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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Taylor, Christopher (Mayor)
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:29 PM

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## Dear Mayor Taylor,

Please grant Ann Arbor for Public Power's request for a phase 2 municipalization feasibility study. It's crucial that the city thoroughly explore the option of replacing DTE with a municipal electric utility. DTE's dirty power, high rates and ridiculously frequent outages are unacceptable. We should follow the example of 40 other Michigan cities and towns and establish our own municipal utility. A phase 2 study is the critical next step.

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Thank you,

From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Radina, Travis
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:32 PM

# Dear Council Member Radina,

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Song, Linh
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:32 PM

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Disch, Lisa
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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Harrison, Cynthia
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Thank you,

From:	David Lindenmuth
To:	Ghazi Edwin, Ayesha
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
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#### Dear Council Member Ghazi Edwin,

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Briggs, Erica
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:35 PM

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## Dear Council Member Briggs,

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Watson, Chris
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:37 PM

## Dear Council Member Watson,

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Akmon, Dharma
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:37 PM

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Eyer, Jen
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:06:39 PM

## Dear Council Member Eyer,

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From:	David Lindenmuth
То:	Cornell, Jenn
Subject:	Please Take the Next Steps on Public Power
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 7:08:28 PM

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## Dear Council Member Cornell,

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Thank you,

From:	Beaudry, Jacqueline
То:	City Council
Cc:	Dohoney Jr., Milton; Kaur, Atleen; Delacourt, Derek; Spooner, Scott; Landefeld, Josh
Subject:	FW: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.
Date:	Monday, March 4, 2024 8:30:30 PM

#### Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk (she/her/hers)

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From: Radina, Travis <TRadina@a2gov.org>

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2024 11:09 AM

**To:** Beaudry, Jacqueline <JBeaudry@a2gov.org>

**Cc:** Kaur, Atleen <AKaur@a2gov.org>; Dohoney Jr., Milton <MDohoney@a2gov.org>; Higgins, Sara <SHiggins@a2gov.org>; Landefeld, Josh <JLandefeld@a2gov.org>; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <CTaylor@a2gov.org>; Cornell, Jenn <JCornell@a2gov.org>; Watson, Chris <CWatson@a2gov.org>; Fournier, John <JFournier@a2gov.org>

Subject: Re: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.

Clerk Beaudry,

Could you please attach the following proposed amendment to the original resolution to DC-2 on tonight's agenda so that it is available to colleagues and the public?

Thank you!

Whereas, Golf carts are an important aspect of the golf operations and are available at both Huron Hills and Leslie Park Golf Courses;

Whereas, In the interest of providing City customers with a quality and reliable vehicle for rental, the City desires to enter in a lease agreement with Golf Cars Plus;

Whereas, Additional funding for the lease with Golf Cars Plus and for the mowers is being requested for FY24 from the General Fund fund balance and will be requested in the budget plan for future years for the golf cart lease; and

Whereas, Golf Cars Plus has submitted all required Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage, Living Wage, and Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and complies with the

requirements of the City's Non-Discrimination, Prevailing Wage and Living Wage Ordinances;

Whereas, creating and implementing a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality – as stipulated in the City's A2Zero Plan Strategy 2 – necessitates 100% decarbonized energy and accompanying electrified energy systems installed at all city facilities by 2030;

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to provide a comprehensive review of Parks Department capital needs to the Parks Advisory Commission and the City Council, inclusive of a plan to transition the City's golf cart fleet to electric no later than the end of this lease agreement;

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the Golf Cars Plus Equipment Lease Agreement (the "Lease") for the lease of 104 golf carts and three utility vehicles for the 2024-2028 calendar years with an option to renew for the 2029 season;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk authorize and direct the City Administrator to execute the Lease after approval as to form by the City Attorney for an amount not to exceed \$159,210.00 per year, including the optional fifth year renewal, for a total of \$796,050; and

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$87,471 for the lease contract with Golf Cars Plus and appropriate \$48,921 for the purchase of two Toro Groundsmasters mowers from the General Fund fund balance to the FY24 Parks and Recreation General Fund expenditure budget; and

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Travis Radina Ann Arbor Mayor Pro Tem | Councilmember, Ward 3 (he|him|his)

City of Ann Arbor 301 E. Huron St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104 https://www.a2gov.org/ To: Fournier, John <<u>JFournier@a2gov.org</u>>, Landefeld, Josh <<u>JLandefeld@a2gov.org</u>> Cc: Kaur, Atleen <<u>AKaur@a2gov.org</u>>, Dohoney Jr., Milton <<u>MDohoney@a2gov.org</u>>, Higgins, Sara <<u>SHiggins@a2gov.org</u>>, Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <<u>CTaylor@a2gov.org</u>>, Cornell, Jenn <<u>JCornell@a2gov.org</u>>, Watson, Chris <<u>CWatson@a2gov.org</u>> Subject: Re: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.

Thank you, John.

I will work on updating some language here.

Travis

Travis Radina Mayor Pro Tem | Councilmember, Ward 3 (he|him|his)

From: Fournier, John <<u>JFournier@a2gov.org</u>>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:12:57 PM
To: Radina, Travis <<u>TRadina@a2gov.org</u>>; Landefeld, Josh <<u>JLandefeld@a2gov.org</u>>
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Subject: RE: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.

Colleagues,

One other item on this that I came to my attention today, if you will. The golf carts in Parks are not considered to be a part of the city fleet, and were not included in the A2 Zero plan's conception of the city fleet when the plan was written. Why is that? City fleet vehicles are those that are paid for out of the fleet fund that the city actually owns. These are leased and are paid for by the parks fund. It is an important difference.

This is not an argument against converting them to electric. We should still do that. But the proposed resolution cites the A2 Zero plan's goal of 90% fleet conversion to electric by 2025, and that is not the right metric to cite here. Instead, since this is mostly a facilities project, we should cite the plan's 2030 commitment to have 100% de-carbonized energy and accompanying energy systems installed at all city facilities by 2030 on page 32 of the plan.

The proposed language runs the of risk of portraying staff as being negligent of the A2 Zero plan commitments, when that is not the case. We are shooting for 2030 instead, and I believe that is the direction that was prior provided by Council through the A2 Zero plan.

Thanks, John John Fournier (he/him) Deputy City Administrator City of Ann Arbor 301 E. Huron Street Ann Arbor, MI 48104 T: 734-794-6110 ext. 41107 E: jfournier@a2gov.org www.a2gov.org



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From: Fournier, John

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:36 PM
To: Radina, Travis <<u>TRadina@a2gov.org</u>>; Landefeld, Josh <<u>JLandefeld@a2gov.org</u>>
Cc: Kaur, Atleen <<u>AKaur@a2gov.org</u>>; Dohoney Jr., Milton <<u>MDohoney@a2gov.org</u>>; Higgins, Sara
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Subject: RE: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.

CM Radina, et al.,

Thank you for considering this language and for working to bring this important agreement back to the table. I do have some observations that I would like the Council to consider in doing so. There will be a memo coming to the Council before the end of this week with much more detail for members to consider.

I do think there is wisdom in asking for a capital plan from Parks, and I am glad that you have moved in that direction. However, I would recommend that the capital plan be for the entire parks system rather than just for the golf carts because doing this project in the next few years will require likely unpalatable tradeoffs for other parks projects that may be controversial in their own right. As an example, the parks system has millions of dollars in unfunded ADA compliance requirements, the parks system owns two city dams that require millions of dollars of maintenance, and there is aging infrastructure throughout the parks system that will need attention like the ice compressors at Vets Arena which are more than 50 years old and have reached the end of their useful lives—they are already at risk of failure. They will require replacement very soon, and that will be a multi-million dollar project. Exactly which of these or other projects would be delayed and for how long is difficult to answer until a comprehensive capital plan is completed, which, again, will happen in about 18 months. It may not be wise to direct these conversions to happen quickly without a complete understanding of the impact of that decision. I also think it is wise to simply ask that the golf carts be converted before the end of this lease agreement rather than right away. First, this will allow the systemwide capital planning to be done and a reasonable plan to emerge for their conversion. But second, it is not possible to have the golf carts procured and the surrounding infrastructure built before golf season starts in 2025. There simply isn't enough time. If source of funding were not an issue, and we were just talking about timing, then the 2026 golf season is probably doable. But there isn't enough time to RFP and hire the design and engineering that would be needed, and then to RFP and hire the construction firm, and then to complete the construction by the spring of 2025. While 2026 might be feasible from a construction timeline perspective, without the benefit of a wider capital plan we won't have a full picture of the tradeoffs. I would caution the Council against setting requirements via resolution that are logistically impossible, or financially vague. It sets the city up for failure.

The conversion of these golf carts to electric was a passion project for Colin Smith, our recently retired parks manager. He desperately wanted to do it. I remember many conversations with him and Derek about it, dating back years. Every year Colin tried to make this project work in his budget. But the reality would eventually set in that there are too many existential capital needs elsewhere in Parks to prioritize this one. It killed Colin every year when he had to let this one go. Josh inherited that legacy, and I know that he has the same desire to get this project done that Colin did. So I want to impart to the Council that the fact that this project isn't done yet should not be an indication that we've lost sight of the A2 Zero plan. It should be an indication of how difficult and complex this project is, and how daunting the unfunded capital obligations in Parks truly are.

So, I recommend that the language be changed to 1) direct a comprehensive review of parks capital needs, and 2) following that provide for the conversion of these golf carts to electric as soon as is feasible but not later than the end of this lease agreement.

We appreciate the direction from Council to get this project done—we want to do it. What we are asking is for just a little more time to do it well.

Thanks, John

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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 10:27 PM
To: Landefeld, Josh <<u>JLandefeld@a2gov.org</u>>
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Subject: Proposed Language to Reconsider Golf Cart Contract.

Hey Folks,

Despite my own personal aversion to golf courses within city limits, given the quickly approaching golf season and my desire to ensure that we can operate our courses at a high standard of quality, and acknowledging the important revenue that golf carts generate within our broader parks system, I wanted to re-engage on this issue in advance of our upcoming meeting.

I've had a few conversations with CM Watson (fellow PAC Member), CM Cornell, Mr. Landefeld & Mr. Fournier about this item. Given that it seems improbable (if not impossible) to rebid this before the season, and despite sharing many of CM Cornell's concerns about the cost of GPS devices and the length of this contract without planning for a transition to electrical carts, for example, it is still not my desire to kill this contract at this late stage. I would, however, like to ensure that we are seriously planning for the future on this (and striving to either renegotiate this contract mid-term to transition to electric or AT LEAST not to renew this contract for the additional year allowed), rather than simply accepting this contract and finding ourselves in the same situation several years from now.

As a result, I'm open to moving to reconsider this contract at our next meeting (Atty Kaur, I would welcome guidance on when/how to make such a motion) — and would like to recommend the following amendments (in red) — I'm also open to additional suggestions:

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Whereas, creating and implementing a just transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by the year 2030 – as stipulated in the City's A2Zero Plan Strategy 2 – requires the conversion of the vast majority of our existing gasoline, diesel, propane, coal, and natural gas powered equipment, appliances, and vehicles to electric, and the A2Zero Plan established a goal of 90% of the City's fleet transitioning to electric by 2025;

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to provide a capital plan to the Parks Advisory Commission and the City Council to transition the City's golf cart fleet to electric, inclusive of options that would achieve this goal by 2025 and by 2028;

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