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SUBJECT: February 16, 2021 Council Agenda Responses

DATE: February 11, 2021

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**CA-5 – Resolution to Approve the Installation of Traffic Calming Devices on Glenwood Road (Override to Washtenaw) in the amount of \$83,085.00**

**Question:** 31 valid addresses; 10 returned; 7 approve. What concerns were raised by the 3 households that objected to the traffic calming plan? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** Following are the comments received from the three households that were not in favor of the traffic calming plan:

Response A: -

*“You didn’t have the courage to argue with the state to put a needed stop light at Washtenaw and Arlington. That would completely eliminate the problem.*

*You are making a carnival ride out of a lovely neighborhood street.*

*The Only good idea was to reconfigure the stop sign at Glenwood and Override which would slow the traffic that comes accelerating around that curve heading towards Washtenaw. You don’t see it. You don’t live here – I do at \*\*\*\*\* Glenwood.*

*The proposed solution is a disgusting joke.”*

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Response B:

*"I have never experienced any difficulty either as a pedestrian or a motorist on Glenwood Rd. and consider the plan to be an unneeded expense. I would also like to compliment the people involved in developing the plan for developing a clear and comprehensive plan."*

Response C:

No comments provided.

**CA-6 – Resolution to Approve a Purchase Order with Toter LLC for Solid Waste Containers (\$98,000.00) and appropriate \$98,000.00 (8 Votes Required)**

**Question:** Am I correct that these containers are just for recycling and garbage (not composting)? Will they be sold to residents or distributed for free? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** The resolution is not for composting dumpsters. The resolution is primarily for purchase of small recycling dumpsters. Recycling dumpsters are owned by the City and distributed, at no cost, as needed to replace existing containers that are obsolete or in poor condition and to provide new containers to multi-family or commercial customers. This resolution would also allow the City to purchase small trash dumpsters, which would be used on City properties as needed. The City does not sell or furnish trash dumpsters to customers

**CA-12 – Resolution to Approve a Street Closure for Conor O'Neill's Main Street Dining on Main Street Between Liberty and William Streets on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 6:00 AM until 11:00 PM**

**Question:** I am concerned that this COVID plan (social distancing and masking) sounds adequate for last Fall's variant but much has changed since then. There has been a significant outbreak of the B.1.1.7 variant on UM campus, which appears not to have spread into the broader Ann Arbor population. This variant, which is more contagious, may spread outside, particularly if people remove their masks to eat and drink. UM students are likely to be among those who will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Main St. Does the Health Department think that this COVID plan is adequate to prevent further spread of the B.1.1.7 variant? Is there anything by way of enforcement or strengthening that could be done to ensure this does not become a super-spreader event? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** City Police will have shift and special service officers who are on duty conduct extra foot patrols in the area and walk Main Street during this event to help ensure compliance with all city, state, and Washtenaw County Health Department COVID-19 guidelines. The organizer is also being instructed to be extremely vigilant and to abide by the directives of the Washtenaw County Health Department.

The following information was provided by the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD).

*Washtenaw County Health Department follows the MDHHS guidelines, which allow outdoor dining, with patrons seated and remaining masked except when eating and drinking. Individuals must remain 6' apart and tables are limited to a maximum of 6 individuals. There are not separate guidelines for addressing the spread of the variant B.1.1.7 strain. Additionally, at Governor Whitmer's February 9 press conference, Dr. Khalidun stated that 45 cases of the variant B.1.1.7 strain have been identified in 10 Michigan counties. Not all cases have been associated with travel. We should expect it to be circulating in the community.*

*To further comply with the MDHHS order, if a tent is used with 2 sides or 1 side with a second side against a wall, the following additional restrictions are in place as it would be considered an "indoor" space:*

- 1. The maximum capacity under a tent with 2 sides or one side with a second side against a wall is 100 individuals.*
- 2. A 10pm curfew would be in place for a tent with 2 sides or one side with a second side against a wall.*

*A tent with no side would not have the same restrictions.*

*Given the celebratory nature of the event and that alcohol is typically consumed, WCHD recommends Conor O'Neill's provide additional staff should be on hand to enforce masking, no gatherings/congregation/table hopping, and adjust distancing of tables/chairs as needed. Additional staff should also prepare to wipe down commonly touched surfaces including restrooms more often given the additional volume of people expected. Finally, staff should remember to get names and contact information for contact tracing.*

## **CA-21 - Resolution to Amend the City Attorney Contract**

**Question:** Please describe the procedure that will be used to solicit feedback on the City Attorney's performance from former Council Members who served on Council during the 11 months of this performance evaluation period that fell during their term of service (Jan 1, 2020 – mid-November 2020). (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** Feedback via an anonymous survey instrument will be solicited from the current City Council and the City Council who served during the eleven months of this performance evaluation period that fell during January 1, 2020-mid-November 2020 term of service by Amy Cell, the consultant on this evaluation.

**DB-2 - Resolution to Approve 907 & 913 S. Main Street Site Plan and Development Agreement, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Years and 0 Nays)**

**Question:** Does the site plan provide ample space for composting carts, in addition to trash and recycling? At PC the developer was urged to consider installing electric appliances. I understand that this is not a requirement of the project, but I wondered whether the developer has changed his position on natural gas utilities? (Councilmember Disch)

**Response:** The site plan requires the developer to provide space for trash and recycle carts for both storage and service. Compost collection is not required for either new developments or existing single-family homes and so there is no requirement for the developer to provide space for compost containers. This development has proposed to store carts under the building near parking spaces and wheel them to the curb for collection each week. In evaluating the site plan, it appears that there could be room for one additional cart, but it would need further analysis. The developer states there is room for compost bins, which can be placed underneath the rear deck. Separately, the developer will commit to having all kitchen and laundry appliances within the units to be electrical.