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1	CM Lumm	Human Resources	Can an update be provided to Council regarding the City's efforts in hiring of veterans and other diverse categories?	2/23/2015	Staff to advise
2	CM Lumm	Human Resources	Is the impact of hiring a Seasonal Recruiter position really \$70k?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
3	CM Lumm	Dog Licensing	For dog licensing, what does the \$17k impact represent?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
4	CM Warpehoski	Police	What are the on-going costs associated with the Police one-time requests?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
5	City Council	Police	How do the above impacts relate to the total \$400k in recurring funding for non-CIP capital items referenced in staff's presentation?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
6	CM Briere	Fire	Is there a list of schools that could prepare a person to be an intern to lead the Fire accreditation effort?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
7	CM Kailasapathy	Fire	What are the benefits of Accreditation?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
8	CM Westphal	Fire	What have other communities experienced with the Fire accreditation process?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
9	CM Lumm	Fire	What is the analysis that shows a City-owned vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chiefs is less expensive than the stipends?	2/23/2015	3/6/2015
10	CM Lumm	Parks	Please provide list of parks fee increases.	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
11	CM Lumm	Planning	Can you provide background information on how the planning \$250K estimates were calculated? Elaborate on plan scope, timeframe, and community engagement estimates.	3/9/2015	4/10/2015

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12	CM Eaton	Planning	For long-term planning efforts can you please review again the proposed figures for consultants?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
13	CM Briere/Kailasapathy	Planning	Can you provide more information on the timeline and proposal for the Greenway Master Plan? If the timeframe is 16-18 months, help us by showing the breakdown of the proposal. Can amount be allocated over more than one fiscal year; show us the breakdown?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
14	CM Warpehoski	Planning	What is the minimum amount we need to get Greenway Master Plan done?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
15	CM Westphal	Planning	To follow up on the discussion of FTE v. consultants, how you decide which to use, can you provide a list of planning projects?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
16	CM Lumm	Planning	Why did Planning & Development FTEs increase from 28 to 34?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
17	CM Lumm	OCED	Provide an updated OCED impact sheet to show the clarification on the cost of the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment.	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
18	CM Briere	Planning	Regarding the Allen Creek Master Plan request, it appears in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (MF-CB-16-06). Does that mean that it'll be in the City Administrator's recommended Capital Budget?	3/9/2015	4/10/2015
19	CM Briere/Kailasapathy	DDA	For the DDA professional services consulting admin line item, please break all line items with all allocations and estimates for FY16-17 .	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
20	CM Kunselman	DDA	Are there any capital improvements projects in the downtown currently to identify?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
21	CM Briere	DDA	Are there capital funds and infrastructure in addition to parking – help us understanding what you are doing using the 2003 plan	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
22	CM Lumm	DDA	Can the DDA provide follow up clarity on rent payments?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
23	CM Briere	DDA	How much would come to General Fund if there was no DDA?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
24	CM Briere	DDA	When does the cap on the DDA TIF capture go into effect?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015

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25	CM Briere	AAHC	Can the AAHC provide a refresher on where they are at in property conversions; summer construction plans, etc.?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
26	CM Briere	AAHC	Can you clarify the City GF recurring subsidy line item– change from \$365K in FY16 to \$345K in FY17?	3/9/2015	3/20/2015
27	Staff	AAHC	Is the Housing Commission an Enterprise Fund of the City?	3/9/2015	3/27/2015
28	CM Lumm	General Fund	For property tax revenues, what are you now forecasting for FY15 and what will the proposed budget be assuming (dollars, percent growth) for FY16 and FY17?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
29	CM Lumm	General Fund	How much will the taxable value be growing and how much of the increase is for the inflation impact on existing properties and how much is for the net added/lost property?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
30	CM Lumm	General Fund	How much more will Ann Arbor taxpayers be paying in FY16 for the AAATA millage rate increase and the County-Wide road tax?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
31	CM Lumm	DDA	I understand you indicated the DDA TIF revenue is one of the last items finalized in budget development, but when you have it, please provide the DDA TIF tax revenues for FY16 and FY17 as well as the LDFA.	3/19/2015	3/27/2015 & 4/24/15
32	CM Lumm	General Fund	Can you please provide the FY15 forecast and FY16 and FY17 assumptions for state shared revenue by the three elements (statutory, EVIP, fire protection reimbursement)	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
33	CM Lumm	General Fund	For FY16, how those assumptions compare with Governor Snyder's proposed budget?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
34	CM Lumm	General Fund	What are you assuming for growth in the other GF revenue items – charges for services (fines, planning fees, park & rec fees etc.)	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
35	CM Lumm	Utilities Fees	And for the water utilities (water, sewer, stormwater)?	3/19/2015	4/10/2015
36	CM Lumm	Human Resources	In terms of expenditures, what are the assumptions for FY16 and FY17 for pay increases for non-union, health care costs, and pension/VEBA contributions?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
37	CM Lumm	Human Resources	For the city's bargaining units, can you please provide a list of when contracts are expiring for each of the units.	3/19/2015	3/27/2015

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38	CM Lumm	General Fund	What is your latest forecast for the General Fund in FY15 (revenues, expenses and resulting fund balance) and what are the major variances to budget? Any significant variances to budget in other funds?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
39	CM Lumm	GASB	What are the significant accounting rule/GASB changes (if any) that will be impacting FY16 and FY17?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
40	CM Lumm	MSC	Regarding the Municipal Service Charge, when was this last updated and when would you plan to look at it again?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
41	CM Lumm	Streets	In the street funding options report that was provided to Council, one potential action that was identified that I think we should consider is to lower the targeted fund balance in the Street Millage fund. I'm not sure why we need a full 12 month balance in the street millage fund and you indicated that reducing the full year to 1/3 of a year would free-up on one-time basis over \$6M for road repairs. Are those number still directionally accurate and what would Council need to do to make this happen?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
42	CM Lumm	Public Safety	On Public Safety, when will the official final crime stats for CY2014 be available? Also, at the work session, Fire Chief Collins suggested in response to a question I had on response times (AA vs. Nat'l Standards) that the city doesn't track that regularly. Is that correct? If so, how much effort is required to get updated metrics and if not, can you please share the data?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
43	CM Lumm	Police	Chief Seto's recommendation is to convert one police officer (and upgrade to Lt.) to manage the city's CALEA accreditation. What is the specific plan (e.g., where would that resource come from, and what other police work will not be done as a result)?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015

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44	CM Lumm	Police	In terms of downtown police patrols, can you please provide available data on the hours AAPD officers have spent on patrols downtown the last couple of years. Also, if the DDA Ambassador Program is implemented, how would that impact (if at all) AAPD activities in the downtown area including what the respective roles and responsibilities would be for the AAPFD officers and these Ambassadors.	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
45	CM Lumm	DDA	Also on the DDA, when the DDA Board approved the budget and decided to pass on the Ambassadors program for now, was there any conversation about using any portion of the \$300K that would have been spent on the Ambassador program (or other DDA grant dollars for that matter) to fund the 3 downtown beat cops as council had requested two years ago?	3/19/2015	3/27/2015
46	CM Lumm	Parks	On the budget impact sheet for Parks & Recreation, there's a line item with projection of increased revenues of about \$200k in FY16 and FY17. The projections reference fee increases and say "first since 2008". Can you please elaborate on what's planned in terms of parks and recreation fee increases and in the \$200K revenue increase projected, about how much of that increase is accounted for by higher volumes and how much by the fee increases being considered?	3/19/2015	4/10/2015
47	CM Lumm	Parks	Also on Parks & Rec, the data sheet provided on the Parks Maint & Capital Improvement millage includes a comment that there's about \$4M in electrical and mechanical investments necessary in next 5 years of so at the City's 4 swimming pools. Can you please provide a bit more detail on that and do you anticipate all the funding would come from the millage?	3/19/2015	4/10/2015

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48	CM Briere	Public Services	Would the proposed full-time employee be budgeted entirely in the General Fund, or could some of the grant funding this employee will seek help cover the expenditure?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
49	CM Briere	Public Services	How often does the City expect to replace street light poles - that is, what is the expected life of a street light pole?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
50	CM Briere	Public Services	How many globe/pole/foundation replacements are planned for the Kerrytown area? How much of the cost of this work is included in the proposed DDA streetscape work (brick work, etc.) for the Kerrytown area? And in subsequent years, how much of the cost of the replacement work is from the DDA's major project budgets?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
51	CM Briere	Public Services	Please help me understand the 'depreciation' estimate for street lights. If the initial installation costs and ongoing use and maintenance costs equal about \$18K, how is depreciation calculated in order to derive \$25K?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
52	CM Briere	Streets and Sidewalks	Please provide a breakdown of the projected annual recurring costs (staff / equipment / maintenance) and annual variable costs (number of incidents) for plowing the snow at 2 inches and at 4 inches.	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
53	CM Briere	Streets and Sidewalks	Please provide a breakdown of the projected annual recurring costs (staff / equipment / maintenance), one-time costs (initial equipment), and annual variable costs (number of incidents) for plowing the snow on sidewalks at 0.1 inch, 1 inch, 2 inches and 4 inches.	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
54	CM Briere	Streets and Sidewalks	Please explain why the sidewalk repair millage revenues are expected to decrease (from \$0.6K to \$0.5K) in 2015.	3/22/2015	4/10/2015

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55	CM Briere	Streets and Sidewalks	The budget sheets assert that the costs of sidewalk repair exceed the estimated costs significantly, and refers to the 'first pass' costing more. After the City required property owners to repair the adjacent sidewalks - a program that lasted over 6 years - how much new work was needed? Were all identified replacement/repair projects completed prior to the initiation of the new program - and if not, were all property owners assessed for the cost of the repair/replacement work that should have been done?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
56	CM Briere	Streets and Sidewalks	With reference to page 10 (of 15) and the remark on Street/ROW maintenance, please clarify: are the vacancies noted as 'hampering use of planned resources' actually staff vacancies? If not, what are they? If so, are all funded FTEs filled? I note that there are no requests (other than for a Sustainability coordinator) for more FTEs.	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
57	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	How do the FY 16 and 17 solid waste budgets specifically address the recommendations in the City Council-approved Solid Waste Plan? What is new in the next two-year budget cycle?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
58	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	is the current balance in the Solid Waste Fund? How much of that balance is reserved or committed for landfill cleanup and other regulatory obligations?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
59	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What is considered a healthy fund reserve as a percentage of the total annual solid waste budget? Since it is isn't nearly as capially intensive as other city public works operations (water, sewers, roads, etc.) wouldn't that allow that target reserve to be lower?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
60	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What studies/analysis has staff completed since the approval of the Plan two years ago toward actual implementation of the Plan's multiple recommendations? Did such studies/analysis prompt action of any kind?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015

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61	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What are Ann Arbor's recovery rates over the past five years-tons and % of the waste stream for waste, recycling and composting. Are we making progress toward our goals? This information should be shared with Council regularly, and also widely shared with the general public. It seems to me that people are interested in and would like to know how their individual actions are making a difference. This seems to be a key "dashboard" measure of our success as a community.	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
62	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What impact has the addition of food waste into Ann Arbor's residential composting program had on the overall tonnages and percentages of organics recovery? How many of the counter-top containers were distributed with the promotional blitz on the new program last Spring? How did this response match expectations? Will this program be promoted?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
63	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What would it cost to provide year-round organics collection?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
64	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	What is the status of the proposed new intergovernmental drop-off station, to be built just south of the Ann Arbor landfill property? What is the City doing to move this project forward in a timely fashion?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
65	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	How successful was the program to recycle in City parks last year? Are there plans to expand this program to all of our parks in the next year or two? Is this incorporated into the budget over the next two years?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
66	Mayor Taylor	Recycling	How is the City proactively reaching out to our residential and commercial customers promoting, educating and informing them on all phases of our programs, services and opportunities?	3/22/2015	4/10/2015
67	CM Taylor	DDA	Why are "Repairs and Maintenance", presumably of parking assets as they're paid for out of the "Parking Maintenance" fund, not a "Parking Expense"?	3/22/2015	3/27/2015

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68	CM Warpehoski	Sidewalk Snow Removal	Can you clarify the sidewalk snow removal estimate? The estimate says it includes 427 miles of sidewalk, which appears to be the sum of 251 miles single family residential, 124 miles not-single family and 52 miles of City sidewalk. But the City already does 52 miles of sidewalk adjacent to City property. So, am I right that new costs would actually be lower, by 52 miles worth?	3/23/2015	4/10/2015
69	CM Briere	Streetlights	Is the concept of a sinking fund purely notional? I can imagine that seeing the full cost - including replacement costs - for new capital projects is valuable. Is this why the information is included in the budget?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
70	CM Briere	Streetlights	If actual, is the establishment of the sinking fund for streetlights new? If so, when was this established?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
71	CM Briere	Streetlights	I ask this because last night we learned that the total replacement of streetlights in the Kerrytown area is an allocation that would come (today, before other funding is sought) from the General Fund. If there is already a sinking fund, why is this a General Fund allocation?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
72	CM Briere	Streetlights	Does the City include complete replacement costs for all new capital improvements in every budget? I don't recall this being part of previous discussions.	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
73	CM Kailasapathy	Streetlights	Does depreciation of street lights go to a sinking fund?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
74	Mayor Taylor	Energy	Provide background of how requested sustainability FTE role is different from the energy projects that were already approved in last year's budget amendment.	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
75	CM Kunselman	Council Chambers	Can you share the drawings of proposed renovations to Council Chambers?	3/24/2015	3/27/2015
76	CM Kunselman	415 W. Washington	Can you provide us with information on what is planned and costs for 415 W. Washington including breakdown of costs for roof replacement, retaining wall repair, demo costs, environmental/asbestos abatement costs, etc.?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015

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77	CM Kunselman	415 W. Washington	Can you provide us with the information on what the process is to get the 415 W. Washington demolition project before the Historic District Commission?	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
78	CM Lumm	415 W. Washington	Please provide details on what we have spent on 415 W. Washington on what the options are going forward. (On 3/26 requested cost data for 5 years or so.)	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
79	CM Briere	415 W. Washington	If it helps to move towards demolition of 415 W. Washington, please tell us how.	3/24/2015	4/10/2015
80	CM Briere	Public Services	What does snow removal cost? (referencing her attachment worksheet)	3/25/2015	4/10/2015
81	CM Briere	Public Services	What does sidewalk snow removal cost either done directly by the City or done by contractors with City supervision? (referencing her attachment worksheet)	3/25/2015	4/10/2015
82	CM Lumm	Streetlights	Please provide information/your thoughts on alternative funding sources and mechanisms for new streetlights, pro's and con's of the sources/mechanisms, and your best assessment of how much a reasonable ongoing funding level would be.	3/27/2016	4/10/2015
83	CM Lumm	Streetlights	Can you please share what we have at this point for the criteria, process, scoring, etc. for new streetlights?	3/27/2015	4/10/2015
84	CM Lumm	Energy	What existing resources (city FTE's, consultants, etc. were initially budgeted in FY15 for Sustainability Framework/Climate Action Plan-related work (before Council's \$125K amendment) and what was that intended to pay for?	3/27/2015	4/10/2015
85	CM Lumm	Energy	How has the \$125K approved by Council been used (city FTE, consultant, other)? (this is similar to Mayor's Q #74)	3/27/2015	4/10/2015
86	CM Lumm	Energy	Please confirm that as indicated at the time, the \$125K was a one-time expenditure in FY15 and this \$90K is not in addition to the \$125K?	3/27/2015	4/10/2015

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87	CM Lumm	Energy	What is the history of grant funding related to these over the last couple of years - dollars, source, what used for. If grant funding is secured, would it be used to replace/reduce the GF support or to do other things?	3/27/2015	4/10/2015
88	CM Lumm	Council Chambers	Can you please provide a detailed summary of all of the Larcom Building capital spending over the last five years – amount, what the spending was for, funding source, as well as what was the driver behind the spending – asbestos removal, ADA compliance, audio/visual improvements, aesthetics, comfort – whatever the driver was. Also, please provide line item detail for the proposed \$140K “Council Chambers Renovations Phase 2” project.	3/27/2015	4/10/2015
89	CM Lumm	Water	Why do you think the current water trends aren’t a long-term trend? How are we tracking for 2015?	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
90	CM Lumm	Proposal 1	Please provide what funding estimate would be with regard to water main replacement and how it impacts capital plans for water main replacement.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
91	CM Westphal	Solid Waste	Please provide status of where we are on multi-family unit recycling efforts (combine w/Q#65?)	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
#64(duplicate question rec'd)	CM Westphal	Solid Waste	What is the timetable for the proposed new drop-off station? (combine w/ Q#64?)	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
92	CM Westphal	Solid Waste	Regarding commercial recycling, provide detail on funding.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
93	CM Kailasapathy	Solid Waste	Why is the revenue flat while there is a dramatic increase in recycling costs; explain the widening gap and what is the driver of the costs going forward?	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
94	CM Briere	Solid Waste	How is the solid waste millage allocated? Provide information on composting food, costs of adding food to composting process, estimated tonnages, etc.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015

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95	CM Lumm	Solid Waste	Provide shortfall detail on Solid Waste Fund and give us a sense of the programs that we have discussed.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
96	CM Briere	Streets	For Green Streets, explain why benefits and barriers for both Green Streets and complete streets.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
97	CM Lumm	Streets	For Green Streets, can you quantify how much capital investment green streets have driven and why the projected 6-1/2% revenue increase is not enough?	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
98	CM Kailasapathy	Fleet	Explain the up and down flux of costs in the Fleet Fund.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
99	CM Kunselman	Solid Waste	What are we paying into tipping related costs today compared to the last five years in the Solid Waste Fund?	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
100	CM Kunselman	Solid Waste	Provide breakdown by materials in MRF Fund trends so we can see the trend in the market.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
101	CM Lumm	Solid Waste	In the MRF explanation information requested above, please provide issues and financial implications.	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
102	CM Warpehoski	Living Wage	At last night's work session Tom indicated there was money budgeted in to handle cost of living/living wage increases for human services. What is the status of that?	3/30/2015	4/24/2015
103	CM Briere	DDA	The DDA Board approved a \$33M budget, but the DDA materials provided to the City show a \$27M budget. What is the difference?	3/31/2015	4/10/2015
104	CM Lumm	Rebates	Can you share how each fund would be impacted from the potential return of \$12 millions from the Risk, Fleet & Project Management funds?	3/31/2015	4/10/2015
105	CM Warpehoski	Police	Given the concerns for increased training for police regarding issues of prevention of bias based policing and dealing with people with mental illness, what resources are being budgeted for such training in the 2016 budget? What would the added cost be to reinstate Crisis Intervention Team training and processes, or other such processes?	4/16/2015	4/24/2015

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106	CM Kailasapathy	Retirement System	Why is the investment income in FY 2016 half of that of FY 2013? Where there any structural changes to the retirement system that brought about these changes?	4/26/2015	5/1/2015
107	CM Kailasapathy	DDA	For FY 2016 Other Services amount to \$8.3 million. There refer to contracted services. Kindly provide details of the services.DDA holds money in its budgets to provide itself “flexibility” in terms of funding ad hoc projects that come up. Please provide details of monies set aside in this manner.	4/26/2015	5/1/2015
108	CM Kailasapathy	SmartZone & LDFA	During last year’s budget session as well as during LDFA’s presentation to Council it was discussed that growing tax capture in the SMART ZONE area would/could be set aside to add fiber network in the downtown area. Is that idea been abandoned? I see we are using up come of the fund balance accumulated in the prior years’ being used up for incubator expansion (a). Which facility is being expanded per expansion (a)? Kindly provide some details regarding this expansion?	4/26/2015	5/1/2015
109	CM Lumm	AAATA	The AAATA millage is reflected in the budget book (budget resolution, budget summaries, non-departmental detail) at the previous millage rate, not the new, higher rate (increase of 0.7 mills). Why is that?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015

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110	CM Lumm	DDA	For the DDA, these revenues are quite a bit higher than what is included in the DDA budget -- \$250K (5%) higher in FY16 and \$775K (15%) higher in FY17. The DDA TIF cap language in the approved ordinance was "Beginning with the 2016 tax year the maximum captured taxable value shall be \$224,000,000.00. Each tax year thereafter, the maximum captured taxable value shall be increased by 3.5% per annum." Assuming the 2016 tax year is FY17, is the \$6.0M at the \$224M maximum taxable value? If not, what is the taxable value assumed that's generating \$6.0M? If so, what would the taxable value (and resulting TIF revenue) be in FY17 if the cap had not been in place?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
111	CM Lumm	DDA	The Parking Fund (0063) revenues for FY16 are up \$1.5M to \$22.4M, but then fall by \$800K to \$21.6M in FY17. I'm assuming the FY16 increase reflects the rate increases, but what causes the FY17 reduction? Also, can you please provide a spreadsheet showing both TIF and parking revenues for DDA from FY12 through FY17.	4/29/2015	5/8/2015

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112	CM Lumm	LDFA	Regarding the LDFA, the proposed FY16 budget reflects a 44% (\$872K) increase in expenditures, including \$300K for incubator expansion, \$254K for Ypsilanti, \$125K more for SPARK staffing, \$100K for micro-loans and other smaller increases. Given these significant changes, why did we not have our normal January work session with the LDFA folks? And perhaps I missed a communication somewhere, but can you please provide additional details on each of these proposed increases. It is also recommended that \$300K of fund balance is used in FY16 to cover the additional operating costs. It does not appear, however, that there are any capital or infrastructure investments contemplated in either FY16 or FY17 – can you please confirm if that is correct.	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
113	CM Lumm	LDFA	The footnotes indicate that the incubator expansion is subject to approval in the contract and the 10% for Ypsilanti is pending approval of the Amended TIF agreement. What is the current status of these two conditional requirements as well as the request for the 15 year SmartZone extension?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
114	CM Lumm	Community Services	During our work sessions, an update of the Master Plan was mentioned, but I did not see that referenced in the budget book. Is that planned? Also, in the proposed golf fee increases, I did not see the 18-hole weekend greens fee rate for Huron Hills listed. Is that particular rate not changing?	4/29/2015	5/13/2015
115	CM Lumm	Wages	What is assumed for salary increases for non-union employees (percent and dollars) in both FY16 and FY17?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015

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116	CM Lumm	Solid Waste	Can you please provide more detail on two of the proposed solid-waste capital expenditures (1) \$1.25M for “Container Storage Building” and (2) \$1.28M for “Landfill Entrance Improvements” including what the project scope is and why it is needed?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
117	CM Lumm	Capital Projects	Not a big deal obviously at \$10K a year, but why would “non-motorized education and outreach” be considered a capital expense/capital project?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
118	CM Lumm	Public Services	Regarding Public Services proposed fee increases, there’s a whole new section of new fees for “Project Management Staff Review of Planning Petitions”. Do these fees replace current fees somewhere else or are they completely new? Also, can you please elaborate on the Plat approval fees – is it necessary to get both preliminary and final approvals and did you consider phasing in the big increases for preliminary plat approvals (increasing \$1,050 for tentative and \$2,300 for final preliminary approval)?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
119	CM Lumm	Retiree Health Costs & Increased Technology Charges	In several of the departmental year-to-year expenditure explanations for “other charges”, there’s a statement saying the increase in expenses is “due to increased retiree health care costs and increased information technology charge”. Can you please elaborate on the dollar magnitude of these two items.	4/29/2015	5/8/2015

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120	CM Lumm	Non-Departmental	In the non-departmental service area, the “personnel services” expense category is proposed at \$1.1M in FY16 and \$1.0M in FY17. The notes indicate the \$400K increase over the FY15 budget “is attributable to higher anticipated severances for FY16.” What are the projections for FY16 and how does that compare (number of severances and dollar amount) with the last five years or so? And can you please remind me what the City’s severance policy is?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
121	CM Lumm	Non-Departmental	Also in non-departmental, the “other charges” (which I’m assuming includes the debt service payments) are projected to increase in FY16 by about \$500K and then by another \$1.6M in FY17. The notes say “the increase is primarily comprised of contingencies within the General Fund”. Can you please provide the contingency amounts for FY16 and FY17 included in the proposal as well as the contingency amounts included in the GF budgets the last few years. (If contingency does not account for all the year-to-year increased “other charges” expenses in FY16 and FY17, please provide the explanations and amounts.	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
122	CM Lumm	Cost Savings	Are there cost savings reflected in the proposals for FY16 and FY17, and if so, can you please elaborate on what they are and the directional savings amount.	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
123	CM Lumm	General Fund	In terms of the proposed new General Fund Fund Balance Policy, the denominator in the new calculation is “recurring expenditures (excluding AAATA pass-through and other reimbursed pass-through expenditures)”. What are the other pass-through expenditures and their approximate amounts?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015

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124	CM Lumm	Energy	The General Fund expenditures in Public Services-Systems Planning are the same (\$64,191 in FY16 and \$64,490 in FY17) as shown on the budget impact sheets at the work session <u>before</u> adding the \$85K funding for Energy & Outreach Sustainability. Is that position not being added or is it being funded from another (non-GF) source?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
125	CM Lumm	Forestry	Regarding Street Tree Maintenance, what level of ongoing activity does the budget proposal contemplate and when the work associated with the one-time \$1M in FY15, how much of the catch-up will be accomplished?	4/29/2015	5/8/2015
126	CM Grand	Greenway Master Plan	The budget mentions that the master plan will include contributions from additional outside sources. Although it doesn't mention the Conservancy or the University by name, have either of these groups offered to provide some matching funding? Am I unaware of a benevolent donor? I believe that having some funds on the table would go a long way in getting this done.	5/1/2015	5/13/2015
127	CM Warpehoski	I-net	Can you please give me an update on the status of the I-net project? Also, it has been suggested that replacement of the Comcast I-net might create a pathway for expansion of fiber to other users. Is this feasible?	5/4/2015	5/8/2015
128	CM Lumm	Sewer Charges	The response to my question last meeting on the 54% (23 cents per 100 cubic feet of flow to 37 cents) increase in the portion of the sewer charge attributable to systems planning and administration was that there was a 19% increase in the municipal service charge (MSC) and 43% increase in insurance costs. Can you please provide additional detail on these MSC and Insurance costs charged to the sewer fund including the dollar amounts that will be charged in FY16, the dollar amounts that were charged to the fund in FY14 and FY15 and the specific reasons for the increase in FY16.	5/7/2015	5/13/2015

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129	CM Lumm	Sewer Charges	Also, in order for me to understand what the “systems planning and administration” user charge is, as well as how much of it is related to MSC and Insurance costs, can you please provide any spreadsheets you may have showing the line item detail gross amounts that make up the “systems planning and administration” user charges of 23 cents in FY15 and 37 cents in FY16.	5/7/2015	5/14/2015
130	CM Lumm	Sewer Charges	The cover memo Monday indicated the sewer rate increases are generating \$1.39M of incremental revenue for FY16. The total sewer rate is increasing by 20 cents per 100 cubic feet of flow of which 13 cents (or 65%) is “systems planning and administration”. That suggests that portion is increasing \$900K year-to-year which is quite a lot for MSC and insurance - so what am I missing?	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
131	CM Lumm	Sewer Charges	In terms of the reduction in the portion of the fee applied to capital (from \$1.59 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.54), the response Monday indicated that portion had been increased previously and that FY16 reflected a return to a more normal level. Can you please provide the rate history (say the last five years) on that specific portion of the charge and information on how it is computed.	5/7/2015	5/14/2015
132	CM Lumm	Police	On foot patrols, that December report indicated there was a total of 1,268 hours of foot patrols in the downtown and off-campus student areas in CY2014. I am particularly interested in the foot patrols downtown so if you can split that out in the electronic activity logs, that would be great. Specifically, can you provide: Downtown foot patrol officer hours in 2013, 2014 and 2015 YTD; any data available on increases or decreases in the number of downtown vehicle patrol hours over the same period (2013, 2014, 2015 YTD); an estimate of the fully-burdened cost of one hour's time for an officer	5/7/2015	5/13/2015

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133	CM Lumm	Police	In terms of neighborhood traffic enforcement, the December report indicated that at the conclusion of the “26 Weeks to Safer Streets” initiative that began in January 2014, about 2,200 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement had been scheduled resulting in almost 1,700 traffic stops. Can you please provide an update (with whatever data is available) on neighborhood traffic enforcement activity since the conclusion of that initiative last Summer.	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
134	CM Lumm	Police	On <u>community engagement efforts overall</u> , the December report mentioned that the new Community Engagement Unit was fully staffed with three officers and there was helpful data as well on community outreach efforts. Can you please provide an updated status on that unit’s activity including any updated data on community outreach efforts in 2015.	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
135	CM Lumm	Proposal 1	During our budget work sessions, I recall that it was mentioned that State Proposal 1 had some impact on the city budget proposal and my takeaway from that (perhaps wrong) was that the choice/priority of projects and spending recommended in the budget was influenced by Proposal 1. Now that it did not pass, can you please clarify what (if anything) would change in your budget proposal (projects recommended, spending amounts etc)?	5/7/2015	5/8/2015
136	CM Briere	Solid Waste	How much additional compost has been collected since table scrap food waste was added to the compost collection system?	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
137	CM Briere	Solid Waste	What problems, if any, have there been with the quality of compost since the addition of table scraps?	5/7/2015	5/13/2015

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138	CM Briere	Solid Waste	Does the City have any data (for instance, from the University) about increased compost usage and benefits? What about commercial composting - when does the City plan to expand that pilot program?	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
139	CM Briere	Solid Waste	How does the City handle commercial composting? How successful is the pilot program for commercial recycling.	5/7/2015	5/13/2015
140	CM Lumm	General Fund	Can you please provide a breakdown by dept. of the FY16 and 17 Gen'l. Fund budgets (total \$ amt. and purpose) for consulting services?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
141	CM Lumm	General Fund	The \$140K for council chamber renovations – we rec'd. a diagram but not the associated cost detail. Can you please provide?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
142	CM Lumm	Wages	What have been the non-union pay increase averages over the last five years?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
143	CM Lumm	Non-Departmental	Regarding non-departmental, thanks for the response/data on contingency (Q. 121), but I'm still a bit confused. Can you please provide a spreadsheet with the line item detail for the FY15 budget and FY16 and FY17 proposals for Other Services (FY15 = \$432K; FY16 = \$165K; FY17 = \$165K) and Other Charges (FY15 = \$10.48M; FY16 = \$10.99M; FY17 = \$12.62M).	5/12/2015	5/14/2015
144	CM Lumm	DDA	As a follow-up to Q 111 on the DDA Parking Fund, the DDA's parking fund revenue in the FY15 budget was \$19.3M and the FY16 budget is \$21.5M which at 17% (although I know it's not this simple), translates into about a \$375K increase in revenue to the City. Can you please tell me where in the city budget (fund, dept, account) that DDA transfer revenue shows up and provide the city revenue numbers for FY15 (budget and forecast), FY16 budget, and FY17 plan?	5/12/2015	5/14/2015

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145	CM Lumm	MSC	You had also indicated in a budget Q response that the Municipal Service Charge had been updated. Can you please provide the prior (FY15) and new (FY16) MSC revenues to the General Fund and where those show up in the GF budget (department and account)?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
146	CM Lumm	General Fund	As a follow-up to Q 115, how much of the \$434K (FY16) and \$447K (FY17 incremental) in costs for non-union employee pay increases are in the General Fund?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
147	CM Eaton	Risk Fund	Was the \$5.1 million Risk Fund balance transferred to the VEBA and pension system?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
148	CM Eaton	Public Services	Was the \$4.5 million project management fund balance returned to the contributing funds? If yes, can you provide a break down of how much was returned to each contributing fund?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
149	CM Eaton	FY16 Recommended Budget	Finally, I do not remember voting on a resolution approving these transfers. Would you let me know if it was done administratively, and if so who approved their allocations?	5/12/2015	5/13/2015
150	CM Lumm	General Fund	Over the last four years (FY12 through FY16), based on the numbers you've provided, the DDA's combined TIF and parking revenues have grown from \$20.78M in FY12 (\$3.73M TIF plus \$17.05M parking) to \$26.84M in FY16 (\$5.32M TIF plus \$21.52 parking) – an increase of \$6.06M or 29%. Can you please tell me how much General Fund recurring revenues have increased over the same four year period on an apples-to-apples basis (adjusting for GASB/Housing Commission change in FY15).	5/13/2015	5/13/2015
151	CM Kailasapathy	LDFA/SPARK	Who owns the 330E Liberty building?	5/7/2015	5/14/2015

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152	CM Kailasapathy	LDFA/SPARK	How long is the lease for the 4 th floor that SPARK will be renovating for \$300,000? I am trying to figure out over how many years this benefit going to last over?	5/7/2015	5/14/2015
153	CM Kailasapathy	LDFA/SPARK	When the companies mature and go public or sell it to another company and make millions, are they paying back SPARK any monies to compensate for the free rental they are receiving? If not, why not? Why is SPARK adopting a model of socialization of costs (tax payers footing the bills) and privatization of profits? Why cannot SPARK adopt policies that make sure that companies that are successful as a result of taxpayer handouts give back to a fund that can be used to help other companies? This might be an equitable model as well as a sustainable one.	5/7/2015	5/14/2015
154	CM Kailasapathy	LDFA/SPARK	There is a two full page advertisement in May Ann Arbor Observer promoting LDFA and SPARK. Who paid for this advertisement? IF either LDFA or SPARK paid for it, did it come out of their \$150,000 marketing budget?	5/7/2015	5/14/2015
155	CM Westphal	Safety Services	May I get the following information for each of the past five years plus the anticipated coming year? Police: total budget, violent crimes, property crimes, arrests, moving violation citations, parking citations, traffic stops, any relevant ones I'm missing. Fire: total budget, number of active fires serviced with hydrant use, active fires serviced without hydrant use, medical response calls, fire-related injuries and property damage, fire insurance rating, other relevant metrics.	5/13/2015	5/15/2015
156	CM Kunselman	Energy Grants Manager	When was the sustainability coordinator position added?	5/15/2015	5/18/2015