



City of Ann Arbor City Administrator's Report June 3, 2019

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

Safety Notes

A2 Be Safe! Memorial Day has come and gone, marking the informal beginning to summer. Perhaps you are planning to tackle a home improvement project, clean-up the yard or garden, or complete home repairs. As we go about getting to work at home, please remember to apply a strong focus towards safety. Many of the same hazards present in workplaces are present at home, but we have a tendency to ignore or diminish the degree of these hazards at home. For some of us, we may be exposed to greater hazards at home than at work. According to the National Safety Council, an estimated 127,300 preventable-injury related deaths occurred in the home and community in 2017 in the United States. Take the opportunity to think through projects ahead of time and make sure you work safely and have appropriate personal protective equipment.

Bicycle Safety. Please keep trash and recycling carts out of bike lanes. Carts can be placed on the street, unless the street is busy or has bike lane, then please place on them on the extension. Carts should be brought in by noon the following day. More information on cart collection can be found at a2gov.org/trash/recycling/compost. Thank you for doing your part to help yourself, your family and A2 Be Safe. Everyone, everywhere, every day.

Success Stories

Ann Arbor Awards Several Sustainable Ann Arbor Together Grants. The City of Ann Arbor announced the most recent Sustaining Ann Arbor Together grant recipients for fiscal year 2019:

- Cobblestone Farms: \$9,950, Sustainability and Resilience Small Market – to enhance the Cobblestone Farmers Market and to develop a business plan and educational materials for the long-term viability of the market and others like it.
- We Are The Forest / EcoWorks: \$10,000, Burns Park Elementary School and We Are The Forest – to engage Burns Park students in We Are The Forest's STEAM curriculum, while showcasing student-led green infrastructure and resiliency upgrades to the Burns Park Elementary campus and garden.
- Neutral Zone: \$10,000, Capacity Building for Jobs Corps Program – to develop a job corps/development program that creates supportive pathways to successfully transition

our most under-resourced youth (18-24 years old) into adulthood through an intentional five-stage process by providing readiness, training, mentorship and coaching, job access, and a two-year associate degree.

- Common Cycle: \$10,000, New Wings for Old Bikes – to expand a pilot bicycle donation and distribution program with a focus on supporting social service agencies in the region.

Thank you to Missy Stults, Sustainability and Innovations Manager, for coordinating the grant program.

Council Priorities/Initiatives

FY20 Budget. City Council adopted the final [FY20 budget](#) on May 20, 2019. More information regarding financial reporting is available on the [budget public process web page](#).

June 6 Special City Council Work Session regarding Dioxane Plume. A [special joint working session](#) of City Council, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissions, the Ann Arbor Charter Township, and the Scio Township Board of Trustees is scheduled on June 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at MI-HQ Michigan Innovation Headquarters & 242 Community Church, Auditorium, 648 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103, Auditorium.

June 10 City Council Work Session. City Council will meet on Monday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to discuss “Asset Management.”

Previews

The **June 3 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

Introductions. Annual Historic District Commission Awards. The Ann Arbor Historic District Commission 35th annual Historic Preservation Awards ceremony will be conducted at the City Council meeting Monday, June 3. A total of 15 awards will be presented to Ann Arbor residents and organizations.

Consent Agenda. There are (24) items on the consent agenda. Three items are regarding waste and recycling management. Also included is a Resolution to Appoint Jason Forsberg as the Ann Arbor Interim Police Chief.

Public Hearings. The agenda includes four (4) Public Hearings, which are referenced below and under second readings.

- **Resolution to Approve Bristol Ridge Site Plan and Development Agreement, 2750 Pontiac Trail (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

Second Readings. The agenda includes three (3) second readings.

- A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.15 (Table 5-15), Section 5.16.3, 5.16.7 and 5.37.2 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Temporary Outdoor Activities) (ORD-19-15).
- A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code), Rezoning of 2.25 Acres from TWP (Township District) to R1A (Single Family Dwelling District), Admiraal/O'Brien Property, 1448 Warrington Drive (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays) (ORD-19-14).
- A public hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.15 (Table 5-15), Section 5.16.3, and 5.37.2 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Mobile Food Vending Service) (ORD-19-16).

First Readings.

- An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.18.1 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Front Porch Exception from Front Yard Setback).
- An Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 87 (Recreation, Amusements and Games) of Title VII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.
- An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Being a Part of Section 5:10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of Ann Arbor, Rezoning of 8 Acres from R4B (Multiple-Family Dwelling District) to R4D Multiple-Family Dwelling District) WITH CONDITIONS, Brightdawn Village Rezoning(2805 Burton Road) (CPC Recommendation: Denial - 0 Yeas and 7 Nays).
- An Ordinance to Amend Sections 8:513, 8:516, 8:517, 8:519, 8:525, 8:528, and 8:530 of Chapter 105 (Housing Code) of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor.
- An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Being a Part of Section 5:10.2 of Chapter 55 of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor, Rezoning of 13.81 Acres from M1 (Limited Industrial District) to PUD (Planned Unit Development District), 841 Broadway PUD Zoning and Supplemental Regulations (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 7 Yeas and 2 Nays).

Staff Unfinished Business.

- DS – 1 – Resolution to Approve a Contract with Liberty Security Group Inc. for Guest Services at the Guy C. Larcom City Hall (\$102,500.00) RFP #19-01 (postponed from the May 20, 2019 Council Agenda)

Police Chief Search. Candidates for the Ann Arbor chief of police position attended a public reception on Wednesday, May 15, interviews with staff and community members on Thursday, May 16, and public interviews at Special Session of City Council held on Friday, May 17. More information on the candidates is available via the [press release](#).

Wall Street West Parking Structure Construction. Wall Street West Parking Structure project is scheduled to begin mid-June, and is expected to be complete in the fall 2020. Construction will begin with fencing and clearing. Over the summer, you can expect to see site infrastructure work, drilling for foundation piers and steel erection.

During the course of the project, we anticipate a parking lane on Wall Street will be closed but two-way traffic will be maintained. Installation of the precast concrete panels is expected to begin in the late fall/winter. During this time, the eastbound Maiden Lane lane will be closed intermittently between approximately 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to maintain public safety.

City Seeks Input for Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. The City of Ann Arbor is announcing a series of public meetings to continue gathering public input to inform the development of the city's next Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan is a guiding document for the city's transportation policies and programs and to prioritize investments in the transportation network, including roads, sidewalks, paths, bike lanes and public transit. The public meetings are another step in the engagement process, which has included surveys and focus groups. The remaining meeting dates are:

Public Open House

Thursday, June 13

5-7 p.m.

Larcom City Hall lobby, 301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Materials will be available for review and feedback. Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions.

Pop-up Meeting

Mayor's Green Fair

Friday, June 14

6-9 p.m.

Main Street, downtown Ann Arbor

www.a2gov.org/greenfair

Activities will engage the community for feedback during the event and at the transportation table.

The transportation planning process, called Ann Arbor Moving Together Towards Vision Zero, involves soliciting insight and recruiting community members to help the city establish priorities in creating clear goals, objectives and action steps to achieve the shared goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries on Ann Arbor roads. The planning process will build off of previous efforts to help the city achieve the goals set out in other documents, including the Master Plan and the Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan.

Ann Arbor Moving Together Towards Vision Zero effort will serve as an update to both the 2009 Ann Arbor Transportation Plan Update and the Non-motorized Transportation Plan. Ann Arbor's Moving Together Towards Vision Zero will continue the vision and goals established in the 2009 plan, updating them to reflect recent changes in Ann Arbor, trends in transportation locally and nationally and the priorities gleaned through engagement with the community.

Additional project information, including timelines and other details, can be found at www.a2gov.org/a2movingtogether.

Road Construction Season. Road construction season in Ann Arbor is already underway with much to accomplish in 2019. The City has plans to resurface or restore 12 major streets and 33 local streets, and an additional 40 major and local streets will undergo preventative maintenance. A list of roadways planned for construction this year is available so residents and visitors will know what to expect (and where to avoid if possible). Updates are posted on the City's [road construction project page](#). You can also [subscribe](#)

Other

Goatscaping at Gallup Park Begins June 6. Goats from Twin Willow Ranch of Milan, Michigan, will be arriving to Gallup Park June 6. No, City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation isn't opening a petting farm at the popular Gallup Park; instead the goats will be on a work assignment. Ten goats in all will be busy over the course of three weeks "goatscaping," removing brush from the park's two islands.

The islands are normally accessible via foot bridge; but during the three-week goat initiative, June 6–June 27, the islands, and bridges, will be closed.

Goatscaping is an old-fashioned, eco-friendly and entertaining form of brush control. Goats like to eat invasive plants like honeysuckle and buckthorn; poison ivy (to which goats are not allergic as some humans are); and pretty much any green plant within reach. This pilot project is part of an ongoing effort to clear out the overgrowth and invasive shrubbery as park staff work toward a long-term maintenance plan.

“This is a great way to help promote native plants in our parks while, at the same time, decreasing the hours we spend on removing invasive brush,” Parks and Recreation Maintenance Services Deputy Manager Scott Spooner explained. “This is not an area where we would use an herbicide. Everything would have to be removed by cutting and pulling, and the goats enable us to use that labor in other ways.”

The goat initiative has an interactive component as well, for those curious about this work. GIVE 365 will be hosting three Goat Talk and Walk tours in conjunction with volunteer work days. How to participate in a tour, for more information about this initiative, including goat photos and their bios, and more is available at www.a2gov.org/goats-at-gallup.

Upcoming events with AAFD and AAPD. On Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., join the Ann Arbor Police and Fire departments on Fifth Avenue, between Ann and Huron streets, for the [Public Safety Open House](#) (PDF). A live fire demonstration will take place at noon. Free. All are invited!

On Sunday, June 9, at 3 p.m., the puck will drop between the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Ann Arbor Fire Department for the [Battle of the Badges Charity Hockey Game](#) (PDF). The battle takes place at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Purchase a t-shirt for \$20 each. Proceeds benefit the Ann Arbor Firefighters Charities.

Ann Arbor Skatepark Light Up the Park 5th Anniversary Event is June 23. All are invited on Sunday, June 23, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. as the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark, in partnership with City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation and GIVE 365, host a free event celebrating the five-year anniversary of the skatepark's grand opening.

This year's event, Light Up The Park, will feature guest athletes including nine-time skateboarding world champion Andy Macdonald, recent Birdhouse Skateboards pro Alec Beck, musician and professional skateboarder Ron Allen, LA Rams running back and skateboarder John Kelly, Midwest hero and nearly pro skater Gabby Rataiczak, and Arizona Skate Rising program manager/skateboarder Janthavy Norton. The day-long event will also include food to purchase, music, skateboarding competitions and a vendor area.

Light Up The Park kicks off of the Friends' Campaign to help fund much-needed lighting for the skatepark. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark Founder Trevor Staples at trevor@a2skatepark.org or calling 734.223.9837.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market to Host Monthly Events in Celebration of 100th Birthday. This August marks 100 years for the Ann Arbor Farmers Market (AAFM) serving the community with local, fresh food, goods and so much more. There are some great events planned for the community all season long, including guest chef cooking demonstrations, kids activities and a 100th birthday party Saturday, Aug. 24. But first, here's how you can join the AAFM (315 Detroit St.) in kicking off the season-long celebration in May: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=578>

June Events & 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's parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. Find more information about NAP at www.a2gov.org/NAP.