

# City Administrator's Report – August 21, 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!** Communications Manager Lisa Wondrash presented a campaign update to the Transportation Committee at their August 16 meeting. Staff is working on seasonal themes for the fall and winter. Other initiatives include a poster contest, “Traffic Tuesday” reports, and coordination with regional partners on common messaging.

**School/Pedestrian Safety.** Engineering and Public Works staff are continuing to implement physical improvements at school crossings, with the intent to have all Tier 1 and Tier 2 work completed before the school opening. Tier 3 and 4 recommendations are under review with the Ann Arbor Public Schools’ Transportation Safety Committee. Those actions not completed this construction season will be implemented in 2018. The Ann Arbor Police Department has been conducting targeted pedestrian enforcement prior to school opening as part of the Changing Driver Behavior Initiative, and will have additional enforcement in place during the opening weeks of school.

**Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).** Safety and Public Services staff have been working to prepare the MRF for safe entry after the fire of the previous week. With restrictions, loose loading and scale operations were resumed. Staff is preparing a memo to Council addressing additional modifications to the MRF and Drop-Off facilities that will be necessary to ensure Ann Arbor recyclable materials can continue to be recovered. It is imperative to note that the changes City staff have made to both operations and the facility prevented injury and greater potential property losses.

**Individual Excellence in Safety.** City leadership is recognizing the efforts of Ammar Hamamy and Brandon Boggs for their quick thinking and bold actions. They encountered a woman suffering from heat injuries, and used their safety first aid training to cool down and hydrate her, and call for medical assistance. Ammar and Brandon are being recognized with *City Bravo!* awards.

## Success Stories

**Stadium Boulevard** by Michigan Stadium east of South Main Street has been reopened to traffic. Staff has received several compliments about the appearance and quality of work. The remaining work at the Stadium and Main intersection and reopening of Stadium west of Main are scheduled for completion prior to the first home Michigan football game.

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

As Ann Arborites are enjoying the remaining weeks of summer, Council can look forward to a busy fall as the following longstanding items will come forward:

**Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices.** While additional outreach sessions are being coordinated with the Human Rights Commission, City's consultant (Hillard Heintze) is preparing its draft report. We can anticipate receiving the draft towards the end of August.

**Ann Arbor Train Station.** Staff has provided MDOT and the Federal Railroad Administration with the final drafts of the Environmental Assessment document. These are under final FRA review, and the schedule still has the Public Comment period beginning prior to the end of August.

**Equity Training.** The City and County are considering a partnership to continue Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) training Phase 2.

### Previews

**August 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting.** The following items of interest are currently scheduled:

- Council will consider consent agenda a ***Resolution to Approve the Fuller Park Parking Lot Land Lease with the University of Michigan (8 Votes Required)***.
- Council will consider a public hearing and second reading ***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) (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)***
- Council will consider at first 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 a ***Resolution to Approve a Lease with Ann Arbor Rowing Club for Use of Bandemer Park (8 Votes Required)***. This item was postponed from the July 17<sup>th</sup> Council Agenda to the August 21<sup>st</sup> Council Agenda

### WIP (Work in Progress)

**Deer Management.** Staff is preparing the 2017-2018 deer management requirements. Program activities will be presented to Council later in the fall.

**Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren and Plymouth/Green Construction Projects.** Work is on schedule for completion this construction season. The Nixon/Green/Dhu Varren intersection is anticipated to be completed when the students return the classroom per the established schedule. The base course of asphalt on Nixon/Dhu Varren has been placed. The Plymouth/Green project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

**Compensation Study.** Human Resources staff is launching the Non-Union Compensation study this week. The study will re-baseline non-union salaries to establish both internal equity and external competitiveness.

## *Other*

Staff is preparing the materials for the **September 11<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session**. 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 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. More information will be forthcoming.

**Skate Park at Veterans Park.** Parks staff has addressed the vandalism and graffiti at the skate park that occurred on the evening/morning of August 17-18. Council will be provided with updates as the police investigation continues.

**City Administrator Updates.** City Administrator Updates will now be included as written Communications Items from the City Administrator on City Council Agendas.



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