

City of Ann Arbor

City Administrator's Report – November 8, 2018

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Winter Driving Safety. Like it or not, winter will soon be staring us right in the face. With the snowy and cold weather on its way, we also face the added headache of navigating our roads under wintry conditions. Obviously, driving in winter conditions requires some additional preparation and some added awareness of yourself, your vehicle, and all that is going on around you. The following are some winter driving tips to help avoid a disastrous winter driving season.

- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

Success Stories

Ann Arbor Water Utility Wins Gold Award. The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) has awarded the City of Ann Arbor a 2018 [Gold award](#) for Exceptional Water Utility Performance, its highest honor. Ann Arbor was recognized for its exceptional service to customers, strategic decision-making and investment in staff. Congratulations to Brian Steglitz, Water Treatment Plant Manager, and staff.

November 6 Election. Thank you to the City Clerk's Office with the assistance of staff throughout the organization for their excellent work during Election Day preparation and related activities. We appreciate all of the volunteers who made this a successful day.

November 8 Council Meeting. This meeting marks the last session for four departing elected officials: Councilmember Kailasapathy, Councilmember Westphal; Councilmember Krapohl; and Councilmember Warpehoski. City staff appreciates and acknowledges your service to our community, and your

continued support throughout your tenure. New Councilmember orientation is scheduled for November 15, 16, and 30. Incoming Councilmembers have been notified of the dates and events.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Budget Priorities Online Community Survey. On Sept. 4, City Council approved engaging the professional services of The Center for Priority Based Budgeting (CPBB) to conduct a Priority Based Budgeting Survey for the City of Ann Arbor. The goal of the community survey will be to obtain meaningful and broad citizen input to assist staff and City Council members in developing the city's budget and spending priorities for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

In accordance with City Charter, the City Administrator's recommended fiscal year 2020 budget will be submitted to City Council on April 15, 2019. Fiscal year 2020 runs from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. City Council members can only adopt one fiscal year at a time even though the city plans for multi-year budgets.

The city encourages all residents to share their insights and opinions through this survey on what they believe the city's priorities should be for the upcoming budget. The deadline to take this [online-only survey](#) is Nov. 18, 2018. Results of the survey will be provided to City Council members in early December and made available to the public via the city's website.

Annual Council Planning Session December 10. Council's annual budget planning retreat is scheduled for Mon., December 10 at the Ann Arbor District Library downtown branch from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m

Previews

The **November 8 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Public Hearings and Second Readings (3)

- At second reading **An Ordinance to Amend Section 9:38 and 9:42 of Chapter 107 (Animals) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor Regarding the Addition of Ducks to the Referenced Sections (Ordinance No. ORD-18-31).** These changes add ducks as allowable domesticated animals and fowl under City ordinance.
- **A Resolution to Approve Midtown Ann Arbor Condominium Site Plan and Development Agreement, 1420 South Maple Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 6 Years and 0 Nays).** The property at 1420 South Maple Road provides for the construction 256 dwelling units and 600 bedrooms in 17 buildings. The attached development agreement also requires the dedication of 1.06 acres for a public park and a contribution of \$107,000 to the Parks and Recreation Unit.
- **A Resolution to Approve 132 Hill Street Site Plan (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Years and 0 Nays).** The site plan proposes demolishing the existing 4,200 SF home and constructing a new 11,653 SF five-unit apartment building.

Resolutions:

- **Resolution to Approve Bylaws of the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission.** This matter has been postponed from both the 10/1 and 10/15 Council meetings. The by-laws supplement the recently passed ordinance by providing greater detail on the administration of the Commission.

WIP (Work in Progress)

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

ITEM	DUE DATE	DUE DATE	STATUS
R-18-195	Resolution to Adopt FY19 Budget: Amendment No. 2 – Community Participation and Engagement in development City Budget and Spending Priorities for FY20-21	December 1, 2018	The deadline to take this online-only survey is Nov. 18, 2018.
R-18-293	Resolution to Appoint a Task Force to Review Policies and Procedures for Special Events	December 31, 2018	Under review

Other

It is also with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **AAPD Lieutenant Lyle Sartori**. Our thoughts are with him and his family, and we celebrate his career of service to the Ann Arbor community.

Saturday, November 10th City volunteers will be participating in **Merit Badge Day** with the Southern Shores Field Service Council of Scouting, USA. Staff will assist scouts in obtaining merit badges in the areas of Citizenship in the Community, Sustainability, Fire Safety, Law, Fingerprinting, and Public Safety.

Thank you Veterans! City Veterans Day Schedule for November 12. Ann Arbor municipal offices, including the customer service center at Larcom City Hall and the 15th Judicial District Court, will be closed for the observation of Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018. However, the city's normal trash, compost and recycling curbside service will be provided without interruption. Safety services and utility operations will maintain 24-hour schedules throughout.

Also to observe the holiday, Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation will say thank you to military veterans with special offerings at four locations on Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11.

- [Mack Indoor Pool](#) will offer free swimming to military veterans during lap swim time, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., and also during open swim, 1–6 p.m. The pool is located at 715 Brooks St., inside Ann Arbor Open School.
- [Veterans Memorial Park Indoor Ice Arena](#) (2150 Jackson Ave.) and [Buhr Park Outdoor Ice Arena](#) (2751 Packard Road) will offer free ice skating and skate rental for military veterans. Vets Park open skate times are 1–2:30 p.m.; and open skating at Buhr is 2:30–4:30 p.m. and 7:15–8:45 p.m.
- Military veterans can play nine or 18 holes at [Huron Hills Golf Course](#) (3465 E. Huron River Drive) free of charge on Sunday, Nov. 11. Power cart rental is \$5 for nine holes, \$10 for 18 holes.

Volunteer Opportunities 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. Find more information about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.