

City Administrator's Report – August 23, 2018

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

Safety Notes

It's the most wonderful time of the year (for parents)! Summer vacation is coming to its end (alas). University of Michigan students are returning and classes start for Ann Arbor Public Schools start September 4th. Be prepared for more cars on the road and pedestrians and cyclists. Give yourself a few minutes more for your commutes and be ever mindful of all users of our streets. Let's make this academic year safe and enjoyable.

Our Safety Team continues its inspections of our facilities. Fire safety, intruder awareness, and fall protection are our priority areas going forward, so please work with Doug Forsyth, Emily Fuller, and John Tyler as they strive to ensure our buildings are safe places for our workforce and our visitors.

Success Stories

Ann Arbor Police Department to Dedicate Officers to Downtown Beat. In early September, the [Ann Arbor Police Department](#) will be bringing back the beat to patrol the city's downtown area. "Downtown beat" officers will often be on bicycle or foot and will provide a more visible, approachable police presence. These officers will also develop and maintain contacts with residents, business associations and community groups; involve the community in problem solving efforts; develop strategies to reduce crime and violence; and help to improve the overall quality of life on their beat.

Assistant City Administrator John Fournier begins his journey with us on September 4th. We are planning a formal introduction at the September 17th Council meeting.

Planning for Merit Badge Day. Volunteer City staff from the City Administrator's Office, Fire, Police, Sustainability & Innovations, and Community Services are planning to host a "merit badge day" for scouts (Both young men **and** young women!) from around southeastern Michigan on November 10th. Areas of focus are safety, law, sustainability, and citizenship. Stay tuned for more information.

AAPD will be swearing in its newest officers in City Council Chambers at noon on August 24th.

Ann Arbor was featured on the Cooking Channel's Cheap Eats program. If you missed the episode, you can catch see where you can get great meals for under \$35/day on line at <https://discovery.app.box.com/s/yh4roxxc5hnwz5prewnxaocr8o7rx675>.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Please note City Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 4th** due to the Labor Day holiday.

The **Advisory Task Force on Community Policing** is beginning to wrap-up its work to provide input to the City Administrator on the formation of a Community Policing Commission. At its scheduled August 30th meeting, the Task Force will review and finalize its work products. One final meeting will be scheduled for a discussion of the Administrator’s recommendations, and the City Administrator will request that Council dedicate a work session in September to review his recommendations prior to formal presentation at an ensuing Council meeting. Past Task Force meetings are available via replay on [CTN On Demand](#).

Previews

The **August 23rd Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Council will read a proclamation declaring August 24, 2018 as **Lafora Body Disease Awareness Day**.

Two public hearings and second readings of ordinances on the agenda concerning medical marijuana facilities. The actions involve Amending **Section 5.17.3G** of the Unified Development Code (Chapter 55) to address the **separation distance between provisioning centers** and Amending **Section 5.15 and 5.37.2** of Chapter 55 concerning **marijuana-infused product processing**.

Council will consider adopting a Resolution Authorizing the City of Ann Arbor to be Listed as a Support Municipality in an Amicus Brief to be filed with the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit In State of California vs. United States Environmental Agency. This case addresses the EPA’s intent to review and potentially modify or freeze fuel efficiency standards.

WIP (Work in Progress)

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

ITEM	DUE DATE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-173	Resolution of Interest Regarding 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	Staff has provided recommendations to Council concerning Citizen Priorities for Budgets in a memo attached under City Administrator Communications.
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	September 4, 2018	Work in Progress

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The City’s Mission is to deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.

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	Roles and Responsibilities of a Community Policing Commission		

Other

September Events with NAP. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic among its citizens. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Volunteer opportunities coming up in September are listed at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=504>. Learn more about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.

City Transportation staff continue working with the City of Detroit and the City of Windsor, Ontario on a World Economic Forum pilot project incorporating the ongoing work on **Mobility Insights**. Deloitte Consulting, Ann Arbor SPARK and the University of Michigan are contributing partners, which aims to address the intersection among mobility, technology, and social equity.