

Ann Arbor City Council Regular Session: June 21, 2022
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From: [Barsten, Kira](#)
To: [Petoskey, Jennifer](#); [Diggs, Catherine](#); [Disch, Lisa](#); [John Callewaert](#)
Subject: Away for travel
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:21:29 PM

Hi Team,

I forgot to mention this at our last meeting but I will be away on vacation next week and thus unable to attend our all-team meeting on Friday 7/1. I will be trying to squeeze in some CE work next week but TBD how many hours I'll be able to find. I've updated the CE Calendar to reflect my travel. Apologies for the late notice! Life has been exceptionally hectic lately.

Best,
Kira

Kira Barsten
Circular Economy Intern
City of Ann Arbor
Pronouns: she/they

From: [Briggs, Erica](#)
To: [Gerhart, Stephen](#)
Subject: CA-7 Amendments
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:52:00 PM

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Erica Briggs, Ward 5 City Council Representative (she/her/hers)

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From: [Mozhgan Savabieasfahani](#)
To: [Griswold, Kathy](#)
Subject: EPA development
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:42:19 PM

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Dear Councilmember Griswold,

I tried, as you suggested, googling EPA and Gelman. I also went to EPA's site and tried to search for Gelman contamination. Still I was not able to find anything.

Will you kindly send me the link you talked about?

Thanks,
Mozhgan

From: [Gerhart, Stephen](#)
To: [*City Council Members \(All\)](#); [Dohoney Jr., Milton](#)
Cc: [Hutchinson, Nicholas](#); [Hess, Raymond](#)
Subject: FW: CA-7 Amendments
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:54:16 PM

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From: [Gerhart, Stephen](#)
To: [Taylor, Christopher \(Mayor\)](#)
Subject: Hughes
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:20:27 PM

Michelle is back on line.

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From: [Zackariah Farah](#)
To: [CityCouncil](#)
Subject: Offensive Comments about Tenants
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:36:18 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I'd like to briefly respond to some of the offensive and inaccurate comments made by Ken Land during tonight's meeting about the students who supported the amendment to the Early Leasing Ordinance (ELO).

The ELO amendment was supported by multiple student governments on campus which collectively represented all 50,000+ students. Having personally served as the student body VP of the College of LSA which is a very diverse institution, I take serious issue with Mr. Land's accusation that the supporters of this ordinance were a group of white, upper class, transient, elite students who suddenly decided to bully local landlords. I was one of the core supporters of this amendment and I am the son of a North African immigrant, I graduated last month with over \$11,000 in debt (thanks to need-based scholarships this number was not higher), I am now a full time employee at the Rogel Cancer Center, and I intend on living in this city, which I love dearly, for as long as I am able.

The ELO has allowed many people like myself to relax for several months after move-in in September and evaluate whether they would like to continue living in their current apartment. Before the ELO was amended, most students were seriously stressed and panicked only a few days after move-in about where they were going to rent for the following year. Instead of focusing on schoolwork and midterms, we were forced to spend our time looking for apartments that we would not even move into for almost an entire year.

While I am very confident that this amendment was a major improvement in the renting landscape of our city, the most frequent complaints from tenants that I have heard regarding the ELO is that landlords have been refusing to follow it. Landlords have been circumventing our city law by creating unofficial wait lists, often with required (and frequently nonrefundable) deposits. They have been spreading blatantly false information via email to their tenants about the ELO that I have seen with my own eyes and as you know all too well, they also decided to waste a significant amount of our city's resources with a frivolous and failed lawsuit.

I urge you to consider supporting the introduction of a Right to Renew Ordinance that would close many of the current loopholes and I look forward to working with all of you as a member of the newly started Renters' Commission. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to talk about my experience as a renter or what I hope to accomplish as a member of the Renters' Commission.

Best regards,

Zackariah Farah
C: 

From: [Kevin Davenport](#)
To: [Ramlawi, Ali](#)
Subject: Re: City infrastructure spending
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:06:17 PM

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Hi Ali

Thanks for the quick response. I am available most of tomorrow. If 1 pm works for you I can call you. My number is [REDACTED] if there is another time that works for you

Regards
Kevin

On Jun 21, 2022, at 3:39 PM, Ramlawi, Ali <ARamlawi@a2gov.org> wrote:

Kevin.

Thank you for the thoughtful email.
Do you have a good number I could reach you at to discuss many of these issues in depth, I have provided me cell number below.

Warm regards
CM Ramlawi
[REDACTED]

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From: Kevin davenport [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 2:50:40 PM
To: Ramlawi, Ali <ARamlawi@a2gov.org>
Subject: City infrastructure spending

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Hi Ali,

I am a west side resident and was looking for feedback regarding infrastructure spending in Ann Arbor. With the recent state and federal level road funding approved I was looking to understand what the plan is for the roads in Ann Arbor. I was expecting to see more in terms of re-surfacing projects for the main roads around town that are in extremely bad shape. I was surprised to only see two small resurfacing projects for this year on Chapin and a small section of State street. Is there more being planned? I saw from the mayor that he was talking about possible milage increases to pay for roads. Is this the plan? What is your view on this subject? I would also be interested in your view on property taxes for local residents. I believe Ann Arbor has some of the highest property tax rates in the nation. Is there any proposals to lower property taxes for residents? With all the high rises and marijuana dispensaries going up all around town I was hopeful for some relief.

Appreciate you feedback

Regards,

Kevin Davenport

From: [Radina, Travis](#)
To: [Zackariah Farah](#)
Subject: Re: Offensive Comments about Tenants
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:52:18 PM

Thank you for this!!!

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Travis Radina
Council Member, Ward 3
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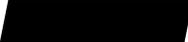
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Best regards,

Zackariah Farah

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From: [Boyd, Eric](#)
To: [Radina, Travis](#)
Subject: Re: Platt Reconstruction
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:41:49 PM

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Thank you for the reply and the solution.

I appreciate it.

--Eric

On 6/21/22 6:57 PM, Radina, Travis wrote:

Hi Eric,

Thanks for reaching out. CM Grand and I have been working with CM Briggs on this, and I plan to support an amendment tonight developed with CM Briggs that will move the project forward but direct the City Administrator to incorporate bicycle facilities consistent with an "All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Route" along this segment of Platt Road. This direction is consistent with Council's previously established policy for this road segment, which was laid out and adopted in our 2021 Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

All the Best,
Travis

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Travis Radina
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From: Boyd, Eric [REDACTED]
Date: Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 5:14 PM
To: CityCouncil <CityCouncil@a2gov.org>
Subject: Platt Reconstruction

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Greetings,

For the upcoming reconstruction of Platt between Packard and Huron Parkway, please have the staff take a step back and see if this road could be reimaged. Perhaps a 4->3 lane reduction? Perhaps a protected bikeway?

This would be a good item to remove from the consent agenda and debate.

Thanks for considering.

--Eric Boyd

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From: CynthiaTruth.com
To: [Taylor Christopher \(Mayor\)](#)
Subject: What do you think...?
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:40:25 PM

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