

City Administrator's Report – September 18, 2017

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

Safety Notes

A2, Be Safe! The new school year and football season are well underway. The most important part of school safety and game day traffic is YOU and your awareness. Please bear in mind that morning hours are now darker as we approach fall, and drive gently and with awareness that students are not always aware of your presence. Be on the lookout and always “Be Safe!”

Success Stories

The Michigan Task Force – 1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. The Michigan Task Force -1 Urban Search and Rescue Team has been released from their assignment in Florida as part of the emergency response to Hurricane IRMA, and are back in Michigan. The team left for Florida last Sunday and staged in Chattanooga, Tenn. On Monday, they received orders to move to Jacksonville, FL with other rescue teams to assist with the flooding that was expected to be extensive there. Fortunately, the flooding and damage was not as serious as anticipated, so the Team was released Tuesday evening to return back home to Michigan before it was actually engaged in extensive rescue operations. Other teams in the state of Florida are being released as well. This was the first formal deployment for the Michigan team. It was an important learning experience for all of the team members. While training for this is type of mission is critical, nothing can replace the actual deployment experiences that the Team gained. No doubt, the lessons learned will make the next deployment even more effective and efficient than this one was. Our thanks to the firefighters/Task Force Team Members from the Ann Arbor Fire Department, Captain James Budd, Lieutenant Allen Bruck and Firefighter Bryce McAllister, who deployed to assist others during a very trying time. We very much appreciate their professional commitment and personal efforts on behalf of the City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Fire Department. In introduction item has been added to the September 18th Council Agenda in recognition.

September 17 Grand Opening Event for Universal Access Playground at Gallup Park. City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services, together with the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, invited the community to the grand opening of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor Centennial Playground on Sunday, Sept. 17th. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2016 and chose to commemorate the milestone with a Centennial Playground Project at Gallup Park. The Universal Access Playground (UAP) offers children with disabilities opportunities to gain self-confidence and greater independence. Children of all ages and abilities will be able to develop and play together.

Ann Arbor Train Station. The Environmental Assessment is being released for a 45-day public comment period. Electronic copies will be made available on the City's website, and written copies will be made available.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. We anticipate sharing a final draft report with Council later this month and plan to provide opportunities for community feedback.

Previews

September 18th Council Meeting. The following items of interest are currently scheduled:

- A ***Solid Waste/Recycling Program Area Status Update*** is included as a City Administrator's written communication item.
- A memorandum regarding ***Suicide Prevention in Parking Structures*** from Susan Pollay is included as a City Administrator's written communication item and provides an update on DDA efforts in the City.
- An update on the ***2018 Huron River Watershed Community Calendar*** is included as a City Administrator's written communication item. Information was provided to Council in advance of a large mailing of Huron River Watershed calendars that will be sent to Ann Arbor single-family residents in the next week or so. The calendar will be available on the City's website and we will publicize it through our social media outlets. Thank you to Jennifer Lawson, Water Quality Manager!
- Council will consider at a ***Resolution to Affirm the City of Ann Arbor's Commitment to the Joint Washtenaw County-City Equity Initiative and Approve a Purchase Order with Washtenaw County for Phase 2 of Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Engagement (NTE \$38,461.50)***
- Council will consider a public hearing and second reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.10.19, 5:10.20, 5:64, 5:65, 5:68 and 5:70 of Chapter 55 (Zoning) and Sections 5:169 of Chapter 59 (Off-Street Parking) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Zoning Premiums/Design Requirements) (Ordinance No. ORD-17-15) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Years and 0 Nays)***
- Council will consider a public hearing and second reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:70 of Chapter 108 (Disorderly Conduct) of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-17-16)***
- Council will consider a public hearing and ***Resolution to Approve The Gallery Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, 441 S. Ashley Street (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Years and 0 Nays)***
- Council will consider a ***Resolution of Intent Regarding Applications of Potential Washtenaw County Millage to Support Community Mental Health Department, County Sheriff Operations, and Policing Jurisdictions Update***

WIP (Work in Progress)

Deer Management. Staff is preparing the 2017-2018 deer management requirements, and will present program activities to Council later in the fall.

Plymouth/Green Construction Project. Work is on schedule for **completion** by the end of September.

Non-Union Compensation Study. Staff attended kick-off sessions on August 22nd, and is actively completing position reviews. The final report is due toward the end of the calendar year.

West Stadium Boulevard between South Main and South 7th. Beginning Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on West Stadium Boulevard to perform road construction as part of the City of Ann Arbor's Street Resurfacing - 2017 project. Activities involve partial-depth pavement removal, minor drainage and concrete work, and repaving the street, which is expected to be complete by Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, weather permitting.

Other

September 12th Economic Development Summit: A Community Conversation about the Future of Affordability and Quality of Life in Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor Economic Development Summit was held on September 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Palmer Commons on the University of Michigan campus. The event featured panelists who are leaders in the private, non-profit, education and public sectors of our community. The event was professionally moderated by Julia Novak of Novak Consulting Group (<http://thenovakconsultinggroup.com>) and was open to City Council and public. A report of the event is being prepared and will be shared with City Council and participants soon.

October and November Council Work Sessions. The October 9 Work Session will focus on Emergency Management, and will use a scenario-basis to address roles and responsibilities, communications with the media and the public, and organization during emergency operations. The November 13 Work Session will be the joint session with the Downtown Development Authority, at the CTN location, and will address parking management strategies.



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