

City Administrator's Report – May 21, 2018

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

Safety Notes

The City of Ann Arbor Changing Driver Behavior Study will resume toward the end of this month.

Continuing efforts to raise crosswalk safety awareness, the City has launched a media campaign. The City of Ann Arbor's Changing Driver Behavior study will take place once again this May and June with a new media campaign and round of traffic enforcement. The study, conducted in collaboration with Dr. Ron Van Houten and his team from Western Michigan University, began last year with the goal of utilizing enforcement, in street messaging and communications to improve the yielding and stopping rates at crosswalks in Ann Arbor.

A new ad about stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks will begin airing across southeast Michigan began the week of May 1. Additional enforcement at targeted sites in Ann Arbor will begin on Tuesday, May 29 and last two weeks.

A dozen locations on commute routes are part of the study, with half receiving enhanced enforcement and stopping/yielding rate feedback, the other half acting as controls where data is collected to find if compliance rates outside the targeted routes improve. In addition to the media campaign and traffic enforcement, changeable message signs along the road will update drivers on yielding rates allowing the public to see progress in real time.

Last year's efforts resulted in significant improvements. At the targeted enforcement sites across the city, yielding rates went from a mean of 27 percent to 58 percent. At observations sites, where only data was collected, yielding rates jumped from 37 percent to 49 percent. Every action, every day, be safe!

Success Stories

City staff has finalized and is implementing the new **Environmentally Preferable Procurement** administrative policy. The practices provided in the document provide a formal structure that encourages City personnel engaged in purchasing goods and services to procure those with the smallest impact on the environment.

DTE announced its plans to redevelop the former MichCon site through an agreement with the Roxbury Group. The project's conceptual plans include a combination of recreational, residential, and commercial activities, including restoring public access to the south side of the Huron River. In collaboration with the DTE/Roxbury project, the City is obtaining the easements it needs to move forward with the Allen Creek berm-opening project later this year. This effort involves providing drainage and pedestrian/bicycle access via tunnels under the railroad tracks, and will connect the Treeline and BTB trails in the future.

This week is **Public Works Week**. Kindly pass along your appreciation to all of our staff who deliver and support our critical systems, including roads, water, sewer, urban forest, parks, solid waste, facilities, fleet,

open space and other infrastructure. The quality of life we enjoy in A2 would not be possible without these dedicated public servants.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Independent Review of Ann Arbor Police Department Community Engagement Practices. The report is available via Legistar and posted on the [City Administrator's AAPD Community Engagement Practices](#) web page. R-18-039 [Resolution Creating an Advisory Task Force to Make Recommendations Regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission](#) was approved at the February 5th Council meeting. In accordance with this resolution, a resolution to confirm nomination of the task force members were approved at the March 19, 2018 Council Agenda. The Task Force has held three meetings that are available via replay [CTN On Demand](#).

The **City Council Work Session on June 11** will focus on “Providing a Healthy Ann Arbor – Parks and Recreation, Healthy, and Sustainability.”

The first microgrant under the City’s new **Sustaining Ann Arbor Together** program has been awarded to the Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice. The project seeks to increase the use of Ann Arbor's composting program, divert waste from landfills, and educate residents about the value of composting, Awarded by the City of Ann Arbor to the Climate Change & Earth Care Task Force of Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice and the Ann Arbor Area Elders Climate Action Chapter, the grant will cover direct costs for the pilot program focused on a specific city neighborhood (Thursday Garbage Rt. 6 in Ward 5). Program information is available at: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/community-services/Pages/Sustainable-Ann-Arbor-.aspx>

List of Roads for Reconstruction, Resurfacing and Preventative Maintenance for 2018. The City of Ann Arbor has released the tentative list of roads to be part of 2018's reconstruction, resurfacing and preventative maintenance program. This year's construction season will see a complete reconstruction of North Fifth Avenue and Detroit Street in Kerrytown, in collaboration with the Downtown Development Authority, as well as resurfacing of 24 segments of road throughout the city. In addition, stretches of 44 major streets and local roads will have preventative maintenance performed, which takes only a few days to complete but will help extend their useable life and improve traveling conditions. [A map](#) (PDF) and more information about these and other road/utility projects in Ann Arbor can be found at a2gov.org/engineering.

The projected funding for transportation projects in FY2019 is provided in the table below:

AREA	AMOUNT
Roads	\$18,177,843
Sidewalks	2,243,043
New Lighting	115,000
Signs	343,631
Pavement Markings	473,637
Lighting Replacement/Maintenance	639,637
Electronic Speed Limit Signs –Schools	200,000
TOTAL	\$22,192,965

The **May 21 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:61 through 2:64, and 2:69, and to Repeal Section 2:73 of Chapter 29 (Change Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.*** The impact of the ordinance will be to create new classes of users (specifically multifamily) and tiered rate structures that will more accurately reflect the cost to provide services to different demands.
- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Sections 4:58 and 4:59 of Chapter 49 (Sidewalks) of Title IV (Streets and Sidewalks) of the Code of the City Relative to Responsibility for the Repair of Adjacent Sidewalks.***
- A Public Hearing and Second Reading of ***An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:366 of Chapter 119 (Noise Control) is scheduled.*** The proposed changes in the ordinances allow the removal of snow from commercial parking lots at all hours and the expands the permissible hours for collection of solid waste/recyclables from downtown alleys from 10 PM to midnight and 4 AM to 6 AM with the approval of the City Administrator.
- A Public Hearing and Second Reading ***An Ordinance to Amend Sections 7:604 and 7:606 of Chapter 96 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) of Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor***
- Council will consider a ***Resolution to Adopt Ann Arbor City Budget and Related Property Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2019.*** Council Members have offered the following twelve amendments to the City Administrator's proposed budget:

Amendment 1 - Amendment to decrease the General Fund fund balance by \$1,295,000 and increase the General Fund Non-departmental expenditure budget by \$1,295,000 to finance and effectuate settlement of the litigation related to 350 S. Fifth Ave.

Amendment 2 – Amendment to Utilize FY18 Deer Management Program Spending Underrun to Increase Deer Management Funding in the FY19 Budget.

Amendment 3 – Amendment to Increase 2 FTEs for Police Service Specialists.

Amendment 4 – Amendment to Increase funding for Outside Counsel for Advisory Task Force.

Amendment 5 – Amendment to Increase Funding to Study Mental Health Needs.

Amendment 6 – Amendment to Increase Police Staffing in the FY19 Budget by Two Officers with Consideration to Enhance Unassigned Proactive Patrolling (Free Patrol) in Neighborhoods.

Amendment 7 – Amendment to remove the \$750,000 undefined, line-item expenditure for Strategic Initiatives in the SmartZone LDFA's FY19 Expenditure Budget by \$750,000 to \$3,564,100.

Amendment 8 – Amendment Regarding Community Participation and Engagement in Developing City Budget and Spending Priorities for the FY2020 Budget and FY2021 Financial Plan and Authorizing One-Time Expenditure in FY19 of up to \$50,000.

Amendment 9 – Amendment to Authorize a One-Time Expenditure in FY19 of up to \$20,000 to Obtain Citizen Input Regarding Partisan vs. Non-Partisan Local Elections in Ann Arbor.

Amendment 10 - Amendment to Increase FY19 Funding for Street Resurfacing, Repair and Capital Preventative Maintenance, to Develop a Funding Plan to Achieve the City's Road Condition Target, and to Consider Revising the Fund Balance Policy for the Major and Local Street Funds.

Amendment 11 – Amendment to Provide One-Time Special Event Funding for Security Costs for FY19 and Direct Staff to Develop Alternatives for Addressing Security Costs for Future Downtown Events.

Amendment 12 – Recognition of Parks Fairness Resolution with Budget Amendments.

WIP (Work in Progress)

A draft of the FY19 Council's Legislative Policy Agenda is being finalized for consideration in June.

The City is collaborating with Deloitte, Ford, and the University of Michigan on several intelligent transportation initiatives include a Vital Seniors grant opportunity, a Mobility Operating System, and an Alleyways Visualization project. Separate updates on these leading edge approaches will be provided to Council.

City staff is initiating work on the update to the Solid Waste Resource Management Plan.

Other

Celebrate National Trails Day June 2-3 with NAP. Volunteers with The City of Ann Arbor's Natural Area Preservation (NAP) will join volunteers across the country to collectively improve 2,802 miles of trail (the distance across the United States) on American Hiking Society's National Trails Day. NAP volunteers will work in three natural areas: Stapp Nature Area, Bird Hills Nature Area and Brokaw Nature Area, on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, 2018. More information

All are Invited to Police and Fire Departments Open House June 9. Climb aboard a fire engine; meet the police K-9 unit; watch vehicle extrication and smoke house demonstrations; and so much more at the fifth annual Ann Arbor Police and Fire Departments Open House. The event is free and takes place Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. along Fifth Avenue, between Huron and Ann streets. Free hot dogs and popcorn will also be provided.

All are invited to join the fun and to meet the police officers and firefighters who keep our city safe. Contact information; Lt. Mike Scherba mscherba@a2gov.org