

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: September 17
, 2018**

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1	<u>Sent Time</u>	<u>Received Time</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>CC</u>	<u>Redactions</u>	<u>Reason for Redaction</u>
2	7:53 PM		City Council, Christopher Taylor	Kim Zasa		Email address, address and phone number	Privacy
3	9:07 PM		Chuck Warpehoski, Chip Smith, Christopher Taylor	Harvey Michaels		Email address, address and phone number	Privacy
4	10:46 PM		City Council	Margaret Jewett		Email address, address and phone number	Privacy

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From: k zasa [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 7:53 PM
To: CityCouncil; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); aliforcouncil@voteali.org
Subject: Fw: URGENT ACTION: Chimney Swifts!
Attachments: Chimney Swift Fact Sheet.pdf

Dear Mayor Taylor and City Council Members,

I support saving the chimney at 415 W. Washington for the swifts.

Please see the MLive article: https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2018/09/group_wants_to_save_ann_arbor.html



Group wants to save Ann Arbor chimney to protect 'near threatened' birds

www.mlive.com

A nearly century-old chimney at 415 W. Washington is a favorite migration roosting spot for the chimney swift, a bird species that's been declining in numbers.

Thank you,

Kim Zasa
[REDACTED]

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From: Harvey Michaels [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 9:07 PM
To: Warpehoski, Chuck
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); Smith, Chip; [REDACTED] Gloria Helfand
Subject: Re: Please preserve the chimney at 415 W. Washington

Dear Chuck,

Good question.

Off hand, between \$100k and \$1M seems ok, since that's between \$1 and \$10 per Ann Arbor resident. Of course, if the money were raised as a tax, I assume it would be on property. What does the city collect in property taxes? By what percentage would \$100k, \$1M increase it? What's the value of the proposed development of the whole property? by how much would its value be decreased by preserving the chimney? Maybe it would be increased! Could a developer be persuaded to preserve the chimney? What would the goodwill be worth? What's the value of mosquito abatement provided by the swifts? Would county, state, or federal conservation funds be available? I'd guess some private money could be raised from local conservation groups. Perhaps there could be a county millage for chimney preservation.

Just some thoughts.

Thanks for your support for reasonable efforts to preserve the habitat.

Harvey

Harvey Michaels
[REDACTED]

On Sun, Sep 16, 2018 at 9:47 PM Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org> wrote:

Thank you. I support reasonable efforts to preserve the habitat.

From your perspective, how much would be too much to spend to save the chimney? \$10k, \$100k, \$1M? Something else?

Chuck

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Visit www.chuckwarpehoski.org for Ward 5 updates and to sign up for a Ward 5 email newsletter.

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From: Harvey Michaels [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2018 9:07 PM
To: Warpehoski, Chuck <CWarpehoski@a2gov.org>
Subject: Please preserve the chimney at 415 W. Washington

Dear Council Member Warpehoski,

Please preserve the chimney at 415 W. Washington as important habitat for endangered Chimney Swifts. They are beautiful and useful birds. For more information, please see this article: https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2018/09/group_wants_to_save

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harvey Michaels
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From: Margaret Jewett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 10:46 PM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Chimney at 415 W Washington

https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2018/09/group_wants_to_save_ann_arbor.html

I support saving the chimney at 415 W. Washington for the chimney swifts. There has been a precipitous decline in the population as roosting habitat has been destroyed over time and migration routes have, by necessity, been altered. Saving one old chimney may seem like a small action, but it is a very important action for these 1400 twittering tinkerbells. Were they able to roost on horizontal surfaces like most other birds, taking down a chimney would not have such significance, but in the case of swifts, it is a matter of survival. Perhaps an aging chimney can be incorporated into whatever new structure entrepreneurs are hoping to erect.

I feel very sad as I write this, having watched species after species dwindle and sometimes disappear in the last fifty years. I want to encourage this city to put the preservation of native flora and fauna in the forefront of criteria for acceptable development proposals.

Sincerely,
Margaret S Jewett
Margaret Jewett

