

Council E-mails

Sabra read.

December 18, 2006

Two versions of "12 Days of Council."

August 20, 2007

Critiques of "TW's speech". Gaudert has been
for Groden to speak to him.

May 21, 2007

Groden calls Papundalo a "Fake Democrat".

Criticism of Doug Cowherd and Karen Sidney.

Jayne Miller comments on uses of the 2006 parks millage.

April 7, 2008

Briere speech on courts/police facility



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December 9, 2009

Peggy Rabhi

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated November 13, 2009
09-265 Rabhi

Dear Ms. Rabhi:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated November 13, 2009, received November 16, 2009, and extended to December 9, 2009. Your request for all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the City Council meetings of December 18, 2006, May 21, 2007, August 6, 2007, August 20, 2007 and April 7, 2008, is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)
2. Information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege. MCL 15.243(1)(g)

Pursuant to your request, electronic communications initiated by the City Attorney's Office have not been provided; however, there are electronic communications sent to and from City Council members that include members of the City Attorney's Office, which have been redacted. Additionally, in the instance where a chain of emails occurred, the most complete chain was provided.

The City does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents only to comply in good faith with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose.

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act specifically provides that a public body may charge a fee for searching for and copying a public record. The cost for copying the records is \$3.15 payable to the City of Ann Arbor. Upon receipt of this amount, the documents will be released to you. Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jayne" being the most prominent part.

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

09-265
Rabhi

King, Carol

From: Prabhi@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 4:45 PM
To: King, Carol
Subject: foia request

Carol King
FOIA Coordinator
City of Ann Arbor
100 N Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor MI 48104

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the the council meeting which began on December 18, 2006, May 21, 2007, August 6, 2007, August 20, 2007, April 7, 2008 but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at prabhi@aol.com to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,
Peggy Rabhi

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November 23, 2009

Peggy Rabhi

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated November 13, 2009
09-265 Rabhi

Dear Ms. Rabhi:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request, dated November 13, 2009 and received November 16, 2009 for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meetings which began on December 18, 2006, May 21, 2007, August 6, 2007, August 20, 2007, and April 7, 2008 ." The City of Ann Arbor, by this letter, is giving notice, as required under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, to extend for not more than ten business days the period during which it will respond to the above-stated request. You may expect a response by December 9, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6000 ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator

Foondle, Laurie

From: Lowenstein, Joan
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 9:25 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Leigh Greden (E-mail); Teall, Margie
Subject: Dangers

Attachments: Picture (Metafile)

Cell towers are almost as bad as fluoride in causing mutants.

Joan Lowenstein

2nd Ward Councilmember
Ann Arbor, MI



jlowenstein@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us
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Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 9:18 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue
Cc: Woods, Wendy A; Hieftje, John
Subject: FW: Tree Removal

Can we get an explanation on these issues?

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Frenette [mailto:sfrenette@saligroup.com]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 9:06 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Woods, Wendy A
Cc: 'Alicia Thomas'; Hieftje, John
Subject: Tree Removal

I seem to recall that a year ago, we were told that our City was broke and could not move forward with ash tree replacement without a large, multi million dollar mileage. Then surprisingly, when not approved by the voters, the City managed to have funds to remove ash borer damaged trees and start replacement. Then to my wonderous eyes, this past Friday, the City removed trees along my street that they just planted three years ago. In 2002 and 2003 the City removed many mature ash trees along my street and replaced them with large, new ball and root trees. Now, a mere three years later, the City contractor, Lamont Trees removed a few of these new trees. Just prior to removal, I asked the gentleman from Lamont Trees what was the story and he indicated that the trees were removed because they were dead from the ash borer. My questions are these.

1. These trees were not dead since this past summer they were fully leaved and growing strong. By what criteria did Lamont determine these trees as "dead".
2. Is lamont paid by each tree removed? That is the most logical reason that I can form to justify cutting and removing trees that were planted 3 years ago, as replacement of the formerly dead ash trees.
3. If Lamont is not paid per tree, are the personnel that mark the trees competent to perform their job?
4. How many other newly planted trees has Lamont removed? At what cost to the City?
5. If Lamont is correct, why on earth did the City decide to replace dead ash trees with ash trees that are susceptible to the ash borer?

Based on this recent observation, I am looking forward to a written response to this recent action. I am further convinced that the rejection of the tree removal mileage was the appropriate decision by the citizens of this community since apparently there is plenty of extra money to plant and replant.

Steve Frenette, PE

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Sally McLinkin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:43 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: gillian wants to know...

Gillian was wondering if we have any tri-fold poster boards? The hard kind.

She was also wondering if you didn't bring in the science poster "Go with the food flow" from your car.

Please let me know.

Your Hotmail address already works to sign into Windows Live Messenger! Get it now.

Foondle, Laurie

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:36 PM
To: 'Neile Rissmiller'
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Noises from street light

Hello Neile:

This is an area where DTE is providing the streetlighting. We reported the problem to them today and will check on their progress. If you have any additional concerns please let me know.

Sue McCormick
Public Services Administrator

-----Original Message-----

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 7:26 PM
To: 'Neile Rissmiller'
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Noises from street light

Hello:

A street light should not be emitting this noise. I am sorry to hear that it has been going on for some time. I will make sure an effort is made to correct the problem as soon as possible.

Thank you for writing and alerting us to this situation.

John Hieftje

-----Original Message-----

From: Neile Rissmiller [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 4:12 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Noises from street light

Good afternoon,

I realize you are not the person I should be contacting about this directly, but I was hoping you could forward this to the appropriate person. I have a friend who lives at [REDACTED] Brookside Dr. in Ann Arbor and there is a street light outside his house that is so loud with buzzing, you can actually hear it from down the street. It has become a running joke with all of us, and he has said he's called in the past only to have nothing done. There are many street lights on that street that don't make this noise. You really wouldn't believe how loud it is.

Anyway, I thought I'd write and see if there was someone at City Hall

that could help get this light repaired for my friend.

If you need any other information, or if you want me to contact someone directly, please let me know. I understand you are very busy and appreciate any help you might be able to offer.

Thank you in advance.

Neile Rissmiller

[REDACTED]

Foondle, Laurie

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:34 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; 'christopher' Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: 12 Days of Council: Reprise

Happy Holidays! What would we change for the 2006 edition?? For both of these versions!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2005 11:33 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; 'christopher' Easthope, Christopher
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: 12 Days of Council

Here's my version:

On the first night at Council Leigh Greden said to me:

What's the plan for the DDA now?

On the second night of Council Leigh Greden said to me:

Does it meet the budget? What's the plan for the DDA now?...

On the third night of Council Leigh Greden said to me:

What is the process? Does it meet the budget? What's the plan for the DDA now?

On the fourth night of Council....

Don't respond to whack-o's...

On the fifth night of Council...

Time for closed Session! Don't respond to whack-o's. What is the process? Does it meet the budget? What's the plan for the DDA now?

6. Ordinance changes

7. Is there a second?

8. Where is Tom Gantert?

9. Who brought the chocolate?

10. Council committees

11. NIMBY's on the westside

12. Who's going out now?

-----Original Message-----

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2005 11:15 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; 'christopher' Easthope, Christopher
Subject: 12 Days of Council

The new Song for the holidays: the 12 Days of Council:

12 Chevy Cavaliers with 6,000 miles each that already need replacing

11 Democrats fighting

10 students with ear plugs

9 AFSCME members refusing to pay health care premiums

8 people running for Council in the 5th Ward

7 Greenway advocates who actually support suburban sprawl

6 Colenback supporters wanting same-sex bathrooms

5 Farmers Market opponents

4 wackos holding a sign

3 NEWS reporters misquoting all the facts

2 Lowenstein accountants who think they know everything but really don't....

and 1 ghost of Kim Groome

Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:18 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: Roger's review

it shouldn't take more than an hour and a half..we have to get this done...

-----Original Message-----

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:16 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Easthope, Christopher
Subject: RE: Roger's review

I'm not sure I can make it, at least not for as long as it sounds like this will take. I need to consult with my family. It's a valuable and much needed vacation week for us, and I'm just not sure what our plans will be.

-----Original Message-----

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:08 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Roger's review

I think Chris is suggesting noon.

-----Original Message-----

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 8:05 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Roger's review

AM or PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 7:50 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Roger's review

lets do it on the same day

-----Original Message-----

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 7:48 PM

To: Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Roger's review

Well now that your schedule has opened up [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 7:43 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Subject: Roger's review

I would like to schedule Roger's review the week after Christmas. We have been extremely dilatory in completing this. My schedule is wide open the week after Christmas. I suggested to Roger next Thursday, the 28th at noon. We need to get copies of his reviews so we can do this. Any objections?

CE

Foondle, Laurie

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 8:33 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; *City Council Members (All)
Subject: Amended Resolution DC-5
Attachments: Rapundalo, Stephen.vcf; Resolution Opposing the Lease of Railroad Track from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo by Norfolk v2.doc

Here is the amended resolution...

Stephen

Stephen Rapundalo
City Council - Ward 2
City of Ann Arbor
3106 Bluett Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Tel: (734) 476-0648
Email: srapundalo@a2gov.org

12/2/2009

Resolution Opposing the Lease of Railroad Track from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo by
Norfolk-Southern Railroad to WATCO Companies

Whereas, the ~~Norfolk~~Norfolk-Southern Railroad, a Class I operator, has formally filed a request with the (federal) Surface Transportation Board to lease and or sell most of Michigan's passenger rail lines, and in particular the improved track between Ypsilanti and Kalamazoo, to WATCO Companies, a short line Class III operator;

Whereas, the State of Michigan, Amtrak and the Federal Railroad Administration invested \$38 million towards improving tracks and signaling to enable high speed rail passenger trains;

Whereas, WATCO has a record of operating their short lines at speeds far less than the new top speed of 79 mph for passenger and freight rail, and as such the top speed may decline to 45 mph;

Whereas, approval of a lease or sale agreement between Northern-Southern Railroad and WATCO would seriously and specifically impede the Wolverine and Blue Water Amtrak passenger routes, as well as the projected Ann Arbor to Detroit commuter line, and seriously lower the efficiency of the Midwest's entire passenger rail system;

Whereas, decreasing efficiency of passenger train travel may increase carbon emissions through alternate transportation use, and overall impede the potential economic development associated with a possible Ann Arbor-Detroit commuter line;

Whereas, the Washtenaw Area Transportation System, Ann Arbor Township, and other local governmental units have joined in opposing the Norfolk-Southern lease and or sale to WATCO;

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Council strongly opposes the lease and or sale of railroad track from Ypsilanti to Kalamazoo owned by Class I Norfolk-Southern Railroad to WATCO Companies, a Class III railroad operator; and an extension of the public commentary period until at least October 30, 2007 and defer the Surface Transportation Board action on Dockets 35063, 35064, and 35065, to allow time for the City of Ann Arbor to evaluate the proposed transaction for its economic and environmental impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor shall send copies of a protest letter along with this Resolution to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and members of the (federal) Surface Transportation Board, as well as to Rep. John Dingell (D-MI District 15), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI).

Submitted by: Councilmember Rapundalo

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:39 PM
To: Johnson, Robert
Subject: Greenbelt

Bob- I voted for the Greenbelt tonight because I support it. But I feel compelled to point out a glaring inconsistency:

Four years ago, this Council placed the Greenbelt millage on the ballot. Separate from the Greenbelt ballot process, the Council told the public -- in clear detail, with supporting maps -- what the Greenbelt boundaries would be. Today, we seek to change what we told the voters.

One year ago, this Council placed the renewed/increased parks millage on the ballot. Separate from the parks millage ballot process, the Council told the public -- via our resolution -- how we intended to spend the money and make general fund adjustments. We were accused publicly, by you, of changing what we told the voters. I do not believe we changed what we told the voters. Regardless, I am a bit perplexed about how you can criticize us for allegedly changing what we told the voters before the parks millage, when you avidly support changing what we told the voters before the Greenbelt millage. These positions are totally opposite.

I did not raise this issue publicly because I did not want to muck up this issue, and because I support the work of the Greenbelt committee. But I wanted to let you know how I felt about this.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:23 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

Told you not to worry about it

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:21 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

So does his anger and venom.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:20 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

His self-bragging looks ridiculous, that's for sure...

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

But don't you think he actually made himself look ridiculous... I wonder what Gil Omen thought.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:06 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: TW's speech

... just saw a draft... it's gonna be bad...

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:23 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: TW's speech

Off the record: Gant has been forbidden by his bosses from speaking to him, as have all AA NEWS staff except Ed P...

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:22 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: TW's speech

Did Gantert go talk to him?

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:20 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

His self-bragging looks ridiculous, that's for sure...

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: TW's speech

But don't you think he actually made himself look ridiculous... I wonder what Gil Omen thought.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 7:06 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: TW's speech

... just saw a draft... it's gonna be bad...

Foondle, Laurie

From: Woods, Wendy A
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:13 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: .

Yes, the Woods kids and friends have their assignments. ☺

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:03 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A
Subject: .

Do you have volunteers to get results from all your precincts tomorrow night? Hopefully we'll have all the results by 9:00... for better or worse!

Foondle, Laurie

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 9:03 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Philip McMillion
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; McCormick, Sue; Jones, Barnett; Hopkins, Samuel
Subject: RE: Request for a few "no parking" signs on Porter

Hello all;
We will have a traffic engineer evaluate for signage. Please advise re other followup efforts by PD & FD

-----Original Message-----

From: "Woods, Wendy A" <WWoods@a2gov.org>
To: "Philip McMillion" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Easthope, Christopher" <CEasthope@a2gov.org>; "McCormick, Sue" <SMcCormick@a2gov.org>; "Jones, Barnett" <BJones@a2gov.org>; "Hopkins, Samuel" <SHopkins@a2gov.org>
Sent: 8/6/07 7:40 PM
Subject: RE: Request for a few "no parking" signs on Porter

Hi Mr. McMillion,

I will ask the AAPD, AAFD and public services staff to look into these issues. It may be helpful for staff to check to see if parking is permissible and have a conversation with the neighbors. Someone will be in touch.

Thanks so much,

Wendy Woods
Fifth Ward

-----Original Message-----

From: Philip McMillion [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:03 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A
Subject: Request for a few "no parking" signs on Porter

Hi. My name is Phil McMillion, I live at [REDACTED]

There is a house at the end of the cul de sac on porter (east of westover) that uses the turn-around for parking of lots of cars during the day. I believe it is illegal to park there and there is also a fire hydrant that is blocked.

There are many vehicles that race up and down our street that park there, which creates dust and is a danger to the residents (especially the children).

We (Westover neighborhood association) would like to have a few "no parking" signs posted at the cul de sac to discourage parking (and make it easier to call the police if they persist).

If you could help us in any way, we'd really appreciate it.

Thanks in advance,

Sincerely, Phil McMillion



Foondle, Laurie

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:57 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Woods, Wendy A; Higgins, Marcia; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE: Signs

Yeah, and candidates with integrity would follow these rules...

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:51 PM
To: Woods, Wendy A; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: FW: Signs

FYI, a reminder for signs tomorrow. Still not allowed in general ROW, only near the poll places.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Ivacko, Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:21 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Please support Bob Johnson's proposal re. public vote before selling parkland

Hi Margie,

thanks very much for the reply and the thoughtful approach. I am also concerned that a future administration could simply have parkland rezoned to non parkland and then sold ... I hope the final resolution might be able to offer safeguards against such a thing.

Best,
Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:42 PM
To: Ivacko, Thomas
Subject: RE: Please support Bob Johnson's proposal re. public vote before selling parkland

Thanks for writing, Tom. I do want to support this, but I need to know a few things about how the city defines parkland, and what properties would be included. I understand that there are properties that are used as parkland, that are actually open for utility purposes. I think this might be postponed tonight. Certainly a property like Dicken Woods should have the protection that this proposal offers, and once our questions are answered, I hope it passes. -Margie

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Ivacko [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 05, 2007 11:25 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Woods, Wendy A; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Johnson, Robert; Suarez, Ron
Cc: sc@dickenwoods.org
Subject: Please support Bob Johnson's proposal re. public vote before selling parkland

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Friends of Dicken Woods, I'm writing to urge you to vote in favor of Bob Johnson's proposed charter amendment so that any effort to sell public parkland would require public approval, whether or not that land is part of the city's Master Plan. We believe Ann Arbor's open spaces, particularly those integrated into our neighborhoods, are a key component of our high quality of life, and we feel strongly that voter approval should be required before any such land could be or otherwise converted from public open space.

Thank you very much.

Tom Ivacko
President, Friends of Dicken Woods

[REDACTED]

Foondle, Laurie

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:54 PM
To: Pirooz, Homayoon; Teall, Margie
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Nearing, Michael
Subject: RE: E. Stadium Boulevard - Advertisement for CW Nos. 1 and 2

I think this looks great! Could we also send by email to any of the neighborhood associations in this area?

Thanks,

Marcia

From: Pirooz, Homayoon
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:57 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Nearing, Michael
Subject: FW: E. Stadium Boulevard - Advertisement for CW Nos. 1 and 2

FYI, and please let me know if you there are any questions. Thanks,

-----Original Message-----

From: Nearing, Michael
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 4:48 PM
To: Pirooz, Homayoon
Subject: FW: E. Stadium Boulevard - Advertisement for CW Nos. 1 and 2

HP,

Attached is a copy of the advertisement that we will be placing in the September AA Observer for our upcoming meetings regarding the E. Stadium Boulevard and S. Main Street Projects.

Michael G. Nearing, P.E.
Senior Project Manager
Project Management Division

Phone No. (734) 994-6147
Fax No. (734) 994-1744

-----Original Message-----

From: Connie Dimond [mailto:Connie.Dimond@jlr-us.com]

Sent: Friday, August 03, 2007 10:02 AM
To: Nearing, Michael
Subject: FW:

The AA Observer ad. Connie

From: Bill Schumann
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2007 10:06 AM
To: Vikki Enos
Cc: Connie Dimond
Subject: RE:

Vikki,

Thank you for the instructions. I have attached a PDF of the file that I uploaded to your ftp site. The folder name on your site is City of A2 - September Ad from JJR it contains the packaged InDesign file and a PDF of the file. The contact for the city is Mike Nearing. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Bill Schumann

Marketing Coordinator

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From: Vikki Enos [mailto:Vikki@aaobserver.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2007 9:42 AM
To: Bill Schumann
Subject:

here you go bill...let me know if you need anything else. thx. v

Vikki J. Enos

Ann Arbor Observer

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Foondle, Laurie

Subject: RE: Meeting - Thursday, August 9

Start: Thu 8/9/2007 5:30 PM
End: Thu 8/9/2007 6:30 PM

Recurrence: (none)



RE: Meeting -
Thursday, August

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:27 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Lowenstein, Joan
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Crawford, Tom; Schuler, Carol
Subject: RE: Meeting - Thursday, August 9

i will be there

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2007 2:46 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Lowenstein, Joan
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Crawford, Tom; Schuler, Carol
Subject: Meeting - Thursday, August 9

Hi:

We need to schedule a meeting of the committee within the next ten days and are planning for Thursday, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room. Please let Angela or me know that you will attend!

The agenda would involve the following:

1. Review of a tentative labor agreement
2. Guidance regarding a potential land acquisition
3. Guidance regarding the sale of city-owned land
4. Several confidential and time sensitive items related to economic development.

Please note, this meeting may require up to two hours.

Roger Fraser
City Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
Office: (734) 994-2650
Fax: (734) 994-8297

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:36 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Jeff's e-mail address

Here you go!

[REDACTED]

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:34 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Jeff's e-mail address

You were going to send me Jeff Myer's e-mail address?

Foondle, Laurie

From: Andrew LaBarre [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 7:28 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Script

Fight Against Global Warming

Town Hall - Script

3:30 - Mayor Hieftje

- ü Welcomes the Crowd
- ü Announces distinguished guests/elected officials (Andy will provide list)
- ü Thanks co-sponsors
- ü Explains why we are gathered and that there will be a question and answer period. Those who would like to ask a question should line up at the microphones, however we will ask that everyone stay seated until the question and answer period
- ü Talks about what A2 is doing

3:35 - Mayor Hieftje

**Introduces either National Wildlife Federation
CEO Larry Schweiger for an introduction of
Congressman Dingell or NWF Great Lakes
Natural Resource Center Director Andy
Buchsbbaum**

Introduction of JDD

**3:40 - Mayor Hieftje
Introduces Hugh McDiarmid from the Michigan
Environmental Council for a statement from
our Co-sponsors organizations "but before we
bring Mr. Dingell up, a word from our
sponsors"**

3:45 - Statement by Hugh McDiarmid

**3:50 - Mayor Heiftje (quickly) introduces
Congressman Dingell**

Congressman Dingell Opening Statement

**4:05 - Mayor Hieftje introduces the Questions
and Answer period and reminds people be
brief since there are many questions that
people would like to ask.**

Q & A

Foondle, Laurie

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 10:37 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Your Amendment

Attachments: image001.gif

Marcia, can I get a copy of your amendment just to be sure I have it correctly, thanks.

Anissa R. Bowden

Council Administrative Coordinator

City Clerk's Office

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734.994.8296

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 9:08 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 8:56 PM
To: 'Mike Reid'
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie; Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: RE: Greden Increases Taxes...Again

Ahh the memories!!!! Rapundalo, the fake Democrat next to me, carried the "no" water in your absence!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Reid [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 8:52 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Greden Increases Taxes...Again

Leigh,

I saw that administrative service fee increase on our taxes. I hope you can still hear the faint echos of my nay vote.

Mike

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:54 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Woods, Wendy A
Subject: Amendment 8 (CSS position)

Chris doesn't remember this thing (even though we discussed it extensively), so I'm going to pull it. I don't think we have enough votes w/o him.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:31 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)

Can we get all the proposed amendments in hard copy?

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:30 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Speech

We really need your leadership tonight with a powerful speech on this parks budget issue.....

Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:20 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan; Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

Cowherd is a 5th warder...of course

-----Original Message-----

From: Lowenstein, Joan
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

He can easily commit other people's money at no expense to himself.

-----Original Message-----

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:18 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan; Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

He doesn't. but why would that matter?

-----Original Message-----

From: Lowenstein, Joan
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:17 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Greden, Leigh; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

Does he live in Ann Arbor? How does he know why people voted for the millage?

-----Original Message-----

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:16 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject:

I love the fact that he guy who says we have no integrity couldn't help but lie about me in the last campaign...

Foondle, Laurie

From: Easthope, Christopher
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:19 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

Oh I will...

-----Original Message-----

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:16 PM
To: Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

Hmm, maybe you should mention that in your speech tonight...

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To: Greden, Leigh; Lowenstein, Joan; Teall, Margie; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
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Foondle, Laurie

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:17 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Easthope, Christopher; Lowenstein, Joan; Woods, Wendy A; Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: RE:

Along with something about Ms. Sidney's accuracy...

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Subject:

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Foondle, Laurie

From: Woods, Wendy A
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:17 PM
To: Miller, Jayne; Woods, Wendy; Henderson, Karla
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: Ann Arbor Parks

Thanks Jayne.

Wendy

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:28 PM
To: Woods, Wendy; Henderson, Karla
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; Woods, Wendy A; McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: Ann Arbor Parks

Wendy, I'll let Karla respond to you regarding plans for maintenance at Vets Park since park maintenance activities are within Public Services.

While the voters approved the millage in November 2006, the funds from that voter approved millage won't be available until July 1, 2007. As a result, it won't be until July 1, 2007 that we will begin see the affects of the approved millage. In fact, because the millage did pass it allows for activities previously funded by the General Fund to be funded by the Millage and/or by the General Fund. Because of this change, funding for many maintenance activities is proposed to be increased in the 07-80 budget. If approved, it will result in improved levels of service in the parks including mowing; playground inspections; tree planting, trimming, and removal; stump removal; athletic field maintenance; natural area preservation; park security; response to vandalism; turf restoration; renovation of shelters/restrooms; parking lot repairs; repair and replacement of park amenities; game court maintenance; recreation facility and equipment maintenance; cemetery maintenance; and snow/ice control. In addition, by having this additional funding available for maintenance allowed for the shift of General Funds from maintenance related activities to operation of recreation facilities, thereby preventing the closure of at least four recreation facilities.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
734-994-2704 (phone)
734-994-8460 (fax)

-----Original Message-----

From: Woods, Wendy [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 10:21 AM
To: Henderson, Karla; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Easthope, Christopher; Woods, Wendy A
Subject: FW: Ann Arbor Parks

Hi Karla and Jane,

Here are some concerns about the condition of Vets Park from a neighbor.
I responded to her concerns about the millage. Are there any plans to work on Vet Park's maintenance before the holiday weekend?

Thanks,

Wendy

-----Original Message-----

From: sh143tooth [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 8:11 AM
To: CEasthope@a2gov.org; WWoods@a2gov.org
Subject: Ann Arbor Parks

Dear Council Members:

I am unable to attend tonight's council meeting, but I wish to express my views on providing the police department \$350,000 out of the parks millage funds for increased patrols of our city parks. From what I read in the newspaper, most of our citizens (myself included) do not feel that there is significant security concern to warrant this. I see it as yet another diversion of funds from our park millages. My husband and I voted against the last two park millages due to the repeated diversion of these funds for use that the voters did not intend. This trend seems to be continuing in spite of promises that this would not occur.

I would rather see funds used for maintenance. Soon it will be Memorial Day. From the view at Jackson and Maple Rd., Vets Park looks a disgrace.

The gardens are unkempt and the grass isn't mowed. Perhaps I am not adequately informed, but I thought that our park millage funds were to be used for maintenance.

Yours truly,

Suzan Hatch
[REDACTED]

Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:10 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Schopieray, Christine
Subject: FW: HHSAB Application

Attachments: Barbara Eichmuller Resume 5-21-07.doc; Barbara Eichmuller Resume 5-21-07.doc



Barbara



Barbara

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John- Barbara currently serves on HPB and would like to continue on HHSAB. Here is her appl. She can be put forward on 6/4. Thanks, LRG

From: Barbara - Reinhart [mailto:barbara@elizabethbrien.com]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Cc: Hall, Jennifer; Klinke, Amy
Subject: HHSAB Application

Hi Leigh and Margie:

I somehow missed the part where I was supposed to have this information to Council by tonight's meeting. If it is too late I understand, but would appreciate any assistance you can lend me with my application.

Warm regards, Barbara

Barbara Eichmuller, Associate Broker

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Professional Background

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| Consultant | City of Ann Arbor Community Development Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched and compiled census data for the community needs assessment for the City of Ann Arbor Five Year Consolidated Strategy and Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for \$1.3 million annual Community Development Block Grants funding | June – September 2004 |
| Consultant | Washtenaw Development Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compiled a Housing Options Analysis of Washtenaw County for the purpose of educating, retaining and recruiting employers to the region | June – December 2004 |
| Associate Broker | Charles Reinhart Company <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed all aspects of residential real estate sales• Educated buyer clients on how to select a home for purchase; negotiated purchase contract terms and conditions; tracked transaction to closing; and provided buyer follow-up after property transfer• Implemented data base and tracking system for 200+ past, present and potential buyer/seller clients• Prepared comparative market analyses for seller clients and marketed properties utilizing the Realtor® multi-list system, newspaper advertising, internet virtual tours and personal networking• Published monthly client newsletter | 1991 - Present |
| Principal/Co-Owner | Interior Development, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-founded commercial interior design company serving clients in the Ann Arbor banking, real estate and technology industries• Established office procedures for marketing of interior design services, procurement of products and installation of project design• Prepared Request for Proposals (RFP), negotiated design contracts, coordinated critical path for project completion with the designer, architect, and vendors, and served as general contractor for design implementation | 1988 - 1991 |

Education

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|---|------------|
| University of Michigan Master of Urban Planning degree (with emphasis in Housing Policy, Real Estate and Community Development) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched and analyzed potential impacts of the Land Bank Fast Track Authority legislation on the City of Detroit• Course work included Housing Systems, Housing Policy, Nonprofit Management, Nonprofit Management Land Use Law and Planning, Real Estate Development and Finance. | May 2004 |
| Eastern Michigan University Bachelor of Science degree (Business Management with emphasis in Human Resources Administration) | April 1981 |

Professional Affiliations

- American Planning Association
- Urban Land Institute
- Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors
- Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Ann Arbor Program Class of 2004
- Member, City of Ann Arbor Housing Policy Board
- President, Women's Council of Realtors Washtenaw Chapter
- Past-President, University of Michigan Lucile B. Conger Alumnae Group
- Real Estate Designations: Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR), Certified Real Estate Specialist (CRS), Graduate Real Estate Institute (GRI), and Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES)

References

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President, Washtenaw Development Council
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Foondle, Laurie

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 7:09 PM
To: 'Barbara - Reinhart'; Teall, Margie
Cc: Hall, Jennifer; Klinke, Amy
Subject: RE: HHSAB Application

Hey Barbara! I'm glad you decided to apply! Unfortunately, we got this too late to put it on tonight. We're doing 6 nominations tonight, and will do some more next week-- and you'll be included in the list! Thanks, LRG

From: Barbara - Reinhart [mailto:barbara@elizabethbrien.com]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2007 4:16 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Greden, Leigh
Cc: Hall, Jennifer; Klinke, Amy
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Foondle, Laurie

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 9:27 PM
To: cahillde [REDACTED]
Subject: my speech

Attachments: BriereCourtSpeech040708.doc



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I tried this earlier. If you are checking email, please read. (I screwed up your address from this computer).

Sabra Briere

First Ward Council member

(734)484-3600 x 237 (W)

(734)995-3518 (H)

Briere Speech on Courts/Police Facility

April 7, 2008

I would have liked to address my remarks to my fellow council members, but I've learned to my regret that many of them aren't listening. On this issue, I've discovered that discourse and debate are unwelcome. Instead, I'm addressing my remarks to the public, here tonight and watching this at any time in the future.

I will be voting against the issuance of bonds for the construction of the Courts/Police facility. Not because I don't believe we need to repair our existing City Hall. We do. Not because I don't believe our police department's space is poorly designed and has been sadly neglected. It is and it has. But because this project as a whole is not the project we've been led to believe.

I say "as a whole" because a very small fraction of the total cost would go to remodel the police department. That remodeling is long overdue. However, the vast majority of the project would go toward building an immense and unnecessary home for the city's district court.

There are so many things wrong with the COURT aspect of this project that I have a difficult time focusing on one thing.

I don't want to talk about the need for the building. We have heard about the inadequate facilities at the existing court house – facilities that you and I paid significant dollars to upgrade just a few years ago. We have heard that the city has an obligation to provide space for the District Court – although we've never heard that we have an obligation to build our own court house. Some have said that the Circuit Judges won't allow the 15th District Judges to continue to work in the County Court House – but of course, we all know that the judges don't make that decision. The County Commissioners do, just as we on the City Council do. And the City Council, before I was elected, decided to build its own courthouse – a plan I consider fiscally unsound. The Chair of the County Commissioners, Jeff Irwin, told me last November and reiterated only three weeks ago

~~that city council members had come to the County Commission and asked for a two-year lease, saying the city would build its own building. A longer lease there – or somewhere else – is clearly an option.~~

I don't want to talk about the design of the project, because then I'll have to spend too much time questioning why we have designed a state of the art secure building to protect our court officers from violent criminals. Our district court doesn't handle violent crime. The district courts in Ypsilanti City, Ypsilanti Township, and Chelsea don't require citizens to empty out their pockets onto an airport-style conveyor belt while being scrutinized by armed guards. There is a reason for this security at the circuit court, which handles serious offenses. Such a forbidding environment isn't required, however, in our user-friendly district court which handles traffic tickets, minor offenses, and evictions. Please note that this is not a complaint about the designer of the building, but about the parameters given for that design, which have added exponentially to the cost we are presented with here today.

What I really want to talk about is the cost of the project – the cost today, and into the future.

Right now, you and I are building a new courthouse on Hogback Road – state of the art, full security, three court rooms, jury room, records storage, all the frills. This court actually deals with violent criminals and needs the security facilities; it is also adjacent to the County's new jail. You and I are also building a new court facility in Saline; one that doesn't need high-tech security features, and costs accordingly.

Just a few years ago you and I paid real money to update our County Courthouse to provide security features, including armed guards and metal detectors. We closed access to the Courthouse at all doors but one; it seems these features are needed for the Circuit Court, which handles felony cases. Perhaps these features are inadequate. If they are, how long will it be before we are asked to build a new courthouse to meet the needs of the Circuit Court? And if that happens – you and I will be paying for it.

Maybe you don't know about these projects. They are real. The County is building them with our tax dollars. The County invested in the County Court House with our tax dollars – from a variety of sources. The County did all of this without a millage, without asking you to vote. And maybe that's why you didn't notice – but we are all paying for the improvements to our County's courts. And we'll be paying for years to come.

During the course of the discussions, many of us on Council have used homeownership metaphors to describe our views of this project. I have been guilty of this, myself. I have described the need to fix the roof before putting on an addition – but in all fairness, an improvident homeowner might take out a home equity loan to do both at once. One wonders, though, at the homeowner who would build an addition that is as large as the original house, re-landscape – and still not fix the roof. At the March meeting of the Main Street merchants' association, our City Administrator, Roger Fraser, acknowledged that fixing the roof wasn't part of this project.

However, these homeownership terms aren't really adequate.

Some have stated that owning buildings is more valuable than paying rent. I've heard other members of Council refer to this project as the city 'building equity'. Building equity? Isn't that what you do when you plan to sell your house? We are a city, not a homeowner. And we're not selling, so we – the taxpayers – just aren't going to reap a benefit from that 'equity'. When we pay rent in the community, we're actually helping the community. Private landlords benefit, and so does the tax base. The rent we pay to private landlords won't necessarily be easy to replace. We've all seen how many offices are empty. The rent we pay to the County also benefits the County – a benefit the County is beginning to recognize. The consolidation of services some of you may have heard proposed for the County Courthouse might actually cost us all money – and right now, we don't have all that much to spare. Please remember – we all pay County taxes, too, and Ann Arbor tax payers provide a significant portion of the tax support to the County – and often reap the smallest amount of benefits.

I'd love to build a new city hall. It's a project that's long overdue. But I'm really caught, because this project goes both too far and not far enough. What we build today will last

for 40 years, at least. And what we are building with \$47 million -- \$31 million that we propose authorizing to borrow – is totally wrong for our needs. We're using every possible dollar to build a golden courthouse. We heard today that, to our surprise, we won't be in the red for FY09. That's good, but it shows how closely we are already watching every penny. If we borrow this money, the bond payments will be far more than any savings from consolidating our employees in one location. Right now, for instance, the city charges about \$350K per year for cell tower fees. For the next 30 years, these fees are slated to pay off the bond. Does that mean these fees won't be raised for 30 years? What do these fees support now? The DDA is expected to provide about \$520K per year for the next 30 years to pay off the bond. This is money that won't be available for the downtown. It's money that has to come from somewhere, as well. And it has to keep coming for the next 30 years.

But if we build this court facility, what do we get? We don't have more space for services for you. We don't have significantly better working conditions in the long run for many of our employees. We even lose spaces for you to put your car when you have business at the city, because all that parking goes away. And we gain a long-overdue improvement to the police department – which wouldn't cost very much by itself – and a large, secure court facility with private elevators to protect judges from violent traffic offenders.

Foondle, Laurie

From: Kim Kachadoorian [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:46 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Lowenstein, Joan; Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Anglin, Mike; Teall, Margie; Easthope, Christopher; Briere, Sabra; Suarez, Ron
Subject: closure of North Main St.

I cannot support the closure of the northbound lane to make the stadium's construction job any easier.

I came to the council meeting but was told I couldn't speak about the lane closure even though I signed up.

This topic was added at the last minute - I called at 2:00 it wasn't on the list, I called at 4:45 and it was on the list. My neighbors interested in the subject were not given sufficient time to be able to attend and I did attend but was silenced as there is no audience participation allowed. I don't think that sufficient notice was given to pass a resolution on this tonight.

1. I live 3 blocks north of the stadium and they wake me up every day!! I liked the BEEP BEEP BEEP that one of my neighbors did.
2. They have bagged many of the sewer drains - many are completely covered over. Because of this the sludge and rocks and leaves that normally fall into those drains are now draining onto my street. We have had several clogs now of the rain drains.
4. We have a HUGE issue already in the neighborhood because of the increase semi traffic - there are more than 100 pot holes on Hill street in a two block area. We have another one on Greene street about 2 x2 feet and about 8 inches deep. I blame this on the double tandem semi trucks coming in and out of these streets.
5. Increase in traffic is just nuts - I cannot imagine how many more people will use our neighborhood as a cut through if you close the northbound lane.

The University forgets (intentionally?) that there are neighborhoods surrounding them...we want to "play nice in the sandbox" but they keep throwing sand in our face!

Please do not approve this without the neighborhoods that will be affected being notified. This last minute addition is not fair to those of us that it will hurt the most. We should be able to be heard - not silenced.

The impact to our lives should be considered - everyone in each neighborhood that surrounds the stadium.

Kim Kachadoorian
[REDACTED]

Is it legal to pass something that proper notification was not given on?

Foondle, Laurie

From: Alan Goldberg [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:38 PM
To: 'Reid, Margaret'; allmenandwomen [redacted] aaberkley [redacted]
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Thanks!!

Thank you all for looking after the interests of our homey little neighborhood and the broader interests of the city.

Alan Goldberg

509 Keech Ave

From: Reid, Margaret [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 11:19 AM
To: allmenandwomen [redacted] aaberkley [redacted]
Cc: MHiggins@a2gov.org; Teall, Margie; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: U of M Lane Closure

FYI....sorry for any duplication, but I wanted to make sure everyone sees this.

Thanks for the information Marcia.

Marnie

From: Higgins, Marcia [mailto:MHiggins@a2gov.org]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2008 8:45 PM
To: allmendinger
Cc: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger
Subject: U of M Lane Closure

Good Evening Eveyone,

Margie and I wanted you to know that there will be a resolution added to our meeting tomorrow night regarding the lane closure for U of M. If any of you can attend to speak to this issue we encourage you to sign up tomorrow morning.

The resolution is set up currently to grant the lane closure from May 1, 2008 thru mid July 2009 with the following criteria.

1. Follow our noise ordinance.
2. All costs for traffic rerouting, traffic calming.
3. Repair of the streets Main and Stadium
4. Re-routing of trunks off of Main north and south traffic.
5. Parks contribution to Allmendinger Park.

The contract with the University will have an evergreening clause (every 90 days) that will review if these criteria is being met and if not we will shut down the lane closure.

Mayor Hieftje has had several conversations with the University of Michigan this week-end and I believe will ask for additions that will be in the best interest of the neighbors and the city.

Please pass this on to any who may not be on this group email.

Regards,

Marcia and Margie

Foondle, Laurie

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:25 PM
To: Lowenstein, Joan
Subject: FW: Packet

Ideas on how to fix this?

Sabra Briere

First Ward Council member

(734)484-3600 x 237 (W)

(734)995-3518 (H)

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:24 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Packet

YES YES YES

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 8:23 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Packet

Dear Marcia,

This is the screwiest packet I've ever seen. Do you concur?

Sabra Briere

First Ward Council member

(734)484-3600 x 237 (W)

Foondle, Laurie

From: Clare, Jim
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:49 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Link

Which one was giving you the problem? As long as you plug in the blue cord then power on your computer from a complete shut down state it should work every time. Problems connecting usually happen when powering a computer goes to sleep and you power it back up. I can explain this better in person.

Thanks,

Jim Clare

Information Technology Services Unit | 100 North Fifth Ave. | Ann Arbor, MI 48104 | Infrastructure Support Administrator

Phone: 734.996.3261 (o); 734-323.4329 (m); 734.994.3031 (f) | Email: jclare@a2gov.org

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:47 PM
To: Clare, Jim
Subject: RE: Link

Thanks Jim. Will this link always work for future meetings?

From: Clare, Jim
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:39 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Link

Hello Margie, I can remote in and assist you if you would like. I copied a new copy council pack link and a link to the contracts folder. If you need something else let me know.

Thanks,

Jim Clare

Foondle, Laurie

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:43 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Link on your Computer

Attachments: image001.gif

Jim,

Will install the link now. Check your desk top in about 15-20 Minutes. Thanks.

Anissa R. Bowden

Council Administrative Coordinator

Office of the City Clerk

734.994.2892

734.994.8296 (Fax)

Foondle, Laurie

From: Clare, Jim
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:35 PM
To: Bowden (King), Anissa
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Councilmember Teall's Computer

I'll install it now.

Jim Clare

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:30 PM
To: Clare, Jim
Subject: RE: Councilmember Teall's Computer

She would like to get the new link for Council packets, I saw a link on a "z" drive that councilmember Higgins has that Margie does not have. Can you install that at the next meeting?

Anissa

-----Original Message-----

From: Clare, Jim
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2008 7:20 PM
To: Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: RE: Councilmember Teall's Computer

I'm on my way home. What is the problem?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bowden (King), Anissa" <ABowden@a2gov.org>
To: "**Information Technology Services Department" <ITSD@a2gov.org>; "Clare, Jim" <JClare@a2gov.org>
Sent: 4/7/08 7:16 PM
Subject: Councilmember Teall's Computer

Hey Jim,

Could you stop back up to take a look at Margie Teall's Computer? Thanks.

Anissa R. Bowden

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