

City Administrator's Report – November 8, 2017

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

Safety Notes

November 5th marked the conversion from Daylight Savings to Standard time. The one-hour change means it will get dark earlier, and all members of our community should be aware that travelers will experience less visibility during the late afternoon. Along with the shorter daylight hours as we approach winter, morning commutes will also be darker. Be aware of pedestrians and cyclists, and **BE SAFE A2!**

Check your Detectors. The semi-annual changes in setting our clocks are good times to check the batteries in your smoke detectors at home. If you haven't yet done so, please consider this opportunity and mark your calendars to check again when we "spring ahead."

Fencing on Parking Garages. As of last week, DDA has completed installation of fencing on the rooftop levels on five of the six City-owned garages. Work on the Forest Avenue garage is underway, and should be completed within the next week. Remaining funds will be used to fence the lower levels pending advertising and the receipt of bids.

A2 BE SAFE Winter Edition. Our Communications staff has prepared new A2 BE SAFE posters addressing winter safety. Remember, DON'T CROWD THE PLOW!

Success Stories

Changing Driver Behavior Study Results. We are pleased to report that data we have received during the latest round of enforcement from the Changing Driver Behavior Study is incredibly encouraging. Overall, we have noted a doubling of drivers stopping and yielding for pedestrians at crosswalks at targeted sites. At the targeted enforcement sites across the city, yielding rates have rocketed from a mean of 27% to 58%. At observations sites, where only data was collected, yielding rates have jumped from 37% to 49%.

Emergency Management. Council and staff participated in a review of emergency management protocols and practices at Council's October 9th Work Session. The session included an exercise that re-familiarized all in attendance on roles and responsibilities during an emergency. Kudos to Fire Chief Larry Collins, Emergency Manager Rick Norman, and all staff leadership who made the evening a success.

Pedestrian Fencing on Newport Bridge. The City received notification from MDOT on November 6th that they will construct a pedestrian fence along the west side of the Newport Road Bridge over M-14. MDOT is currently putting together a contract to perform this work. We want to thank MDOT for their quick response to the City Administrator's October 5th letter.

November 7th Elections. Thank you to the City Clerk and her staff, and to all of the volunteer election officials who contributed to another successful local election.

A2 Staff Veterans. November 11th is Veterans Day, and at the November 9th meeting we will recognize and show support for the members of our City staff who have served in the military.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

School Zone Safety. Public Works crews installed the variable speed signs and school zone flashers on Huron Parkway and Fuller Road by Huron High School.

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. The City has received the final report from Hillard Heintze. The report will be included in Legistar for November 16th Work Session, and will also be posted on the City's web site on the City Administrator's page.

The **Zoning Ordinance Re-Organization (ZORO)** project is making its way to the Planning Commission in December, with Council consideration shortly after the New Year.

Previews

The **November 9th Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- On the consent agenda is a ***Resolution to Ratify the Pilot Project to Test Staggered Parking on Granger Avenue between South State Street and Packard Street.*** Council action is requested to support staff moving forward with the striping last month when a window of opportunity opened. Enforcement will be delayed until the end of the University of Michigan football season.
- The ***Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Repeal of Chapter 15, Emergency and Disaster Management, Title I, of the Code and Adding a New Chapter 15, Emergency and Disaster Management, Title I of Said Code*** is presented for a public hearing and second reading.
- ***An Ordinance to Amend Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Repealing Chapter 95 (Medical Marijuana Licenses for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries) of Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and By Adding a New Chapter 96 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) to Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and the related matter a Resolution to Approve Fees for New Medical Marijuana Facilities Annual Permits*** are presented for public hearings and adoption.
- The following three items regarding the development of the 1140 Broadway property are presented for public hearings and adoption:
 - ***An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 6.4 Acres from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to C1A/R (Campus Business Residential District) WITH CONDITIONS, 1140 Broadway Rezoning***
 - ***Resolution to Approve Broadway Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, with Modifications to Chapter 62 Landscaping and Screening***
 - ***Resolution to Approve the 1140 Broadway Brownfield Plan***
- ***A Resolution in Support of the Do Not Stand Idly By Campaign is presented for adoption.*** Approval of this resolution directs the Mayor and City Administrator to add their names to the Request for

Information being submitted to leading firearms manufacturers seeking information about the companies' gun-safety technologies and distribution practices.

- Council will consider a **Resolution in Support of Additional Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Huron High School**, which recognizes the work staff has performed to date and work that is in progress.

WIP (Work in Progress)

Water main at the intersection of Plymouth and Green Roads. Work continues and is on schedule for completion during the month of November. Updates are posted on the [Plymouth and Green Water Main Replacement Project page](#)

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

Meetings will take place Nov. 16, 28 and 30 to discuss and gather input from the public about the **Ordinance for Ground-Mounted Solar Panels**.

The City is pursuing a pilot with **Snow Buddies** under the micro-grant program to provide sidewalk snow clearing for mobility-challenged citizens and low-income seniors to ensure connections to transit stops are maintained during inclement winter weather.

Other

Veterans Day. City municipal offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 10 to observe Veterans Day. Trash/recycling/compost collection will continue without interruption. In addition, several veterans appreciation activities will take place at city parks and recreation facilities on Veterans Day Saturday, Nov. 11.

November Council Work Sessions. The November 13th Work Session will be the joint session with the Downtown Development Authority, and will address parking management strategies. As stated above, the *Ann Arbor Police Department: Independent Review of Community Engagement Practices* report will be presented and discussed at the November 16th joint session with the Human Rights Commission. Both work sessions will be held at the CTN Studio on South Industrial.

New Councilmember Orientation. Councilmember-Elect Bannister will participate in New Councilmember Orientation scheduled on November 16-17, with site visits scheduled on December 1. Please contact Sara Higgins with any questions at shiggins@a2gov.org

Network Testing and Upgrades. Wednesday, November 15th – There will be a brief systems outage between 10 PM and 12AM to support the installation of the City's new system firewalls. You should not experience any noticeable impact from the outage.



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