healthy Ann Arbor – Recreation, Wellness, and Sustainability.”

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 preventive 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

Previews

The **June 4 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- **Presentation of the Ray Detter Award**
- **Presentation of the Annual Historic District Commission Awards**
- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of **An Ordinance to Repeal Sections 4:16 through 4:20 and Section 4:30 of Chapter 47 (Streets and Curb Cuts) of Title IV; and Chapter 55 (Zoning), Chapter 56 (Prohibited Land Uses), Chapter 57 (Subdivision and Land Use Control), Chapter 59 (Off-Street**

Parking), Chapter 60 (Wetlands), Chapter 61 (Signs and Outdoor Advertising), Chapter 62 (Landscaping and Screening), Chapter 63 (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control), of Title V; and Chapter 104 (Fences) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor with a New Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of Said Code (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-08)

- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of *An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:4 and 1:17 of Chapter 1 (Adoption, Contents and Interpretation) and Sections 1:191 and 1:239 of Chapter 8 (Organization of Boards and Commissions) of Title I; Section 2:5 of Chapter 26 (Solid Waste Management), Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates), and Section 2:211 of Chapter 33 (Stormwater System) of Title II; Section 7:414 of Chapter 94 (Junk Yards) of Title VII; Section 8:509 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII; Section 9:42 of Chapter 107 (Animals), Section 9:79 of Chapter 109 (Liquor), and Section 9:366 of Chapter 119 (Noise Control) of Title IX; and Section 10:63 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor*
- A Public Hearing and *Resolution to Approve 2050 Commerce Drive Site Plan and Development Agreement, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 1 Nay)*
- A Public Hearing and *Resolution to Approve Game Day Condos Site Plan, 1300 S. Main Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)*
- *A Resolution to Temporarily Relocate Precinct 1-4 from the Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 N. Main Street, to Second Baptist Church, 850 Red Oak Drive, for the Statewide Primary Election on Tuesday, August 7, 2018*
- *A Resolution Authorizing Notice and Issuance of General Obligation Bonds - 350 South Fifth Avenue (6 Votes Roll Call)*

WIP (Work in Progress)

FY2019 Budget. On May 21, City Council approved the \$396 million expenditure budget for fiscal year 2019, which begins July 1, 2018. This is the second of a two-year budget plan for the latest anticipated revenue and includes expenditure strategies to establish an operating plan that is balanced. "Balanced" is defined as a plan that supports a sustainable delivery of services within projected revenues.

The approved 2019 budget includes funding for pedestrian safety, an evaluation of police community engagement practices, affordable housing and climate action.

General fund recurring expenses are projected to increase by approximately \$1.5 million or 1.5 percent, while recurring revenues are expected to increase by approximately \$811,000 or .79 percent in the next fiscal year. With \$3.1 million in nonrecurring expenses and \$3.1 million in nonrecurring revenue next fiscal year, the approved FY19 budget includes using \$3.1 million in general fund cash reserves to balance the budget.

Other highlights of the budget include:

- \$1.2 million for pedestrian safety including \$200,000 for electronic speed limit signs.

- \$243,000 for lethal, nonlethal and education activities related to deer management.
- \$150,000 for special event security funding.
- \$130,000 additional funding for new streetlights. The budget also included \$710,000 for streetlight replacement.

The budget also includes funding to increase full-time city employees by one FTE, which includes an increase of two police officers and a decrease of one firefighter.

[Watch the May 21 City Council meeting online](#) via CTN Video on Demand or visit the [Citizen Guide to Budget and Finance resource website](#) to view budget-related documents and information about the budget process.

Other

All are invited to Police and Fire Departments Open House June 9. Climb aboard a fire engine; meet the police K-9 unit; watch vehicle extrication and smoke house demonstrations; and so much more at the fifth annual Ann Arbor Police and Fire Departments Open House. The event is free and takes place Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. along Fifth Avenue, between Huron and Ann streets. Free hot dogs and popcorn will also be provided.

All are invited to join the fun and to meet the police officers and firefighters who keep our city safe. Contact information; Lt. Mike Scherba mscherba@a2gov.org

Mayor Taylor Announces New LGBTQ Liaison. Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor earlier this month announced the appointment of Travis Radina to serve as the new LGBTQ liaison to the mayor's office. Radina was appointed to replace former LGBTQ liaison, Brad O'Furey, who resigned earlier this month due to work conflicts. Residents can reach him at travisr@jimtoycenter.org.

18th Annual Mayor's Green Fair is Friday, June 8. The City of Ann Arbor mayor's office is hosting the 18th annual Mayor's Green Fair event on Main Street Friday, June 8, 6–9 p.m. Green Fair, a zero-waste event, is coordinated by the office of Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor, in cooperation with Washtenaw County Environmental Excellence Partners, getDowntown, Recycle Ann Arbor, and the University of Michigan's Michigan Sustainability Cases Initiative. For more information on Green Fair, visit www.a2gov.org/greenfair.

Fire Department Launces Online Mapping Tool. It is common to see emergency vehicles en-route to an emergency or service incident, and now details about those calls are readily available. The Ann Arbor Fire Department has launched ResponseMapping.com, a new online, dynamic mapping tool that shows up-to-date data about incident locations, nature of the incidents, response times and more.

All incidents that are logged in the fire department's records management system are mapped and displayed through this tool as far back as the past six months. Incident addresses are rounded to a block number for mapping purposes and for resident confidentiality. Ten different incident category types are displayed on the map, ranging from fires, EMS requests, rescues and more.