



## City Administrator's Report – December 17, 2018

Prepared for Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to [hlazarus@a2gov.org](mailto:hlazarus@a2gov.org) or [shiggins@a2gov.org](mailto:shiggins@a2gov.org).

### Safety Notes

**A2 Be Safe!** Winter weather is upon us; and with cold temperatures come specific safety concerns. The following advice provided by the Centers for Disease Control gives some basic information to protect yourself against the cold and hopefully to also make your winter season enjoyable.

- Monitor your physical condition and that of your coworkers.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
  - Wear several layers of loose clothing for insulation.
  - Tight clothing reduces blood circulation to the extremities.
  - Be aware that some clothing may restrict movement resulting in a hazardous situation.
- Protect the ears, face, hands and feet in extremely cold or wet weather.
  - Boots should be waterproof and insulated.
  - Wear a hat to reduce the loss of body heat from your head.
- Move into warm locations during breaks; limit the amount of time outside.
- Carry extra socks, gloves, hats, jacket, blanket, a change of clothes, and a thermos of hot liquid.
- Include chemical hot packs in your first aid kit.
- Avoid touching cold metal surfaces with bare skin.
- Monitor for signs of hypothermia, frostbite and trench foot.

The risk of slips and falls also increases this season. To protect yourself, think, “I AM A PENGUIN,” and try to maintain a low center of gravity, walk small, and walk like a penguin.

**Sand/Salt Mixture for Residents.** RA sand/salt mixture for residents to treat sidewalks is now available at 7 locations around town. Residents are permitted to take 1-5 gallon bucket per season. Sand/salt mixture is not for contractors or landscapers. Residents need to bring their own shovel and bucket and must load material themselves. Locations include [721 N. Main Street](#), [Huron Hills golf course](#), or one of five park locations: [Allmendinger](#), [Buhr](#), [Burns](#), [Leslie](#) and [Veterans Memorial](#).

## Success Stories

**2018 in the City of Ann Arbor** was a successful year! Thank you to all of the residents and staff who deliver exceptional services that help make Ann Arbor a vibrant, safe, and diverse community. **Happy Holidays to you!**

## Council Priorities/Initiatives

**2018 City Council Planning Session.** City Council held its annual Council Planning Session on December 10, 2018 at the Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. The session was facilitated by Julia Novak of The Novak Consulting Group. Staff presented on the following topics: National Citizens Survey Results, Financial Update: FY2020 Two-Year Fiscal Plan, Pavement Asset Management, Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Ann Arbor Water Supply, and Sanitary Sewer System Asset Management. Strategic goal setting will continue as we plan for the 2019 City Council Work Session topics.

## Previews

The **December 17 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Administrator's Communication Item

- **Memorandum: PFAS Update - December 10, 2018**
- **Memorandum from City Administrator: STEAM Safe Routes to School - December 11, 2018.** Update provide in response to postponement of resolution from December 3, 2018 Council Agenda.
- **FY19 Deer Management Program Update – December 14, 2018**

Public Hearings (1)

- **Resolution to Vacate the Alley in Block 7 of the Plat of Hamilton, Rose, and Sheehan's Addition to the City of Ann Arbor (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (8 Votes Required)**

Resolutions:

- **Resolution to Add a Full-Time Equivalent for a Staff Liaison to Support the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission and Human Rights Commission**
- **Resolution No. 2 – Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Project – Sidewalk Special Assessment. (Postposed from the 11/19/18 and 12/3/18 Council Meetings)** This resolution requests Council approval to establish the estimated cost and distribution of costs for new sidewalk that would be constructed as part of the Northside STEAM Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Sidewalk Gap Project (Sidewalk Special Assessment District #51). Because this is a federal-aid project, approximately \$400,000.00 of the construction cost of the sidewalk will be paid by the SRTS Grant. The remainder of the costs will be local share. The City's ability to use grant funds for

this project creates the opportunity for the private property owners impacted by the special assessment to receive the sidewalk improvements at a significantly lower cost.

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Ordinances at First Reading

- **An Ordinance to Amend Sections 2:63 and 2:64 of Chapter 29 (Change Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of two adjacent lots totaling 1.6 Acres from R1C (Single-Family Dwelling District) to R2A (Two-Family District) 3786 & 3802 Platt Road Rezoning (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)**
- **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.76 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family Residential District), Flannery Property, 2883 Stone School Road (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

**WIP (Work in Progress)**

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

| ITEM     | DUE DATE  | DUE DATE          | STATUS   |
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| R-18-361 | Resolution to Direct City Administrator and Planning Commission to Evaluate Rezoning of Certain Properties Along South Ashley Street and Properties in the Area of Davis Avenue, Hoover Avenue, Edgewood Place, Wilder Place, and Main Street | December 17, 2018 | Memo to be included as an Administration’s Communication item on December 17, 2018 Council Agenda  |
| R-18-293 | Resolution to Appoint a Task Force to Review Policies and Procedures for Special Events   | December 31, 2018 | Report to be included as an Administrator’s Communication item on December 17, 2018 Council Agenda |

**Other**

**Applications Being Accepted for Citizens Police, Fire & Courts Academy.** The City of Ann Arbor is offering those who live or work in the city an opportunity for an inside look at our local public safety and justice systems. Those 18 years old and older who are interested are invited to submit an application to attend the 2019 Jack Dentler Ann Arbor Citizens Police, Fire and Courts Academy. The program has been renamed this year to honor the memory of long-time, beloved volunteer with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Jack Dentler, who passed away earlier this year.

The deadline to apply to participate in the CPFCA program is Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, or sooner, should the 20 available spaces become filled. Find the application on the City of Ann Arbor website at [www.a2gov.org/departments/police/Pages/Getting-Involved.aspx#citizens](http://www.a2gov.org/departments/police/Pages/Getting-Involved.aspx#citizens)

The CPFCA is a free program that will be held at the Ann Arbor Justice Center, Ann Arbor Fire Department Fire Station No. 6, AAFD Fire Training Grounds and Washtenaw Community College. Classes will take place once a week on Tuesdays, 6:30–9:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 12 and ending April 9, 2019.

CPFCA topics will include: AAPD and AAFD history, emergency management, fire responder's role, use of force, hazardous materials, K-9 unit, investigative unit, court duties/processes and much more. Through this program, participants will gain a better understanding of the challenges facing police officers, firefighters, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and judges. Participants will take part in various mock trial roles such as judge, juror member, prosecutor and defense lawyer; learn about operations of AAPD's Patrol and Support Services Division including procedures and equipment, community outreach programs and participating in a mock traffic stop; role play in scenarios, such as selecting the appropriate fire extinguisher and demonstrating the use of that fire extinguisher to put out a small, controlled training fire; and much more.

The goal of CPFCA is for its graduates to become partners in finding solutions to the safety issues that affect their Ann Arbor communities. Graduates are expected to share their knowledge with their neighbors.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Arbor Police Service Specialist Jamie Giordano at 734.794.6900, ext. 49528, or [jgiordano@a2gov.org](mailto:jgiordano@a2gov.org). A background investigation will be conducted on all applicants; applicants will then be notified if accepted into the program.

**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](http://www.a2gov.org/NAP).