

City Administrator's Report – July 16, 2018

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

Safety Notes

Every action, every day, be safe! Stay safe and comfortable when temperatures soar. The National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration and the National Weather Service are providing a [heat awareness fact sheet](#) (PDF) to explain heat-related terms, dangers and warning signs. This resource also notes appropriate first aid guidelines to administer in addition to calling for help when needed. Be sure to note the following precautions from NOAA and NWS to be safe whether at work, home or play.

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. If you wait until you feel thirsty, dehydration may already be setting in.
 - Identify a cool place nearby to seek refuge from the heat when needed; and know the symptoms to watch out for of heat-related illnesses.
 - Avoid over exertion, particularly during the hottest hours of the day, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Be sure to check out the [NOAA/NWS fact sheet](#) (PDF) for many more tips and details.

The Police and Fire Departments continue their collaboration with the Ann Arbor Public School System to conduct **Safety Town** throughout the month of July.

Success Stories

On June 26th, **Shift 2 Engine 1-1** Lieutenant Brent Kostanko, Driver/Operator Danielle Lalonde, FF Robert Vanderkarr, and FF Cody Eddington with HVA **delivered a heathy baby girl** named Promise. Excellent work!

Firefighters from shift 3 responded to fire at 1901 Ellsworth on July 6th. Chief Kennedy especially commends Engine 1-6 Lt Kostanko, D/O Zahn, and FF Richmond and Engine 1-4 Acting Lt Doyon, Acting D/O Gross, and Lt Flack on their **dual** deck gun attack! This was a terrific early decision to slow fire growth. I also want to advocate my support to partners Brewers Towing, who pulled a trailer and dumpster away from the building, and Public Works for responding with a front end loader and backhoe to assist with overhaul. We are fortunate to have these resources close and available.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

The Advisory Task Force on Community Policing is continuing to meet and seek community input on the formation of a Community Policing Commission, per the recommendation of the **Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices**. Task Force meetings are posted on Legistar. Past Task Force meetings are available via replay on [CTN On Demand](#).

Previews

The **July 16 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- Council will consider the following two items related to permitting of marijuana facilities:
 - The first reading of an **Ordinance to Amend Section 5.17.3G of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**, which increase the required minimum separation of medical marijuana provision centers from 600’ to 1,000’.
 - The first reading of an **Ordinance to Amend Section 5.15 (Table 5-15) and Section 5.37.2 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**, which would create a new category of “medical marijuana infused processor” and enables the use in the C2B zoning district. Staff recommends this use be considered as a Special Exception Use.
- Council will consider at first reading an **Ordinance to Amend Section 5.29.4 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor)**. This ordinance adds Special Exception Uses as a Type 1 Application requiring that applicants notify all property owners and residents within 1,000 feet and to hold a citizen participation meeting.
- Council will conduct a public hearing and consider the second reading of an **Ordinance to Amend Sections 5:1 and 5:10.4 of Chapter 55 Zoning of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor to Modify the Definition of Fraternity or Sorority House and Amend Corresponding Special Exception Use Standards** (postponed from June 18, 2018). Staff has engaged with interested stakeholders from the community and the property owners, and Council can expect active participation in the public hearing. The City Administrator provided a summary of the outreach efforts by e-mail on July 14th.
- Council will conduct a public hearing and consider the second reading of an **Ordinance to Repeal Sections 4:16 through 4:20 and Section 4:30 of Chapter 47 (Street and Curb Cuts) of Title IV; and Chapter 55 (Zoning), Chapter 56 (Prohibited Land Uses, Chapter 57 (Subdivision and Land Use Control) Chapter 59 (Off-Street Parking), Chapter 60 (Wetlands), Chapter 61 (Signs and Outdoor Advertising), Chapter 62 (Landscaping and Screening), Chapter 63 (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control), of Title V; and Chapter 104 (Fences) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor and to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor with a New Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of Said Code (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays) (Ordinance No. ORD-18-08)** (postponed from June 4, 2018).
- Council will conduct a public hearing and consider the second reading of an **Ordinance to Amend Sections 1:4 and 1:17 of Chapter 1 (Adoption, Contents and Interpretation) and Sections 1:191 and 1:239 of Chapter 8 (Organization of Boards and Commissions) of Title I; Section 2:5 of Chapter 26 (Solid Waste Management), Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates), and Section 2:211 of Chapter 33 (Stormwater System) of Title II; Section 7:414 of Chapter 94 (Junk Yards) of Title VII; Section 8:509 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII; Section 9:42 of Chapter 107 (Animals), Section 9:79 of Chapter 109 (Liquor), and Section 9:366 of Chapter 119 (Noise Control) of Title IX; and Section 10:63 of Chapter 126 (Traffic) of Title X of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. ORD-18-09)** (postponed from June 4, 2018).
- Council will hold a public hearing and consider a **Resolution to Approve the Cottages at Barton**

Green Site Plan, Wetland Use Permit, and Development Agreement, West Side of Pontiac Trail, South of Dhu Varren Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 2 Yeas and 7 Nays). The meetings at the Planning Commission have been well attended, and Council can anticipate active participation in the public hearing.

WIP (Work in Progress)

Nixon Corridor Improvement Project Survey Extended to July 29. The survey for input regarding the initial design of the Nixon Road Corridor has been extended to July 29. The project limits are between north of Huron Parkway roundabout to south of the M-14 overpass and excludes the recently constructed Dhu Varren roundabout. Additional project information is available at a2gov.org/Nixon.

Staff is working on the following items pursuant to Council directions:

ITEM	DUE DATE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-173	Resolution of Interest Regard 350 S. Fifth Avenue	August 31, 2018	Work in Progress
R-18-195	Budget to Adopt Ann Arbor Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for FY19, Amendment 2 – Regarding Community Participation and Engagement in Developing City Budget and Spending Priorities for FY2020 and FY2021 Financial Plan	September 1, 2018	Work in Progress
R-17-442	Resolution Committing the City of Ann Arbor to Using 100% Clean and Renewable Energy for City Operations	September 2018 to Environmental and Energy Commissions	Work in Progress
R-18-039	Resolution Creating an Advisory Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission	September 4, 2018	Work in Progress

Other

Ann Arbor Art Fair Thursday–Sunday, July 19–22. The annual [Ann Arbor Art Fair](#) will bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to the city when it returns this year Thursday–Sunday, July 19–22. Check the city’s [road and lane closures web page](#) as the event nears to find out which streets will be closed.

City Seeks Champion Tree Nominations accepted through July 31. The City of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the Champion Tree program this summer. The Champion Tree program identifies and catalogs the largest tree of each species within the city and then publishes the results within a searchable online map. If you believe your tree to be one of the biggest and best of its species, please visit a2gov.org/champtrees to fill out a nomination form.

Forestry staff will then evaluate tree nominations and will notify residents if their tree is selected. Both public and private trees may be nominated. Nominations will be accepted through July 31,

2018. Nominations received after July 31 will be evaluated for inclusion in the 2019 Champion Tree list.

The **Downtown Development Authority's July Board Meeting** and Annual Meeting were held on July 11th. Board members approved new officers and committee chairs for FY19. The Board members received an update on the People Friendly Streets initiative. The DDA Executive Director anticipates coming to Council in August to address financing of the projects included in this initiative.

The DDA is also working on the installation of its **Solar Carport Demonstration Project**. The DDA has approved a pilot to install solar panels in the lot at 4th and Catherine. The 111KW installation will generate enough electricity to cover the usage of the vehicle recharging stations and other uses at the lot.

City staff are working with community partners to ensure safe and enjoyable experiences for the following events:

Art Fair, July 19- 22.

International Champions Cup Soccer, July 28.