

# City Administrator's Report – September 5, 2017

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [hlazarus@a2gov.org](mailto:hlazarus@a2gov.org) or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto:shiggins@a2gov.org).

## Safety Notes

**A2, Be Safe!** This week we will again see students of all ages and sizes busily getting to and from schools. I am sure you will notice the many improvements to signage, markings, and signals our Engineering and Public Works staff has put in place over the summer to increase safety awareness. However, the most important element of school safety is YOU and your awareness. Please drive gently and with awareness that students are not always aware of your presence. Be on the lookout and always “Be Safe!”

## Success Stories

**Stadium Boulevard Reconstruction Project.** The Stadium Boulevard project is completed and the intersection is open to traffic. Kudos to the project management team for meeting the schedule deadline.

**Nixon/Green / Dhu Varren Intersection Project.** The Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren work has been completed prior to students returning the classroom per the established schedule. Thank you to Craig Hupy, Nick Hutchinson, Igor Kotlyar, and Public Services staff for their excellent work.

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

**Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices.** While an additional outreach session is being coordinated with the Human Rights Commission, the City's consultant (Hillard Heintze) is preparing its draft report. We can anticipate receiving the draft in mid-September.

**Equity Training.** The City and County are proposing a partnership to continue Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) training Phase 2. A resolution will be on the September 18<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda for your consideration.

## Previews

**September 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.** The following items of interest are currently scheduled:

- Council will consider a **Resolution to Approve Fiber and Conduit Use Agreements with the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, the Ann Arbor District Library, and the Downtown Development Authority.** This item follows from the installation the City's I-net.
- Council will consider a public hearing and second reading of reading **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:553, 1:555, and 1:605 of Chapter 18, Employees Retirement System, Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor, to Limit Participation by Certain Part-Time Employees, to Implement Changes Required by Federal Law Related to Military Service and to Correct a Scrivener's Error.**

- Council will consider at first reading **An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:70 of Chapter 108 (Disorderly Conduct) Of Title IX of the Code of The City Of Ann Arbor**
- Council will consider a **Resolution to Approve the Distribution of the Draft Plan, The Treeline - Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan, (CPC Recommendation: Approved - 6 Ayes and 0 Nays).**

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, and is actively completing position reviews. The final report is due toward the end of the calendar year.

### Other

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session - City Revenue Discussion.** The work session will provide a forum to discuss revenue requirements and options, including a presentation on the framework for a potential City income tax.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> Economic Development Summit: A Community Conversation about the Future of Affordability and Quality of Life in Ann Arbor.** The Ann Arbor Economic Development Summit will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Palmer Commons on the University of Michigan campus. The event will feature panelists who are leaders in the private, non-profit, and public sectors of our community as well as the University of Michigan. The event will be professionally moderated by Julia Novak of Novak Consulting Group (<http://thenovakconsultinggroup.com>) and is open to City Council and public. An agenda is being finalized and will be available in advance. Information is available: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=405>

**October and November Council Work Sessions.** The October 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 Work Session will be the joint session with the Downtown Development Authority, and will address parking management strategies.

**Notices.** The City Administrator will be out of the office on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Council will be advised as to who will serve as Acting City Administrator.



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