

**Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: September 3, 2019
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2	7:05 PM		Christopher Taylor, Ann Bannister, Jeff Hayner, Jane Lumm, Kathy Griswold, Zach Ackerman, Julie Grand, Jack Eaton, Elizabeth Nelson, Chip Smith, Ali Ramlawi	Bernie Hobrecht		Email address, address	Privacy
3	9:15 PM		Zach Ackerman	Catherine Engstrom		Email address, address	Privacy
4	9:16 PM		Christopher Taylor	Catherine Engstrom		Email address, address	Privacy
5	9:16 PM		Elizabeth Nelson	Catherine Engstrom		Email address, address	Privacy
6	9:39 PM		Julie Grand, Zach Ackerman	Bradley Parsons		Email address, phone number	Privacy
7	10:54 PM		Christopher Taylor	Bradley Parsons		Email address, phone number	Privacy
8	11:08 PM		Zach Ackerman	Karen Wight		Email address	Privacy
9	12:31 AM		City Council	Elizabeth North		Email address, address, phone number	Privacy

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From: bernie hobrecht [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 7:05 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor); ",ABannister"@a2gov.org; ",JHayner"@a2gov.org; ",JLumm"@a2gov.org; ",KGriswold"@a2gov.org; ",ZAckerman"@a2gov.org; ",JGrand"@a2gov.org; ",JEaton"@a2gov.org; ",ENelson"@a2gov.org; ",ChSmith"@a2gov.org; ",ARamlawi"@a2gov.org; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: 2857 Packard Road

Mayor Taylor and City Council People,

Tonight there will be discussion about 2857 Packard Road. Please don't make our city look like our overdeveloped neighboring communities. My wife and I support the Green Belt initiative, support every millage for Parks and Schools... But this one as is just doesn't garner any respect.

We ask that you please don't make any decision(s) in haste; there's no pressure to build. If it isn't Peters, another developer will continue - why rush to approve and watch a historic part of Ann Arbor's ground up into wood chips? There are other options.

Respectfully,

Bernie and Sivi-Rae Hobrecht
[REDACTED]

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From: Catherine Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:15 PM
To: Ackerman, Zach
Subject: 2857 Packard

Hello,

I am a resident at [REDACTED] I am writing you about the situation happening at 2857 Packard. I have serious concerns, some that you have heard me voice at an earlier public meeting, about this construction plan. I think we can demand much better than what is on the table here. We have a chance to be the leaders for green eco friendly building, we should seize it. I would love to chat or help in anyway I can. I appreciate your time and all you do, Catherine Engstrom-Hadley

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From: Catherine Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:16 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: 2857 Packard

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From: Catherine Engstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:16 PM
To: Nelson, Elizabeth
Subject: 2857 Packard

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Catherine Engstrom-Hadley

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From: Bradley Parsons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:39 PM
To: Grand, Julie; Ackerman, Zach
Subject: Proud from Ward 3...

As I watched the Council meeting online as it happened, I keep thinking of how deeply appreciative I am of what you all do and how you represent Ward 3. Myself, my family, and my dear friends who live in the neighborhood are lucky to have you. You both are incredible at what you do. I wish others appreciated your dedication and commitment. I wish things on Council weren't so contentious, but it is what it is.

Despite circumstances, I urge you to keep doing the great work you all are doing.

Brad

Bradley Parsons
[REDACTED]

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From: Bradley Parsons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:54 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject: Keep on keeping on...

Hey Mayor Taylor,

Just wanted to pass along as I watch tonight that we are incredibly lucky to have a leader like you at the helm. You have incredible patience and I appreciate your tact and balance. Just wanted to say so.

Keep on keeping on,

Brad

Bradley Parsons
[REDACTED]

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From: Karen Wight [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:08 PM
To: Ackerman, Zach
Subject: Thank You.

Councilman Ackerman - I am so sorry that City Council members who voted against your re-appointment tonight have not been present at Planning Commission meetings over the last several years to see and support a continuation of the terrific job you have been doing. I will be letting my neighbors know that I feel we have lost an important advocate for managing change and better development.

All good wishes going forward -
Karen Wight

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From: Elizabeth North [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 12:31 AM
To: CityCouncil
Subject: Constituent Concern

Hello Mayor Taylor and members of the council,

I hope you are all doing well. I am writing this message as a follow up to my previous email to Mayor Taylor last month, as I did not hear back from the Mayor regarding my concerns. Given recent reporting on the vote to re-appoint Mr. Ackerman to the planning commission, I feel compelled to once again raise the issue of Mr. Ackerman being unfit for office.

I am a resident of the 3rd ward in Ann Arbor [REDACTED] and I am writing to express my disappointment with our elected city official Zachary Ackerman. I am calling for Mr. Ackerman to be removed from his position on the council, or at the very least, that he not be reappointed to planning commission.

Over the past year, Mr. Ackerman has unquestionably demonstrated that he is unfit for office and is unable to carry out his duties as city councilman.

The bulk of my concern about Mr. Ackerman's ability to serve in public office stems from Mr. Ackerman's reckless endangerment of the public in his January 2019 drunk driving incident, and his subsequent failure to disclose his arrest to the mayor and members of the council. [Indeed, according to reporting done by Mlive, the reporter's request for comment on Ackerman's arrest was the first time Mayor Taylor, as well as councilmember Eaton, had heard about the incident from anyone. That public officials were completely in the dark about this incident is especially concerning given the matter pertained to public safety.]

Mr. Ackerman's decision to drive with a .20 BAC on January 2nd was inexcusable. Yet the most profound demonstration of his being unfit for office was when he accrued multiple unexplained absences at city council meetings and completely failed to disclose any information whatsoever to his constituents regarding his lack of participation in city council matters. As an elected public official, this is indefensible.

Mr. Ackerman justified his lack of disclosure by referring to his substance dependency as a 'health issue' and not a 'moral issue'. Mayor Taylor's comments as well as those of some other council members seem to support this idea. However, while substance abuse in itself is not a moral issue and would not be grounds for his dismissal from office, **the fact that Mr. Ackerman endangered the very lives of the constituents who he is supposed to advocate for, and then attempted to hide the matter altogether from those constituents, is a categorical failure and represents everything a public official should not.**

The minimization of Mr. Ackerman's offense, with city officials calling it a 'private matter,' is misinformed and problematic. By nature of the job, public officials are held to a higher standard than regular citizens.

'Private matters,' when they endanger public safety, can no longer remain private. This is true for regular citizens as well as city councilmen.

The fact that Mr. Ackerman was found to drive at more than twice the legal limit, crash into another car and hide the matter from the city who he supposedly represents, is grounds for removal.

As a constituent, I am very worried that Mr. Ackerman might again drive impaired after his one year of probation is up (if not before). I have a young daughter who I drive around with regularly. Mr. Ackerman rear ended a vehicle when he was driving impaired. I should not have to worry about something similar happening to me in Ann Arbor by anyone, let alone by my own city representative.

As a public official who represents the city of Ann Arbor, Mr. Ackerman's actions are contradictory to the duties he swore to uphold. By failing to disclose his arrest until forced to do so by the media, Mr. Ackerman demonstrated a complete lack of integrity and an unfitness for office.

Regarding Mr. Ackerman's reappointment to the planning commission:

I am surprised and perturbed by councilmember Grand's criticism of those who voted in opposition of Mr. Ackerman's re-appointment to planning commission. Councilmember Grand noted (according to reporting done by Mlive): *"it's completely upsetting to me to see our body deteriorate like this and to call out our colleagues individually and say that, "Oh, it's nothing personal, but you know, we're just going to not support you, even though you've done an outstanding job"*

Actually, the deterioration of the body occurs when individuals like Ackerman are allowed to stay on the council "no questions asked" after engaging in behavior which endangers the public and failing to uphold his duties as elected official.

Deterioration of the body also occurs when council members make statements to the media disparaging other council members. Public criticism of others on the council for failing to 'fall in line' fosters a climate of silence and blind obedience. Such a climate breeds corruption.

My final question: Has Mr. Ackerman truly done an "outstanding" job?
I (along with the other constituents of the 3rd ward) am very curious to see what evidence there is to support this claim of outstanding performance.

There are many other upstanding citizens living in the 3rd ward who could, and would, refrain from putting public safety at risk while in office, and fulfill the job requirements while they're at it.

I look forward to your response. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or at telephone number [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth North