

# City Administrator's Report – December 4, 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

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

**Doug Forsyth** has been named as the Interim Safety Manager. Best wishes and all of our support as Doug takes on this new challenge.

## Success Stories

**Ann Arbor Fire Department Pleased to Welcome New Assistant Chiefs.** The Ann Arbor Fire Department has hired two new assistant chiefs, Mike Kennedy and Marc Tyler. The assistant fire chiefs will officially join the department Monday, Dec. 11, 2017.

**Plymouth and Green Water Replacement Project.** Staff is pleased to report that the construction of the [Plymouth and Green Water Main Replacement Project](#) was completed on schedule and Plymouth Road is fully open to traffic. Thank you to Engineering staff.

**A Resolution Recognizing City Staff for Responding to the Water Supply Ruptured Line on November 18-22, 2017** is on the agenda for the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. I would like to call out the many people who worked to ensure all of our residents, businesses, and guests continued to have an uninterrupted supply of safe and reliable drinking water.

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

**Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices.** The City and the Human Rights Commission held a work session on Thursday, Nov. 16 to discuss the report. 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.** This session will be held and the Ann Arbor District Library, downtown branch, located at 343 S. Fifth Avenue in the lower level conference room. The focus will be the FY19 Budget.

## Previews

The **December 4 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- **A Resolution to Approve the 2018 Council Calendar**

- We anticipate a **Resolution for 2018 Council Committee Appointments** will be on the agenda.
- The following three items, postponed from the November 9<sup>th</sup> and the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council meetings, regarding the development of the 1140 Broadway property are presented for public hearings and adoption:
  - **A Public Hearing/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**
  - **A Public Hearing/Resolution to Approve Broadway Planned Project Site Plan and Development Agreement, with Modifications to Chapter 62 Landscaping and Screening**
  - **A Public Hearing/Resolution to Approve the 1140 Broadway Brownfield Plan**
- At Second Reading **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)**
- At first reading **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 103 (Historic Preservation) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding Section 8:425.15 Establishing the Inglis House Historic District (Inglis House Study Committee Recommendation: Approval - 3 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.

### Other

**Seasonal Compost Pickup.** The seasonal curbside pickups of compostable materials will end for the growing season on Friday, Dec. 8, 2017. Ann Arbor's compost collection provides an opportunity for pickup of fall leaves and other yard debris that have been placed on lawn extensions in paper bags or compost carts or tied into brush bundles, as described online at [a2gov.org/compost](http://a2gov.org/compost).

**Sign Ordinance Updates.** The City of Ann Arbor is updating its sign ordinance to include new and innovative sign standards that reflect evolving technologies and approaches as well as a general update of sign regulations. Two public meeting have been held seeking public feedback. A third public meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 9 – 10 a.m. at the DDA, 150 S. Fifth, Ann Arbor, MI. The project consultant Giffels Webster, has set up an online feedback platform called [PictureThis™](#) to better understand how residents and business owners think the current sign ordinance is working and what may need work. As they are out and about in Ann Arbor, the city urges the public to look for the signs they view as particularly effective and attractive — or conversely — ineffective. Images can be submitted to [PictureThis™](#) from any internet browser via phone, tablet or computer by clicking the blue "what do you think?" button once on the PictureThis™ site.

For more information, please visit the [sign ordinance project web page](#).

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:scasey@a2gov.org). A background investigation will be conducted on all applicants, who will then be notified if accepted into the program.