

City Administrator's Report – December 18, 2017

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

Safety Notes

As the winter weather season approaches, please remember to drive safely and don't crowd the plow!
Be Safe A2!

Emergency Generator Testing was successfully conducted on December 9th. Completion of the test and the follow-on actions were the last remaining items from the City Hall complex "to do" list stemming from last March's power outage. However, staff is still developing options for providing security in City Hall as presented at the December 11th Council Budget Work Session.

Success Stories

Ann Arbor Police Department Pleased to Welcome New Assistant Chief. The Ann Arbor Police Department has hired new deputy chief Jason Forsberg. The deputy chief will officially join the department Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. Forsberg will be responsible for the AAPD support services division, which is comprised of the administrative services, professional standards and special services sections. He will serve alongside Deputy Chief Bob Pfannes, who, since his promotion to this position in April 2016, has been responsible for both the support services and operations divisions. DC Pfannes will continue to oversee the road patrol and detective sections as the operations division commander going forward.

AAPD is planning a Medication Take Back Program for this coming April. AAPD will provide additional information as the date of the event draws closer.

New Assistant Fire Chiefs Marc Tyler Mike Kennedy joined the City team on December 11th. AC Tyler comes from Lansing, and will be responsible for Emergency Services. AC Kennedy formerly served with the University of Michigan and the South Lyon Fire Department, and will manage the Strategic Programs Division. The new AC's will strengthen AAFD and bring new perspectives, as well as providing AAFD forward-looking leadership.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. The report is available via Legistar and posted on the [City Administrator's AAPD Community Engagement Practices](#) web page. Staff are evaluating next steps.

December 11 Annual Council Planning Session. The session was held at the Ann Arbor District Library, downtown branch, located at 343 S. Fifth Avenue in the lower level conference room. Staff presented horizon issues and initiatives for the FY19 Budget. This is the second of a two-year budget cycle. A FY19

budget work session is anticipated in February and/or March. An update on Council Initiatives was included in the staff presentation, and is available via Legistar.

Previews

The **December 18 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- ***A Motion to Reconsider the December 4, 2017 Vote to Postpone First Reading of the Inglis House Historic District Ordinance to January 8, 2018 (File 17-1769).***
- ***A Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning) related to Medical Marijuana Facilities (Ordinance No. ORD-17-21) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.54 Acre from PUD (Planned Unit Development District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), The Glen Mixed Use Development PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations, 201, 213, 215, 217 Glen Avenue and 1025 East Ann Street (Ordinance No. ORD-17-22) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yeas and 1 Nays)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution Resolution to Adopt The Treeline - Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan (Adopted by the CPC on November 8, 2017 - 8 Yeas, 0 Nays)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve Rainbow Child Care Site Plan, 2600 Nixon (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Yeas and 0 Nays)***
- ***A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve Midas Site Plan, at 3180 Washtenaw Avenue (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)***

WIP (Work in Progress)

Staff has completed the revision to the City's **Green Fleet Policy**. The revised document will be sent to the Energy Commission and Environmental Commission for review and input.

Deer Management. The 2018 program with information and closure map is available on the website.

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/community-services/Pages/2018-Program.aspx>

Other

City Christmas Holiday Schedule: There will be no trash or recycling collection services in the city of Ann Arbor on Monday, Dec. 25 due to the Christmas Day holiday. All curbside pickups will be delayed by one day, with Friday routes serviced on Saturday, Dec. 30.

In addition, Ann Arbor municipal offices, including the customer service center at Larcom City Hall and the 15th Judicial District Court, will close at noon Friday, Dec. 22, and will remain closed through Monday, Dec. 25. Safety services and utility operations will maintain 24-hour schedules throughout.

Snow Removal: Each winter we receive questions about how the City plows and treats snow/ice within the City of Ann Arbor. We would like to take this opportunity to provide some information on the process and how issues should be reported.

The City of Ann Arbor's winter road maintenance objective is to provide surfaces that are safe to use at reasonable speeds.

- City plows/treats 100 miles of major roads and 200 miles of residential streets.
- Trunk lines, major roads and the next day's solid waste routes are plowed first.
- Goal is to treat/plow all streets within 24 hours of an "average" 4-inch snowstorm.
- Salt is applied for ice control on major roads. Sand is used, as needed, for traction on residential streets.
- Plows will deposit or ice on sidewalks during normal plowing. Unfortunately, there is no economical technology that allows the City to avoid this.
- City is not responsible for keeping mailboxes clear of snow/ice, including what might be moved by plows.
- Bike lanes may be compromised during a storm. Priority is to provide a safe lane of travel, which can be difficult to maintain during the course of a storm. As conditions allow, crews will return to streets to push snow further to the curb.
- Schools and privately owned lots and roads are not maintained by city crews.

When do we plow?

A light snow, under 4 inches, or ice event is addressed with chemical de-icing agents. Treatment begins with trunk lines, major roads, bridges, signalized intersections and selected streets with curves or intersections with stop signs. The response starts with the first snowfall and takes four to five hours to complete after snow has ceased.

After trunk lines and major streets are treated, crews move to residential/local streets with traction agents, such as sand.

Heavy snowfall, of 4 inches or more, means additional equipment and plows are deployed. Crews and equipment are utilized as circumstances dictate. After trunk lines and major streets are treated and/or plowed, residential streets are addressed. During heavy snow storms, winter maintenance equipment is staffed on a 24-hour schedule (12-hour shifts) until all city-maintained streets are treated.

Please remind residents that they can help emergency vehicles and solid waste collection trucks by removing cars from curb parking before a heavy storm hits.

Free residential sand/salt

Beginning on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017, the City provides residents with up to five gallons of a sand/salt mixture, per visit, at various locations around Ann Arbor to help treat sidewalks. Locations include [721 N. Main Street](#), [Huron Hills golf course](#), and five park locations: [Allmendinger](#), [Buhr](#), [Burns](#), [Leslie](#) and [Veterans Memorial](#). Residents need to bring their own shovel and bucket as well as load material themselves from the marked piles. Sand/salt mixture is not for contractors or landscapers.

City of Ann Arbor Citizens Academy. With the success of the Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire, and Courts Academy, the City of Arbor will launch an Ann Arbor Citizens Academy (A2CA) this spring to provide a broader view of local government for Ann Arbor residents.

During a series of six weekly sessions, from March 28 to May 2, 6:30–8:30 p.m., participants will connect with city staff and elected officials and learn more about long-term city planning efforts, day-to-day operations and the importance of civic involvement. Session topics include: Finance and Budgeting; Voting and Elections; Parks and Recreation; Planning and Preservation; Public Works; Engineering; Sustainability; Water Quality; Police Services; Fire Services; Community Television Network; and City Council. The class will culminate with a graduation ceremony on May 7, 7–8:30 p.m.

Applications to participate are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018. There are two components to the application process. All applicants must complete and submit an [online application](#).

For more information, visit www.a2gov.org/A2CA.

Apply to Participate in Emergency Response Training. The City of Ann Arbor Office of Emergency Management is accepting applications for the Ann Arbor Community Emergency Response Team training program. The application deadline is Monday, Dec. 18 at noon. Citizens interested in participating in the Ann Arbor CERT course can find an application on the City of Ann Arbor website at www.a2gov.org/departments/police/Pages/Getting-Involved.aspx or call Police Service Specialist Susan Casey with the Ann Arbor Police Department at 734.794.6900 ext. 49526 or email at scasey@a2gov.org. A background investigation will be conducted on all applicants, who will then be notified if accepted into the program.