



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report February 6, 2023

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Coronavirus (COVID-19) update. It remains vitally important for everyone to follow the latest public health guidelines, both inside and outside of the workplace, and to get vaccinated when eligible.

City facilities are open to the public. The city will continue to share updated information via all channels — including Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheCityOfAnnArbor>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/a2gov>), NextDoor and via email (subscribe at http://service.govdelivery.com/service/subscribe.html?code=MIANNA_5).

City staff continue to serve the community and residents can always contact the city's customer service center for assistance Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (except holidays) at 734.794.6320 or via email at customerservice@a2gov.org with questions or concerns.

For the latest COVID-19 health information, please visit www.washtenaw.org/COVID19 or the Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/>. For city related business, individual safety reminders include:

- Please check the [city's meeting calendar for](#) the most up-to-date information on public meetings.
- To pay parking tickets, water bills, property taxes, apply for permits as well as other customer service options, residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of online services by visiting www.a2gov.org/services.

A2 Be Safe!

Success Stories

Success. Thank you to staff throughout the organization who have worked and continue to work tirelessly, and those who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic. You are appreciated! The City extends appreciation to the Ann Arbor community for their patience; cooperation with mask wearing and distancing; increased handwashing; support of local businesses; and for getting/planning to get vaccinated all in a united effort to bring the pandemic to an end.

Ann Arbor Fire Department Earns Improved Public Protection Classification Rating. An Ann Arbor Fire Department (AAFD) rating number is decreasing, and it's a substantial point of pride.

Effective May 1, 2023, the Public Protection Classification (PPC) for the City of Ann Arbor is being lowered from a 3 to a 2. The AAFD is now one of only 19 departments in Michigan and one of 1,729 in the United States with a 2 classification. PPC 10-point scale assigns 1 as the best, while a 10 essentially indicates no fire protection in place. PPC collects information for public fire protection in more than 39,000 areas across the country. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=941>.

Ann Arbor Awarded \$3.8 Million Safe Streets and Roads for All Program Grant. The City of Ann Arbor is pleased to announce that the United States Department of Transportation, through its Safe Streets and Roads for All program, has awarded the city \$3.8 million in support of goals laid out in Ann Arbor's Vision Zero transportation plan. With this funding, the city will be able to advance more Vision Zero Quick Build projects as well as refine and pilot the Speed Management Program. The grant application was successful due to the hard work and collaboration of staff, working across disciplines, led by Raymond Hess, the city's Transportation Manager.

Sustainability & Innovations Corner

- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter.** If you haven't already, please subscribe to monthly, detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren't already, please subscribe at https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIANNA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIANNA_146.
- **New Commercial Solar Program Helps Ann Arbor Businesses Access Clean Energy.** The Ann Arbor 2030 District, in collaboration with the City's Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI), has launched a new program designed to help commercial properties in Ann Arbor and throughout the County access the benefits of clean, renewable energy. The program will provide one-on-one assistance to screen properties for solar potential, help with designing and releasing Request for Proposals to qualified installers, support in reviewing proposal responses and financial benefits, and help reviewing post-installation energy bills. The A2 Area Commercial Solar Program is open to businesses and property owners in Washtenaw County. There will be an informational webinar on February 28th from 12:00 - 1:00pm, where the program details will be explained, and questions answered. Interested individuals can sign up for this webinar at: [Commercial Solar Meeting](#). The A2 Area Commercial Solar Program is a key component of the city's A2ZERO carbon neutrality plan, which was unanimously adopted by Ann Arbor City Council June 1, 2020. To learn more about the city's carbon neutrality work, visit www.a2zero.org.
- The IBEW/NECA, our local Electrical Workers Union, is partnering with A2ZERO on electrification readiness, and continues their campaign called "The Future is Electric." (<https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero>) As part of this campaign, they have been releasing [informational videos](https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero-video-series) (<https://www.ibewneca252.org/a2zero-video-series>) to help residents know what might be involved with upgrading homes for

electrification of appliances and vehicles. Take a look at their videos on panel upgrades, heat pump dryers, induction stoves and EV charging!

- Low-income Sustainability Grant program is ramping up with a hopeful launch later this month. This initiative will provide funding support to help ensure everyone, regardless of income, is able to participate in our efforts to achieve A²ZERO. More details coming soon!
- Energy Options Analysis — OSI and 5Lakes Energy are currently in the data-acquisition phase for the Energy Options Analysis. At this point, all attention is focused on gathering as much information as OSI can to ensure these analyses are as robust as possible.
- The A²ZERO Sustainability Series is HYBRID this year! Join OSI either online or in person at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. The next meeting is Feb. 22, 6–8pm. Presenting: “Housing and Transportation — What’s the Climate Connection?” A special forum brought to you in collaboration with the Ann Arbor Citizens’ Climate Lobby. Housing and transportation, together, account for 42% of our emissions. To achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, we need to dramatically reduce vehicle miles traveled and make our buildings more efficient. What impact do transportation and housing choices have on carbon emissions, affordability and livability? Ann Arbor Citizens’ Climate Lobby has assembled a panel to discuss considerations for designing low carbon, highly livable cities. Register in advance for this webinar or the webinar series: https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fmgnRmqXT6SgpyKmzRSQVg.
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - **Ann Arbor Solar Stories, first Thursday of each month, online, 7-8 p.m.:** Hosted by the GLREA, hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar, and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links.
 - Save the Date: 2023 Sustainability Forums (register for any or all forums here: https://a2gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fmgnRmqXT6SgpyKmzRSQVg#/registration):
 - February 22nd: Housing and Transportation: What’s the Climate Connection (see information above)
 - March 29th: Re-Charged Home Electrification: New Funding and Opportunities for Electrifying Your Space
 - April 26th: Renewed Renewables: The Bright Future of Renewable Energy in Ann Arbor
 - May 31st: Where do WE go from here?

Council Priorities/Initiatives

Ordinance Chapter 14, 1:316 Sole/Best Source Data. Pursuant to changes approved by City Council on July 15, 2019, to [Chapter 14, 1:316](#), attached is the Sole/Best Source data for January 2023 for purchases over \$3,000.

Previews

The **February 6 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (6). There are 6 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (4). Public Hearings are listed below and under Second Readings.

- **Resolution to Approve 530 N. Division St. PUD Site Plan (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will allow for construction of a three-story, four-residential-unit building.

Ordinances – Second Readings (3).

- **A Public Hearing and Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.22.2 and 5.22.3, of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Storm Water Management Systems) (ORD-23-02)**
- **A Public Hearing and Ordinance to Amend Chapter 103 (Historic Preservation) of Title VIII of the code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding Section 8:425.15 Establishing the Robert and Erma Hayden House Historic District, 1201 Gardner Avenue (Robert and Erma Hayden House Study Recommendation: Approval – 3 Yeas and 0 Nays)**
- **A Public Hearing and Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.19 Acres from R4C (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), 530 N. Division Street Zoning and Supplemental Regulations (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-23-01)**

Ordinances – First Readings (3).

- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Zoning of 67.6 Acres from TWP (Township District) and R1C (Single-Family Dwelling District) to R4A (Multiple-Family Dwelling District), 1680 Dhu Varren Road, 1710 Dhu Varren Road, 2670 Pontiac Trail, 2672 Pontiac Trail, 2678 Pontiac Trail, and 2682 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays).** Approval of this resolution will zone this 67.6 acre parcel from TWP and R1C to R4A to allow the construction of a residential community.
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination), Sections 9:150, 9:151, and 9:156 of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 19 (Tax Exemptions for Housing Projects) of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**

Other

Sign Up to Attend the 2023 Ann Arbor Community Academy. The Ann Arbor Community Academy (A2CA) is returning for a sixth year to provide a closeup look at local government. The popular program, free and open to community members 18 years of age and older, will be

conducted with a hybrid approach. Weekly sessions will be held online via Zoom every Wednesday, March 1–April 26, 6:30–8:30 p.m., and in-person tours will take place on select Tuesdays. A2CA connects participants with city staff and officials to discover what goes into both long-term planning and day-to-day operations throughout Ann Arbor. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=937>.

Ann Arbor Nap Spring Controlled Ecological Burn Season to Begin Feb. 17. City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) will be conducting controlled ecological burns in local natural areas between February 17 and May 26. Burns are conducted on weekdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., weather permitting. On the day of a controlled burn, signs will be posted around the park and staff will be available on site for questions. The fire will be under control at all times. More information is available via <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=944>.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Purchasing Manager
DATE: 1/31/2023
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for January 2023

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for January 2023 for purchases over \$3,000. Any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

cc: Marti Praschan, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Higgins, Director of Operations

Sole/Best Source for January 2023

Unit	Amount	Vendor	Item	Description	Type
Fire	\$ 7,584.61	Graph-X Signs & Designs	*AP Invoice	AMBULANCE GRAPHICS	Best Source
Police	\$ 12,018.00	Component Fabricators	*AP Invoice	AAPD FITNESS EQUIPMENT	Sole Source
Water Treatment	\$ 3,410.12	Pirtek Metro Detroit	*AP Invoice	WILLET PUMP 2 REPAIR	Best Source
IT	\$ 4,000.00	Lansweeper Inc	*AP Invoice	LANSWEEPER SOFTWARE	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 10,981.70	Michigan CAT	*AP Invoice	NORTH CAMPUS GEN RADIATOR	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 17,180.00	Confluence Outdoor	*AP Invoice	SINGLE KAYAKS SIT-ON-TOP	Best Source
WWTP	\$ 20,000.00	Andritz Separation	CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS, STATIONARY.72018	VARIOUS ITEMS	Sole Source
Fire	\$ 3,240.00	Erin Cantrell Fitness	*AP Invoice	PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR RECRUIT	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 6,000.00	Zep Sales & Service	AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK AND BUS PARTS AND EQUIPMENT.99809	PARTS & SUPPLIES	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 17,000.00	Trane U.S. Inc.	CHILLERS, HEAT EXCHANGERS AND RECEIVERS.03113	CITY HALL - ROOF TOP CHILLER SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING	Best Source
Public Works	\$ 5,000.00	Frost Solutions	WEATHER FORECASTING SERVICES.96188	WEATHER MONITORING SYSTEM	Best Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 4,344.75	Truckvault Inc	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.93657	DRAWER FOR EXPLORER INTERCEPTOR	Sole Source
Fire	\$ 14,019.36	Municipal Emergency Services	*AP Invoice	TURNOUT GEAR	Sole Source
Water Treatment	\$ 4,964.00	Schindler Elevator Corp.	*AP Invoice	ELEVATOR REPAIR	Best Source
WWTP	\$ 16,944.00	Hach Company	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).96258	VARIOUS ITEMS	Sole Source