

CITY COUNCIL EMAILS
2 MARCH 2009

Wolford, Louise

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To: Greden, Leigh; Henderson, Karla
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: On-street parking issues

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:45 AM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: How's it going?

Hi Mike – Just thought I'd check in to see how things are going with email. I hope I didn't monopolize your Friday afternoon too greatly. Just checking in – no response necessary.

~ Phil


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100 North Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 USA
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Wolford, Louise

From: Anglin, Mike
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:54 AM
To: Ristenbatt, Phil
Subject: RE: How's it going?

Working great. Thanks for your time...Mike

Thank you
Mike Anglin
549 South First Street
Ann Arbor, Mi 48103
e-mail;


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From: Anglin, Mike
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:57 AM
To: Miller, Jayne
Subject: Re: Washtenhaw Dairy May 30th

Jayne,

Hello there

Dave Halman at the Dairy would like to receive information about street closings etc.

Thank you
Mike Anglin
549 South First Street
Ann Arbor, Mi 48103
e-mail;


Wolford, Louise

From: Pirooz, Homayoon
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:01 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Stadium Bridge alternative

That would be "At Grade Crossing" intersections w/ S. State Street and the Rail Road. At grade intersections w/ railroads are not desirable, have a history of tragic accidents, are not the best option for the general public - cars or pedestrians, in particular in an "Urban" environment. In addition and in our case, at grade crossing intersections at the State St and the RR would add a large burden on the traffic operations on both Stadium Blvd and S. State Street, may require expensive, extensive sometimes "impractical" changes to our streets system such as street widening in a fully developed residential area.

Whenever possible and for many years communities have been separating their auto traffic from the rail traffic by installing new bridges. A recent example in our area is the new bridge over the railroad and Huron River, at Dixboro Rd - near E. Huron River Dr. Converting our bridges to at grade crossing would be a step backward.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 6:54 PM
To: Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Stadium Bridge alternative

Christopher might have already sent this email:

Some folks suggest we don't need new bridges at Stadium Blvd., and that we should instead re-engineer the area to lower the Stadium Blvd elevation and connect State St. to Stadium. What are the technical/policy/financial implications of such a change?

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Bowen, Lynn
Subject: RE: Incident #11159 - Thank you for your Helpdesk submission.

thanks Lynn

There had been some traffic this weekend that I didn't get, so that re=prompted the inquiry.

cheers,

Christopher

From: Bowen, Lynn
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 8:51 AM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: FW: Incident #11159 - Thank you for your Helpdesk submission.

Hi,

I have sent a help desk ticket to address this concern. Phil (IT department) asked me to send this request. I will keep checking to make sure the request is completed.

Lynn Bowen

Administrative Support Specialist

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" Your motivation is your Belief, Your belief is your Peace, Your peace is your Target "

From: City of Ann Arbor Helpdesk [mailto:help@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:50 AM
To: Bowen, Lynn
Subject: RE: Incident #11159 - Thank you for your Helpdesk submission.

Incident Received

We have received your Helpdesk request:

Details

Incident #: **11159**
Title: **Admin Supp Spec.**

Comment

Please add Christopher Taylor (Councilperson) to the Park Advisory Commission email at his request (PAC@A2gov.org) Thanks so much!:-)

Thank you for using the City of Ann Arbor Helpdesk system. Someone will contact you to gather additional information about your problem and assign the incident to the next available technician. If you wish to check the status of your incident, please use the "My Helpdesk" web page by typing the word helpdesk in your browser address line.

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From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:18 AM
To: Ristenbatt, Phil
Subject: RE: eMail Distribution List

Thanks Phil!

c.

From: Ristenbatt, Phil
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 8:37 AM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: eMail Distribution List

Hi Chris, I'll check in to this and see if we're handling it inside our Exchange box. ~ Phil

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 9:32 PM
To: Ristenbatt, Phil
Subject: eMail Distribution List

Hi Phil,

If you're the guy, can you get me on the PAC email distribution list?

Thanks,

Christopher

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:29 AM
To: Hohnke, Carsten; Teall, Margie
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: FW: Floodway Resolution

I suspect Taylor bcc'd Carsten & Margie on this email. If not, here it is.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Sun 3/1/2009 10:53 PM
To: Berauer, Linda (PAC); Anglin, Mike
Subject: Floodway Resolution

Hi Mike/Linda,

I'm sorry if there has been discussion on this on PAC Distribution, but I'm not yet (!) on that list, and indeed only just realized that it existed. I've asked to be put on the list.

In any event, with respect to the recent proposed resolution regarding the disposition of City properties in the floodway, I'm not sure that it is a matter properly before PAC, purposed exclusively as it is with providing advice regarding park and recreation services.

I apologize for not realizing this during the course of the meeting, but having now done so, I believe that the subject is better suited for the Environmental Commission, or some such, as a floodway management measure. I'm sensitive to the concern that my objection might be overly formalistic, but at the end of the day it is important, I think, to observe jurisdictional divisions.

Thanks, and of course, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best,

Christopher

Wolford, Louise

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From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:34 AM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: Stadium bridges

She was at caucus last night.

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

From: Nancy [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:31 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Anglin, Mike; Higgins, Marcia; Briere, Sabra
Subject: Stadium bridges

Hello Mayor and Council Members,

Due to citizen concern regarding the condition of the Stadium bridges, it would be most beneficial to have a public forum with Ms McCormick, Mr Crawford, the Mayor available to answer questions and discuss immediate and longer term plans. A dialogue would go a long way to clarify the current situation. It would also show a willingness on the part of government to be open.

Thank you

Nancy Kaplan

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:34 AM
To: McCormick, Sue
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: 415 W. Washington

Thanks. Your description of multiple uses makes sense. I just wanted to understand whether we were saying no to ANY art use on the site.

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Sun 3/1/2009 11:02 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; McCormick, Sue
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: 415 W. Washington

Hi Leigh,

The answer is yes and yes. As you may recall the task force recommended elements from the proposals be used to frame the new RFP. The difference perhaps most significantly is that the task force did not support the Art Center utilizing the entire site. The concept proposes the structure along Washington be used for Art and the southwest area of the site be utilized for housing in support of the eyes on the greenway concept that came out of those prior recommendations.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

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

From: "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@a2gov.org>
To: "McCormick, Sue" <SMcCormick@a2gov.org>
Cc: "Fraser, Roger" <RFraser@a2gov.org>
Sent: 3/1/09 6:56 PM
Subject: 415 W. Washington

NEWS reports that the new RFP for the previous bidders will emphasize housing. Are we no longer interested in the Art Center using the space for arts activities?

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From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:57 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Schopieray, Christine; Hupy, Craig; McCormick, Sue
Subject: Michigan Energy Office

John,

Are you interested and available to meet Thursday at 2:45pm with myself, Dave Konkle, and Jan Patrick from the Michigan Energy Office? It will be a brief informal conversation to share information and plan for moving ahead with energy stimulus funds. (We can move the meeting up to 2:25 if necessary, but probably not later than 3pm.)

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Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:59 AM
To: Brix, Andrew
Subject: RE: Michigan Energy Office

Hi Andrew:

I will be there. 4th floor conference room?

John

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Subject: Downtown Marketing Task Force

Start: Tue 4/28/2009 10:00 AM

End: Tue 4/28/2009 12:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 10:09 AM
To: Smith, Sandi; Pollay, Susan
Subject: FW: Letter from Noah Hall
Attachments: DRAFT GLELC Ann Arbor Parking Garage MEPA Letter.pdf

Sandi and Susan:

This is a draft we received from a third party. This letter has not been officially received by the city but I wanted you to be aware of it given the possible impact on DDA and city business.

I am awaiting an opinion from city attorneys so please call me before forwarding or discussing with others. We should talk after you have had a chance to read it.

Thanks,

John

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DRAFT March --, 2009

Mayor and City Council
City of Ann Arbor
Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building
100 N. Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Re: Comments on Issuance of a Bond for Proposed Parking Facility

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Please accept these comments from the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center on behalf of a coalition of national, state, and local environmental organizations [organizations will be listed individually in final signature page] regarding the City of Ann Arbor's issuance a bond for the construction of a proposed new parking facility. For the reasons set forth in this letter, primarily the City of Ann Arbor's failure to comply with the Michigan Environmental Protection Act ("MEPA"),¹ the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center is concerned that construction and operation of the proposed new parking facility could be significantly delayed or prevented by a legal challenge pursuant to MEPA. As a result, the City of Ann Arbor would be unable to repay the bond with parking fees from the proposed new parking facility, saddling the City of Ann Arbor's budget with significant debt payments and ultimately putting the financial burden on the taxpayers of Ann Arbor.

The City of Ann Arbor and its political leadership have been recognized nationally and internationally for their commitment to environmental protection and innovative energy saving initiatives. A potential violation of MEPA and resulting litigation will tarnish this excellent reputation. The City of Ann Arbor's efforts to promote itself as a "green" environmentally-friendly progressive community would be quickly forgotten if it is a defendant in a major environmental lawsuit regarding greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption, and air pollution. Instead, by complying with MEPA, the City of Ann Arbor has an opportunity to provide a comprehensive, energy-efficient solution for downtown that will support local businesses with additional residents and commercial activity using widely accepted smart growth principles.

¹ M.C.L. 324.1701 *et seq.*

MEPA forecloses activity that is “likely to pollute, impair, or destroy” the environment unless “there is no feasible and prudent alternative.”² The proposed new parking facility would undoubtedly “pollute, impair, and destroy” natural resources. First, the construction of a new parking facility of the size proposed will require a massive amount of construction materials, including concrete and steel. The manufacture and synthesis of these construction materials require vast amounts of resources and energy, with associated pollution, impairment, and destruction of the natural environment. Further, the operation of the parking facility will create an increased use of energy in the downtown. While the project website discusses a number of environmental considerations for this project, and while these considerations may mitigate possible environmental impacts caused by the project, they do not prevent the pollution, impairment or destruction of the environment or consider less-polluting alternatives as required by MEPA.

More significantly, the proposed new parking facility is intended to create additional motor vehicle miles driven to downtown Ann Arbor to fill the proposed new parking facility with the parking revenues needed to repay the bonds. If the proposed new parking facility would not cause more automotive trips and motor vehicle miles to downtown Ann Arbor, then it is simply a substitute for existing parking facilities and is not needed. If this is the case, then the proposed new parking facility will not produce any additional parking revenues to repay the bond, again saddling the City of Ann Arbor’s budget with significant debt payments and ultimately putting the financial burden on the taxpayers of Ann Arbor.

The construction and operation of the proposed new parking facility and the additional automotive trips and vehicle miles driven that it will cause are “likely to pollute, impair, or destroy” the environment, and thus are not lawful under MEPA unless “there is no feasible and prudent alternative.”³ The City of Ann Arbor has numerous feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed new parking facility, including more efficient use of existing parking resources, improved parking demand management, adoption of alternative transportation, and construction and operation of a smaller and less costly new parking facility at this site or other sites. Some of these alternatives, and many more, are detailed by Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates in the Ann Arbor Downtown Parking Study (“Parking Study”). Thus, the pollution, impairment, and destruction of air, land, climate, and other natural resources could be minimized or avoided through the pursuit of these alternatives. Further, these alternatives would limit taxpayers’ exposure to financial risks relating to the financing of the proposed new parking facility.

Background on the Proposed New Parking Facility

On February 17, 2009, the Ann Arbor City Council approved a site plan for a 777 space underground parking structure to be built under the City-owned surface parking lot just north of the Downtown Library on S. Fifth Avenue. The City Council also authorized

² M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

³ M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

phase one of construction for this project – to build 677 spaces with a total project budget of \$56 million.

Also on February 17, 2009, the Ann Arbor City Council approved two resolutions that authorized publication of a Notice of Intent to issue general obligation parking facility capital improvement bonds and authorized the issuance of said bonds. The bonds would be in the amount of \$55 million to finance the underground parking garage. The cost of construction is intended to be funded primarily by bond proceeds (85%), with additional funding from cash held in reserve by the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (15%). Debt service on the bond is hoped to be paid from revenues of the City of Ann Arbor's public parking system (assuming that the revenues materialize) and tax increment revenues collected by the Downtown Development Authority. The bonds are to be secured as a limited tax general obligation of the City of Ann Arbor.

The Michigan Environmental Policy Act

The Michigan Constitution establishes the protection of public health, welfare, and the environment as a paramount concern for state government. Article IV, section 52 of the Michigan Constitution provides:

The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.

As the Michigan Supreme Court has made clear, this text imposes a mandatory duty on the Michigan Legislature to protect the environment.⁴

The Legislature carried out this duty by passing MEPA,⁵ a “world famous” statute that was one of the first to provide citizens with a legal tool to protect the environment from public or private degradation.⁶ MEPA allows for “any person” to bring a court action for “the protection of the air, water, and other natural resources and the public trust in these resources from pollution, impairment, or destruction.”⁷ If the individuals or organizations bringing the MEPA case can demonstrate that the proposed new parking facility would or is likely to “pollute, impair, or destroy” the environment, then the City of Ann Arbor must demonstrate that there is “no feasible and prudent alternative” that would achieve the objective of the proposed new parking facility, and that the proposed new parking facility is “consistent with the promotion of the public health, safety, and

⁴ *State Highway Commission v. Vanderkloot*, 392 Mich. 159, 179-180 (1974).

⁵ M.C.L. 324.1701 *et seq.*

⁶ *Ray v. Mason County Drain Commissioner*, 393 Mich. 294, 298 & n.1 (Mich. 1975).

⁷ M.C.L. 324.1701(1).

welfare in light of the state's paramount concern for the protection of its natural resources from pollution, impairment and destruction."⁸

In reviewing a MEPA case, a court may evaluate the adequacy of any applicable "standard for pollution or for an antipollution device or procedure" and "direct the adoption" of a more stringent standard if the court finds that standard to be "deficient."⁹ The threshold question under MEPA, therefore, is whether a proposed action would "pollute, impair, or destroy" the environment. Michigan courts have defined "impair" as "to weaken, to make worse, to lessen in power, diminish, or relax, or otherwise affect in an injurious manner."¹⁰

In evaluating whether such impairment has occurred, the City of Ann Arbor should not weigh the benefits of the proposed new parking facility against its impacts, but rather should evaluate whether the proposed new parking facility poses a significant enough environmental risk to natural resources to trigger a MEPA prima facie case.¹¹ A showing that environmental harm will definitely occur is not necessary; instead, "a MEPA claim may be founded on 'probable damage to the environment.'"¹²

In addition, the resources that are impaired by a proposed action need not be rare or unique in order to trigger MEPA, because "one of the primary purposes of the MEPA is to protect our natural resources before they become 'scarce.'"¹³ In other words, if the proposed new parking facility is likely to significantly injure or diminish a natural resource, MEPA is triggered. If the proposed new parking facility triggers MEPA, then it "may not proceed . . . as planned" if there is one or more feasible and prudent alternatives that would reduce the pollution, impairment, or destruction that the proposed new parking facility would cause.¹⁴

The proponent of proposed new parking facility (the City of Ann Arbor) bears the burden of demonstrating that such alternatives do not exist.¹⁵ An alternative is considered "feasible" if it "is likely to work out or be put into effect successfully."¹⁶ An alternative may be rejected on the basis of cost only if it is "prohibitively expensive;" an alternative should not be dismissed simply because it would "substantially increase production

⁸ M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

⁹ M.C.L. 324.1701(2).

¹⁰ *Whittaker Gooding Co. v. Scio Twp. Zoning Bd. of Appeals*, 323 N.W.2d 574, 576 (Mich. App. Ct. 1982), citing *Michigan United Conservation Clubs v. Anthony*, 280 N.W.2d 883 (Mich. App. Ct. 1979).

¹¹ *Attorney General, ex. Rel. Natural Resources Comm'n v. Balkema*, 477 N.W.2d 100, 102 (Mich. App. Ct. 1991).

¹² *City of Jackson v. Thompson-McCully Co.*, 608 N.W.2d 531, 536 (Mich. App. Ct. 2000), citing *Ray*, 393 Mich. at 309.

¹³ *Nemeth v. Abonmarche Development, Inc.*, 457 Mich. 16, 34 (Mich. 1998).

¹⁴ *Oscoda Chapter of PBB Action Committee, Inc. v. Dept. of Natural Resources*, 403 Mich. 215, 232 (Mich. 1978).

¹⁵ *Wayne County Dept. of Health v. Olsonite Corp.*, 263 N.W.2d 778, 795 (Mich. App. Ct. 1978).

¹⁶ *Id.* at 796.

costs” or be “financially burdensome.”¹⁷ Of course, often a less polluting alternative also proves to be less costly, creating a win-win situation for serving the proposed need at a reduced cost.

The determination of whether an alternative is “prudent” does not involve a “comprehensive balancing of competing interests.”¹⁸ Instead, an alternative is imprudent only if there are “truly unusual factors” that result in such alternative posing “unique problems” or costs that “approach ‘extraordinary magnitude.’”¹⁹ As the Minnesota Supreme Court has explained in interpreting the same standard under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act, the “feasible and prudent alternative” requirement sets an “extremely high standard” under which a proponent of a polluting project must “show that no alternative was available that did not itself create extreme hardship.”²⁰ In the absence of such a showing, the bonding for the proposed new parking facility should not be approved.

Compliance with the Michigan Environmental Policy Act Requires the City of Ann Arbor to Evaluate the Impacts of, and Alternatives to, the Proposed New Parking Facility

For the City of Ann Arbor to ensure that it is in full compliance with MEPA and not polluting, impairing, or destroy Michigan’s environment, it must engage in a thorough, thoughtful, and public process to identify and understand any potential environmental impacts of, and alternatives to, the proposed new parking facility.

Such an analysis should include:

Consideration of the Environmental Impacts of the Proposed New Parking Facility

– A critical step in the evaluation of the proposed new parking facility under MEPA is for the City of Ann Arbor to take a hard look at all of the environmental consequences that the proposed new parking facility would have. Such an analysis is necessary to determine if the proposed new parking facility is “likely to pollute, impair, or destroy” the environment. Without such an analysis, if the City of Ann Arbor were to claim that the proposed new parking facility is not “likely to pollute, impair, or destroy” the environment, such a claim would be at best largely unsubstantiated and at worst biased speculation by the project’s proponents.

This analysis must include climate change, and its related public health and environmental impacts, from the emission of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases resulting from both: (1) the construction and operation of the proposed new parking

¹⁷ *Id.* at 796, citing *Industrial Union Dept., AFL-CIO v. Hodgson*, 499 F.2d 467, 477-78 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

¹⁸ *Id.* at 797, citing *Citizens to Preserve Overton Park, Inc. v. Volpe*, 401 U.S. 402, 411 (1971).

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ *State by Archabal v. County of Hennepin*, 495 N.W. 2d 416, 423, 426 (Minn. 1993).

facility, and (2) the emissions of the additional motor vehicle miles driven to fill the proposed new parking facility with the parking revenues needed to repay the bonds.

Identification and Evaluation of the Purpose and Need of the Proposed New Parking Facility – After the environmental impacts are catalogued, the next major step in carrying out a MEPA analysis is identifying the purpose and need for the proposed action. MEPA requires an evaluation of alternatives for achieving the purpose of the proposed action.²¹

As a first step, the City of Ann Arbor must clearly identify and articulate the purpose of the proposed new parking facility. It is important that the purpose is defined broadly enough to allow for the evaluation of a range of possibly feasible and prudent alternatives. For example, the stated purpose could be satisfying downtown Ann Arbor's transportation needs – specifically facilitating increased business and commerce downtown – to the maximum extent for the amount being bonded. This could open possibilities of more fiscally, environmentally, and legally responsible alternatives.

MEPA also requires the City of Ann Arbor to evaluate whether or to what extent an identified need for the proposed new parking facility actually exists. Such an evaluation is necessary because it could be relevant to the feasibility and prudence of possible alternatives. Similarly, the extent to which there is a need is relevant to whether the proposed action is “consistent with the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare”²² because if there is less or no need to be met, it is harder to conclude that a polluting action meets that standard.

For example, if less than the proposed 677 parking spaces are actually needed, that could be relevant to the ability of less polluting (and less costly) alternatives to satisfy the need at issue. Similarly, if more than the proposed 677 parking spaces are genuinely needed, the City of Ann Arbor should consider constructing a larger facility now to avoid increased future environmental impacts (and expenditures).

Evaluation and Requirement of Alternatives to the Proposed New Parking Facility – As detailed above, MEPA requires the rejection of a proposed polluting action if there is a feasible and prudent alternative that would reduce such pollution. This provision requires the City of Ann Arbor, therefore, to engage in a thorough and objective evaluation of alternative ways to meet downtown Ann Arbor's transportation and commercial needs. In order to ensure that the full potential of alternatives is recognized, alternatives must be evaluated both individually and in combination. These alternatives may include more efficient use of existing parking resources, improved parking demand management, adoption of alternative transportation, and construction and operation of a smaller and less costly new parking facility at this site or another site.

²¹ M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

²² M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

In the fall of 2006, The Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority commissioned a study of the downtown parking system by Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates as part of a broader evaluation of transportation needs and opportunities for downtown Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor Downtown Parking Study (“Parking Study”) was completed in two phases (January 2007 and June 2007) and included an inventory of existing parking, focus groups, and a wealth of recommendations related to parking policy in downtown Ann Arbor.

This Parking Study suggested tracking existing conditions and using a market-based approach to determining when to build more supply. Specifically, the Parking Study suggests “letting demand determine rates for all forms of parking system use. Once that has been established, and Toolbox and other parking demand management strategies have been exhausted, occupancy can serve as the trigger for either higher rates, or new construction.”

The study’s recommendations (Toolbox) include:

Immediate Actions

- Maximize Downtown’s Accessibility through Non-Motorized Modes, including maintaining all-season sidewalk access, establishing a policy in support of prohibiting “right turns on red”, establishing a policy in support of leading pedestrian intervals, and increasing funding for non-motorized transportation.
- Formalize a Downtown Travel Choice Coordinator Office
- Expand Car-Sharing
- Provide Free or Discounted Rideshare Parking
- Offer Free “Limited Use” Passes for Employers with Evening Operations
- Implement a Valet Parking Pilot Project at Maynard Structure
- Operate Evening Link Service
- Establish a State Street Area Parking Benefit District Pilot Project
- Complete the Information and Wayfinding Campaign
- Implement Express Commuter Bus Service
- Track Technology Investment Opportunities
- Expand the Guaranteed Ride Home Program
- Coordinate Park and Ride Improvements
- Leave Parking Exemptions in the Zoning Code
- Facilitate Shared On-Site Parking
- Pursue Existing Joint-Development Opportunities
- Continue Seeking Joint Development Opportunities
- Identify Priority Areas

Short-Term Actions

- Implement Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Recommendations

- Establish A Pilot Valet Program in the Main Street Area
- Install Additional Multi-Space Meters
- Investigate Additional Parking Benefit District Opportunities
- Quarterly Travel Choice Networking Sessions
- Provide Parking Discount to Networking Sessions Participants
- Offer Debit Account Alternative to Monthly Permit Holders
- Operate Summer Link Service
- Expand Express Commuter Bus Service
- Formalize an In Lieu Fee Option
- Implement Alternatives If Current Zoning Exemptions are Removed
- Implement New Parking Requirements
- Implement Right Turn on Red Prohibitions and Leading Pedestrian Intervals

Long-Term Actions

- Manage All Parking Demand with Pricing
- Offer Debit Accounts for Hourly Parkers
- Offer Off-Street Parking Discount Options
- Implement Seamless Payment Systems
- Implement Pedestrian Improvements
- Retro-fit Existing Structures
- Unbundle Parking Costs

The Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority has begun to implement a number of these recommendations from the Parking Study. However, it appears as if the City of Ann Arbor is acting on construction of additional parking before the demand management recommendations are complete. The City of Ann Arbor should revisit the recommendations set forth in the Parking Study in light of MEPA's requirement that there be no feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed new parking facility. These recommendations may be less costly for the taxpayers and more protective of the environment. Further, these alternatives may provide a better solution for increasing travel to and commerce within downtown Ann Arbor. If the City of Ann Arbor bonds for and constructs the proposed new parking facility, and it does not produce the needed revenues to repay the bond, the City of Ann Arbor will be fiscally strained to provide these other, less costly alternatives in the future.

If the City of Ann Arbor does not revisit the Parking Study, the study's conclusions and recommendations suggest that not only were potential alternatives not considered or pursued, but that the City of Ann Arbor acted arbitrarily and not in the interests of its taxpayers in authorizing the bonding for a fiscally, environmentally, and legally suspect project. Similarly, the City of Ann Arbor should build a sufficient record to defend the proposition that the proposed new parking facility is "consistent with the promotion of

the public health, safety, and welfare in light of the state's paramount concern for the protection of its natural resources from pollution, impairment and destruction."²³

Evaluation and Requirement of Steps to Minimize the Impacts of the Proposed New Parking Facility – Even assuming that the City of Ann Arbor can demonstrate that additional downtown parking spaces are needed, then it must evaluate and require feasible and prudent steps to reduce the environmental impacts of additional parking. Such alternatives may include creating additional on-street parking distributed throughout the downtown business area, expanding existing parking structures that are currently at or near capacity, and building a new parking facility at another location where demand is higher.

Open and Public Process – There has been much discussion to date related to the Parking Study and the construction of the underground parking facility. We encourage the City of Ann Arbor to continue this open, public dialogue. The City's Environmental or Energy Commission might be a good place to conduct the above process, providing the public with an adequate opportunity to participate and comment on all findings and decisions. The public process, when informed by expert studies and analysis, may provide new and valuable information about the proposed new parking facility to the public, which may then, in turn, assist the City of Ann Arbor in making a more MEPA-compliant decision.

Conclusion

MEPA places a legal duty on the City of Ann Arbor to make the protection of public health and environment of paramount concern. The City of Ann Arbor must make an informed determination of the likelihood that the proposed new parking facility will "pollute, impair, or destroy" the environment to comply with MEPA. This determination must consider climate change, and its related public health and environmental impacts, from the emission of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases resulting from both: (1) the construction and operation of the proposed new parking facility, and (2) the emissions of the additional motor vehicle miles driven to fill the proposed new parking facility with the parking revenues needed to repay the bonds.

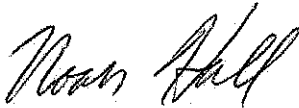
MEPA further does not allow the proposed new parking facility if there is a feasible and prudent alternative that would reduce resulting pollution. The City of Ann Arbor must therefore engage in a thorough and objective evaluation of alternative ways to meet downtown Ann Arbor's transportation and commercial needs. In order to ensure that the full potential of alternatives is recognized, alternatives must be evaluated both individually and in combination. These alternatives may include more efficient use of existing parking resources, improved parking demand management, adoption of alternative transportation, and construction and operation of a smaller and less costly new parking facility at this site.

²³ M.C.L. 324.1703(1).

If the City of Ann Arbor does not build a sufficient record to defend its decision to bond for the construction of the proposed new parking facility, it will be highly vulnerable to a MEPA action. The proposed new parking facility would thus be significantly delayed or prevented by a legal challenge pursuant to MEPA. The City of Ann Arbor must not act arbitrarily or against the interests of its taxpayers in authorizing the bonding for a fiscally, environmentally, and legally suspect project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noah Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Noah Hall
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Phone: (734) 646-1400

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 10:51 AM
To: 'Nancy'; Hieftje, John; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Stadium bridges

Nancy,

There will be an update from Ms. McCormick tonight at the beginning of the council meeting.

Thanks,

Marcia

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

From: Nancy [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:31 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Anglin, Mike; Higgins, Marcia; Briere, Sabra
Subject: Stadium bridges

Hello Mayor and Council Members,

Due to citizen concern regarding the condition of the Stadium bridges, it would be most beneficial to have a public forum with Ms McCormick, Mr Crawford, the Mayor available to answer questions and discuss immediate and longer term plans. A dialogue would go a long way to clarify the current situation. It would also show a willingness on the part of government to be open.

Thank you

Nancy Kaplan

Wolford, Louise

From: Black, Jessica on behalf of Parks&Rec
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Briere, Sabra; 'P & L Sondeen'; Parks&Rec
Cc: Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger; Miller, Jayne; Warba, Matt
Subject: RE: Bandermer Park Restrooms

Dear Ms. Sondeen,

I would like to first apologize for not following up with you on your first email. In addition to emailing this account, you may also use the following link as a resource for addressing concerns within the Parks and the City in general.
<http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/customerservice/Pages/OnlineCustomerServiceRequest.aspx> By using this service, your request/concern will be routed to all those responsible and will be tracked until completion.

All restrooms within City Parks are open in the Spring (once the freezing potential is gone) and closed in the late Fall (once a freeze is likely) and are available for general use by the public. We lock the restrooms each evening around 10p and unlock them each morning around 7am during the Spring to Fall season. During the winter months, we keep the restrooms at Gallup Park open due to the high level of usage in this park.

Again, I apologize for the delay in responding and hope that you find the Online Service Request system of use in the future. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jessica Black
 Facility Supervisor - Special Events & Rentals
 City of Ann Arbor
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 fax: 734.996.3060

*Please note new phone number.

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 5:41 PM
To: P & L Sondeen; Parks&Rec
Cc: Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger; Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: Bandermer Park Restrooms

Dear Ms Sondeen,

Thank you very much for letting us know that the restrooms in Bandermer Park were locked when you tried to use them.

I am also troubled that you asked last November about this, and did not receive a reply.

I know that some parks close the restrooms during the winter, as they cannot be maintained. I don't know if Bandermer Park is one of those. I walk in Geddes, and find the restrooms open all winter. I don't find them open at County Farm Park. Parks differ. However, the lack of reply is a problem.

I've copied others on this. You (and I) should hear now.

Sabra Briere

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First Ward Councilmember
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(734)714-2237 (work)

From: P & L Sondeen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Sat 2/28/2009 4:07 PM
To: Parks&Rec
Cc: Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi
Subject: Fw: Bandemer Park Restrooms

Attached is a copy of an email sent to Parks Dept last November and I am **still waiting for a reply.**

My husband and I wished to enjoy the bright sunshine and ice-free trails at Bandemer Park this afternoon. We met many others out also enjoying the walking trail. We discovered that in spite of the park usage the restrooms are still unavailable!

I would like to know why the restrooms erected last season are locked. For whom are they intended? If they are for the use of special persons, then there should be a notice so indicating. Are they to be available only on certain days, hours or what?

I want to know when they are available for use and by whom.

I await a reply to this message.

Loumar Sondeen
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PS. My next message will go to the AA News

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

From: P & L Sondeen
To: parks&rec@a2gov.org

6/19/2009

Cc: jhieftje@a2gov.org

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 9:21 AM

Subject: Bandemer Park Restrooms

What is the schedule for having the newly erected restrooms available for use?

My husband and I frequently use the hiking trail and find that one cannot depend on a comfort stop, if one decides to extend the length of the hike. The facilities are often locked up tight!

AAParks&Recreation should consider having them available for year round use. Doing so would enable many citizens, seniors especially, to enjoy healthful recreation in the out of doors.

Loumar Sondeen



Wolford, Louise

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:02 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Michigan Energy Office

Already taken -- how about your office?

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

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:59 AM
To: Brix, Andrew
Subject: RE: Michigan Energy Office

Hi Andrew:

I will be there. 4th floor conference room?

John

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

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:57 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Schopieray, Christine; Hupy, Craig; McCormick, Sue
Subject: Michigan Energy Office

John,

Are you interested and available to meet Thursday at 2:45pm with myself, Dave Konkle, and Jan Patrick from the Michigan Energy Office? It will be a brief informal conversation to share information and plan for moving ahead with energy stimulus funds. (We can move the meeting up to 2:25 if necessary, but probably not later than 3pm.)

Andrew

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:20 AM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: FW: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

FYI

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 11:19 AM
To: mavmoore@aol.com
Subject: RE: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

That's great! I believe we will approve the resolution establishing the committee on 3/16. You'll hear from staff after that. Thank you!

-Leigh

From: mavmoore@aol.com [mailto:mavmoore@aol.com]
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 11:09 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Re: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

Yes, I would be willing. (I was involved a little with this previously, so I'm already familiar with some of the issues.)
 Eric

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

From: Greden, Leigh <LGreden@a2gov.org>
To: mavmoore [REDACTED]
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council) <CTaylor@a2gov.org>
Sent: Sun, 1 Mar 2009 9:24 pm
Subject: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

Eric-

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-Leigh

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Miller, Jayne
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: AH&P committee rep for 3rd Ward

Jayne- Eric Meaves will serve from the 3rd Ward. His e-mail is: 

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:23 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

Excellent.

Unless you've done so (or want to, Mr 8/09!), as I started the Bridge conversation, I'll contact him with HP's response.

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:49 AM
To: McCormick, Sue; Hupy, Craig; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: Water problems in Detroit

Hi Sue- Please see the FREE PRESS article, below, re: water pipe problems in Metro Detroit. As we enter the Budget phase, water rates will be discussed. Your proposed water rate increases are quite reasonable (between 3-4%). I believe we'll also continue our investment in new water pipe construction, and we're also overhauling the WWTP. Can you answer these two questions to the Council in the next few weeks?

1. How do we stand on our water system infrastructure? Are we on track to replace the oldest systems within the next 10 years?
2. The article reports that Detroit loses 16% of its water, whereas the average systems should only lose 10%. Do we have data on how much water we lose?

In summary, I'm curious if we can report to the public that we're ahead of the game on re-building our water infrastructure, and we're doing so without the massive 9-20% rate increases reported in the article. Thanks.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20090302/NEWS05/903020344>

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:51 AM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Service on Area, Height & Placement advisory committee

I'll defer that to you!
We should nail down the date for our public mtng. We need to get that on the calendar.

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 11:22 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:31 PM

To: Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Rapundalo, Stephen

Subject: Budget spreadsheets

Reminder: Roger needs guidance from us ASAP re: the Budget. Please get me your completed spreadsheets.

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Budget spreadsheets

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:31 PM
To: Miller, Jayne; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: A2D2 Council Schedule

Just following up on this A2D2 schedule. I think we all agree on the schedule (outlined below), and that the 3/23 event should be called a "Public Comment Section." When and how will this be announced to the Council and the public?

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Mon 2/23/2009 8:57 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom
Subject: RE: A2D2 Council Schedule

I'm fine with the schedule and we are ready to announce the schedule next week. I just need confirmation from you, Christopher and Marcia. I also want to clarify that if you call the 3/23 meeting a public hearing, the public hearing on the zoning amendments on 5/4 has to be separate from the 3/23 public hearing on the zoning because Council cannot officially schedule or notice a public hearing on ordinance amendments until it passes the proposed ordinance amendments at 1st reading AND provides for a 15 day notice period. (First reading is not going to be held until 4/6.) This means people can speak at both the 3/23 public hearing and the 5/4 public hearing on the zoning amendments. Council, can, however, if it chooses carryover the public hearing on 3/23 on the downtown plan to the 4/20 public hearing on the downtown plan, because there are not the same restrictions.

I suggest you call the 3/23 meeting a "public comment session" with Council on the A2d2 downtown and zoning amendments. That way you won't confuse people by calling it a special public hearing and you hold the public hearing on 4/20 for the downtown plan and on 5/4 for the zoning amendments.

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City of Ann Arbor
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www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 8:38 AM
To: Miller, Jayne; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom
Subject: RE: A2D2 Council Schedule

Is this the agreed upon schedule? North Burns Park people are eager for updates, and I'd like to let them

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know the schedule.

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2009 1:24 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom
Subject: A2D2 Council Schedule

Thanks for finalizing the schedule for A2D2. I did clarify the 4/20 information, explaining that this will be the public hearing and resolution for the downtown plan amendments.

3/9- Work session for A2D2
3/23- Special public hearing for A2D2
4/6- 1st reading for A2D2 zoning
4/20- Public hearing and resolution for the adoption of downtown plan amendments)
5/4- 2nd reading AND public hearing for A2D2 zoning.... AND public hearing on the budget

I wanted to let you know that staff will be sending out notices the week of 3/2 to residents to inform them of this schedule. These notices will be provided through govdelivery and postcards will be mailed to property owners and residents within a 1,000 foot radius of the A2D2 area, consistent with direction from the A2D2 Steering Committee.

In addition, we will provide notice in the same manner, as well as a notice the A2 News, for the 4/20 and 5/4 public hearings.

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Please note my new phone number.

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:54 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: BUDGET WORKSHEET

Attachments: 10-11 Budget worksheet version 1 mch.xls

Here is my completed spreadsheet. Will you send out a final prior to the meeting at 5 p.m.?



10-11 Budget
worksheet version...

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 10:45 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie
Subject: BUDGET WORKSHEET

Budget Committee: Here is a spreadsheet summarizing all General Fund and internal service fund budget proposals. We need to give direction to Roger ASAP. **YOUR ACTION IS REQUIRED.**

Notes/directions:

1. There are multiple sub-tabs:

- * One tab for each service area
- * One for "Other" (HR, IT, etc.)
- * One for "1-time items" (which are non-operational items that would be need to be funded from General Fund reserves)
- * The final master spreadsheet

2. Start with the far left sub-tab (Community Services). On the far right side of each page, there's a column for each of us with our initials. If you support making the change, place a "1" in the column. (Some proposals are required, and those already have "1"s for each of us). In some cases, I support going part of the way, so I inserted a "0.5" instead of a "1".

3. After everyone makes their insertions, I'll insert the dollars for items on which there is majority agreement, and then the MASTER SHEET will calculate how close we are to our targets. If we come up short (which we will), then we'll have to pick some more items.

4. Note that some items are in a block, meaning there are multiple options from which you should choose only one (at most). Example include Mack Pool (in Community Services) and the janitorial services for PD/Courts (in Public Services).

5. Don't touch anything in the "MASTER SHEET." All data in that sheet are linked to the other sheets.

6. When you're done, save the spreadsheet and forward the saved version to me.

<< File: 10-11 Budget worksheet.xls >>

<u>Area</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY10 rec'd</u>
Community Services	Community Development	\$0.00
	Parks & Recreation	\$0.00
	Planning & Development	\$0.00
Finance/Admin Services	Consolidated total	\$0.00
Public Services	Field Operations	\$105,000.00
	Fleet & Facilities	(\$21,500.00)
	Park Operations	\$0.00
	Public Services	(\$69,600.00)
	Utilities	\$0.00
	Water PILOT	\$0.00
Safety Services	Fire	\$0.00
	Police	\$0.00
Other	City Clerk	\$0.00
	Human Resources	\$0.00
	Information Technology	\$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING		\$13,900.00

1-time items from General Fund Reserve	Community Services	\$0.00
	Finance/Admin. Services	\$0.00
	Public Services	\$0.00
	Safety Service	\$0.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND 1-TIME ITEMS		\$0.00

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FY10 goal	(\$2,065,868.00)	FY11 goal	(\$7,551,874.00)
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Wolford, Louise

From: Sykes, Robin
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:10 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: AAPD Crime Stats
Attachments: Feb 22-28, 2009.xls; Comp Chart Feb 22-28, 2009.xls; MAP Feb22-28,2009.pdf; 030209.pdf

Attached.

Robin Sykes

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Ann Arbor Police Administration

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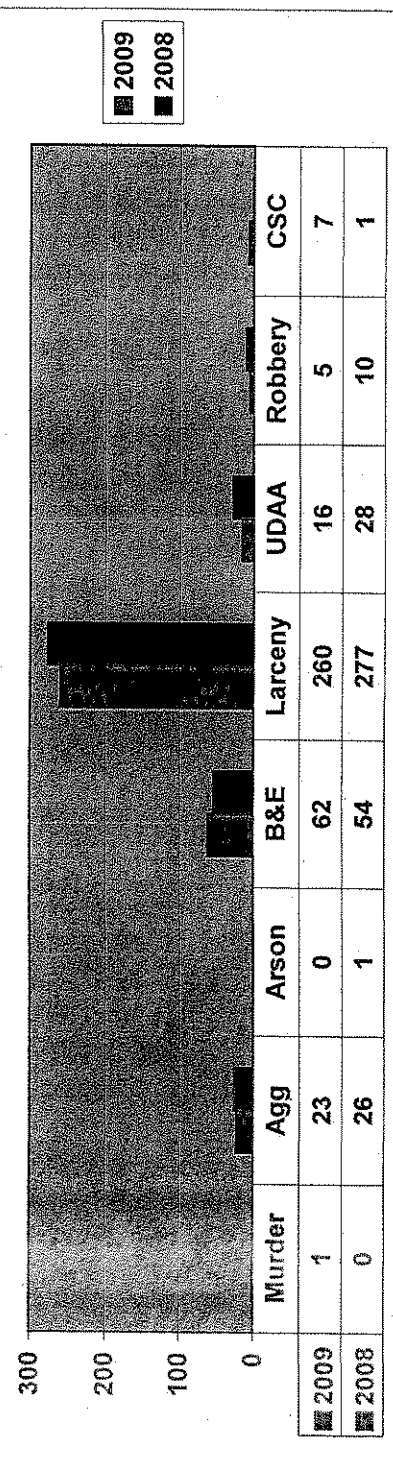
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Crime Strategy Report for week of February 22-28, 2009

	Week			4 Week			Year To Date		
	2009	2008	% Diff	2009	2008	% Diff	2009	2008	% Diff
Murder	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	0	1
Agg Assault	1	0	NC	7	11	-36.36	23	26	-3
Arson	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	-1
B&E	3	11	-72.73	32	27	18.52	62	54	8
Larceny	16	31	-48.39	105	115	-8.70	260	277	-17
UDAA	3	0	NC	9	11	-18.18	16	28	-12
Robbery	0	1	-100.00	3	4	-25.00	5	10	-5
CSC	2	0	NC	4	1	300.00	7	1	6
Part 1 Crime Totals	25	43	-41.86	160	169	-5.33	374	397	-23
Part 2 Crime Totals	32	76	-57.89	200	330	-39.39	485	744	-259
Total Crime	57	119	-52.10	360	499	-27.86	859	1141	-282

**RED denotes increase
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YTD Crime Comparison 09 vs 08



CRIME STATS

FEBRUARY 22-28, 2009



According to the Reporting Agency's Description

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To: Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden
Cc: 'Rapundalo'
Subject: FW: A problem at the AAHC experienced by a CAN client TODAY

See the update on this particular AAHC resident situation.

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Please note my new phone number.

From: Hickey, Tom
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Miller, Jayne; Lindsley, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: A problem at the AAHC experienced by a CAN client TODAY

From: Brand, Weneshia
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Hickey, Tom
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In regards, to her application for Section 8; HUD regs don't allow us to accept copies of any documentation -- we can make copies from originals only. I understand that this is the document provided to Kim Pitts from the resource she used, unfortunately no AAHC staff was informative enough to suggest that Kim go the IRS department and obtain a copy of the her income taxes. Yes, we will make a copy of the documents issued from the IRS department.

From: Hickey, Tom
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 11:17 AM
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Per our conversation

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2009 11:39 AM

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To: Hickey, Tom; Lindsley, Elizabeth

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Tom and Betsy, please follow up with Ms. Pitts on the issue raised in the email below. Let me know what the resolution is. Thanks.

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From: Joan M Doughty [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 3:41 PM

To: tderezinski@comcast.net; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Miller, Jayne

Cc: ImaniKim48105@yahoo.com; Rapundalo, Stephen

Subject: A problem at the AAHC experienced by a CAN client TODAY

Hello Leigh, Chris, Tony and Jayne:

Thanks for attending the meeting at Hikone last night. The AAHC residents appreciated the opportunity to be heard and the chance to discuss how AAHC 's services can be improved.

There were a couple of people who wished they could have attended, but couldn't. One of them is Kim Pitts, a Green Baxter Court resident. Comcast was doing repairs at her house, and they ended up staying from 4:30 - 7:30. Had she been there, she would have shared her experiences with AAHC, some of which are recent.

Ms. Pitts has applied for Section 8 and is in the process of getting the needed paperwork turned in to become certified. Last week, she received a letter, telling her she needed to bring specific documentation to the office (her social security card). When she arrived, she was told that there was more documentation required-- things that had not been check marked on the form). Naturally she was irritated - she's taking the time to bring these items in (they must be originals, and people don't want to send their social security cards in by mail)-- and was told she had to make another trip. This costs time and gas. Had whoever was doing the work checked those items on the list, Ms. Pitts would have brought them in. This is sloppy work.

Today she brought in the other item, which was a copy of last year's tax forms. Ms. Pitts was self employed, so she doesn't have W-2's. Last year she (with the assistance of CAN's bookkeeper, incidentally) filed her taxes on-line. After she did so, she printed a copy for her records. The copy says: COPY, because that's how it printed out when she did this. The person who helped her at Section 8 accepted the form, but said it wasn't sufficient, saying she cannot accept any copies. She told Ms. Pitts she needed to produce the original, or her Section 8 would not go through. No matter how much Ms. Pitts tried to explain that she doesn't have the original (who does? -- the IRS does) and that she merely printed off what the on-line program gave her to print off, the person wouldn't budge.

I know you're working on the big picture, and trying to improve the system.

Meanwhile, here is a situation, today, that needs to be resolved. If a copy of one's tax forms isn't sufficient, and one doesn't have W-2's -- then what can possibly be used to document last year's income?

I have also cc-ed Steve Rapundalo on this e-mail, because he is Kim Pitt's city council representative (as is Tony). I have also cc-ed Kim Pitts, and if you would like to respond to her, her e-mail address is [REDACTED]. Her phone number is: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your attention.

jmd

Joan M. Doughty, Ph.D.
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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:54 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: Accepted: Special Meeting - Council Liquor Committee

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Wolford, Louise

From: Weinert, Bryan C
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:12 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: How Do We Look for Tonite?

Hi Margie. Any issues that you're aware of? Thanks.

Wolford, Louise

From: Help
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:15 PM
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Subject: ITSU Update: Maintenance planned Monday evening 3/2/2009

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From 9pm to 10pm, the below applications will be unavailable:

Cycom
15th District Court Web Archive System
Firehouse
Mainsaver for WWTP/WTP
Bike Licensing
Parking Archive

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~ Information Technology

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From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:28 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: BUDGET WORKSHEET

I doubt everyone will have given me their worksheets by 5pm tonight, so the answer is no. But I will compile them and re-distribute as soon as everyone gives me their completed sheets.

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 12:54 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: BUDGET WORKSHEET

Here is my completed spreadsheet. Will you send out a final prior to the meeting at 5 p.m.?

<<10-11 Budget worksheet version 1 mch.xls>>

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 10:45 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teal, Margie
Subject: BUDGET WORKSHEET

Budget Committee: Here is a spreadsheet summarizing all General Fund and internal service fund budget proposals. We need to give direction to Roger ASAP. **YOUR ACTION IS REQUIRED.** Notes/directions:

1. There are multiple sub-tabs:
 - * One tab for each service area
 - * One for "Other" (HR, IT, etc.)
 - * One for "1-time items" (which are non-operational items that would be need to be funded from General Fund reserves)
- * The final master spreadsheet
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3. After everyone makes their insertions, I'll insert the dollars for items on which there is majority agreement, and then the MASTER SHEET will calculate how close we are to our targets. If we come up short (which we will), then we'll have to pick some more items.
4. Note that some items are in a block, meaning there are multiple options from which you should choose **only one** (at most). Example include Mack Pool (in Community Services) and the janitorial services for PD/Courts (in Public Services).
5. Don't touch anything in the "MASTER SHEET." All data in that sheet are linked to the other sheets.
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Sandi Smith

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I thought Andrew was putting together a resolution or proclamation. I'll double check check with him on Monday. Thanks for your support! -N

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

From: Teall, Margie

Sent: Sun 3/1/2009 5:08 PM

To: Stone, Nancy Y

Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi

Subject: Earth Hour 2009

Hi Nancy:

Carsten, Sandi and I are wondering if you are going to submit a resolution for us to sponsor to have Ann Arbor be a participating city in Earth Hour. We are hoping to bring the resolution before Council tomorrow night, so that we can get a few weeks of publicity on it. What do you think?

Thanks! -Margie

Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:18 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Weinert, Bryan C; David Stead
Subject: Commercial Recycling response to Ms. Sidney's letter
Attachments: Comments on Sidney Letter v1.doc

All: Bryan and staff prepared the attached response to the comments from Karen Sidney at the last meeting regarding the proposed Commercial Recycling program. Bryan will be there tonight to answer any questions you might have. Thanks. -Margie

RESPONSES ARE PROVIDED IN NOTES REFERENCED IN HIGHLIGHTED AREAS (e.g. SEE NOTE #_) IN THE COMMUNICATION TO COUNCIL PROVIDED BY KAREN SIDNEY DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2009 TITLED, "SAY NO TO WASTE MANAGEMENT MONOPOLY":

Mayor Hieftje and members of council

While encouraging more commercial recycling is a worthwhile goal, I do not think that giving a monopoly to Waste Management in the form of an exclusive franchise is necessary to accomplish this goal. (SEE NOTE #1) I also wonder why the decision was made to focus on diverting non toxic items (paper, cardboard, plastic) from the landfill by offering curbside pickup rather than items such as fluorescent bulbs and consumer electronics that contain mercury and other toxic elements, which pose a much greater long term health risk (SEE NOTE #2).

The proposed ordinance requires Ann Arbor businesses to recycle or face fines. Requiring them to contract with Waste Management for refuse pickup adds nothing to their "motivation" to recycle. (SEE NOTE #3)

The RFP for a commercial refuse collection franchise states that the contract term is for 4 years with (2) two year optional renewals. If the contract is for 4 years, why isn't the proposed price schedule presented to council good for 4 years? Why is the city administrator given the authority to raise prices in a few months subject only to Council veto? (SEE NOTE #4)

The RFP also says the refuse picked up by Waste Management must be delivered to the city transfer station or another city designated facility but that the city will not charge Waste Management it's standard tipping fees. The tipping fees will be billed separately to commercial customers. Failure to charge tipping fees requires additional costs to implement and monitor a truck tracking system to verify that only Ann Arbor waste is dumped for free. (SEE NOTE #5)

What is the rationale for not charging tipping fees and incurring additional costs for the tracking system? How much will

commercial customers be charged for waste disposal? Will it be more than the amount the city is paying Waste Management to transfer refuse from its transfer station to the Woodland Meadows Landfill in Wayne County? (SEE NOTE #6). Does the requirement that refuse be delivered to Ann Arbor's transfer station give Waste Management an unfair advantage because it increases their profits from the transfer contract? Does the requirement that refuse be delivered to one site violate the US Commerce clause? (SEE NOTE #7).

In a July 2, 2007 memo, Sue McCormick stated that a preliminary analysis indicated implementation of commercial recycling would cost an additional \$600,000 to \$700,000 and that "annual operating dollars of this magnitude are not currently available with the Solid Waste Fund". The audited figures for the solid waste fund do not support this assertion. From the first year of the solid waste enterprise fund in 2005 through 2008, the fund has shown an annual net increase in assets of \$1.3 million to \$4.6 million. In just 3 years, cash and investments have doubled, even with the substantial capital investments for new vehicles, equipment and other capital improvements. There is easily another \$600,000 to \$700,000 per year to expand recycling services to business users, who, after all, are significant taxpayers. (SEE NOTE #8).

The rationale for giving a monopoly to Waste Management as part of the commercial recycling program appears to be that the city needs the franchise fees to help pay for expanded recycling. If costs to business will not be increased, it means that Waste Management's costs to pick up refuse is so much lower than the city's, they can afford to kick back a few hundred thousand in franchise fees plus make their profit. If the city believes that to be the case, they should explore why the city's costs are so much higher than Waste Management's costs, especially after millions of taxpayer dollars have been invested in capital investment. (SEE NOTE #9 as well as prior notes).

The earlier plan to "fund" commercial recycling was to give Waste Management a long term contract to dump all of Wayne County's yard waste at our compost facility at favorable prices. This contract was supposed to generate profits that could be used to

pay for commercial recycling. Former Council member Kunselman raised issues with that contract and council voted it down. At the council retreat, Sue McCormick said that Waste Management decided to pay the higher fees and was delivering Wayne County's yard waste to our facility. Now we have more compost than we can get rid of. Ms. McCormick's solution was to invest millions of Ann Arbor tax dollars to install a bagging operation to help us get rid of the excess. Tonight's agenda includes a resolution to lower the sale price of compost but no resolution to raise the fee Waste Management pays. Why aren't fees being raised to dump non Ann Arbor yard waste?

I urge you to vote against the monopoly for Waste Management. It may be best for Waste Management's bottom line but it is harmful to the bottom line of Ann Arbor taxpayers.

Karen Sidney

COMMENTS ON LETTER

Overall Comment: The recycling and waste contracting approach was developed with a great deal of input from the business community in a series of working sessions with advisory committees, in surveys, in focus groups and in briefing sessions. The program that has been recommended reflects the guidance that was provided by the business community.

Note #1: A monopoly is not being given to Waste Management. The City is consolidating refuse dumpster services by competitively contracting out collection and dumpster rental for a specific period of time at pre-determined rates. Waste Management won that competitive procurement and has been recommended for the contract.

Note #2: The city's paper and container recycling program provides collection of the standard (and dominant) recyclables in the municipal solid waste (MSW) stream. The City does provide financial support for the Drop-off Station on Ellsworth Road through Recycle Ann Arbor (in conjunction with Washtenaw County and Pittsfield Township) where businesses can take their

fluorescent bulbs and consumer electronics. Additional opportunities and requirements for the recycling of fluorescent bulbs and consumer electronics (at both the commercial and residential levels) are also being developed by staff currently, and include legislative support efforts at the state level to address the recovery of these materials.

Note #3: Businesses would be required to recycle in the same way that Ann Arbor residents are required to recycle. Technical assistance, provision of free recycling containers and collection services, and incentives are being packaged with those recycling services to make it "easy to be green". The refuse contract is targeted at removing one of the top barriers identified early on to recycling by businesses – waste contract arrangements that remove any incentive to recycle. Under the new contracting arrangement many techniques will be used to make it easy to reduce either service levels or costs for waste – to reward the business for recycling. Typical steps will include reducing frequency of pickup, down-sizing to smaller dumpsters and consolidating dumpsters with other users – all of these being much easier to accomplish under the new proposed system.

Note #4: The City actually has firm contract price schedules for each year of the proposed Waste Management collection contract through a fixed 2.5% annual escalation rate that is applied to year 1 base pricing, except for fuel, which will be factored in based on a US Department of Energy fuel index that is published monthly. The City also has firm contract price schedules for waste transfer (through its contract with FCR for operating the waste transfer station) and for disposal (through its contract with Waste Management Woodland Meadows for disposal). This is one of the major benefits of the contracting approach, pre-determined price schedules going out many years that are not going to have added surcharges, unexpected price changes, etc.

Note #5: The City has very competitive waste transfer and disposal rates and pays those bills separately. If the Contractor were to engage in the fraudulent practices that the writer suggests, the Contract provides for significant liquidated damage costs and breach of contract risk. In addition, the City will have Waste Management truck monitoring information (through truck

logs and computer/GIS tracking) to confirm that Waste Management is in compliance with this provision of the contract.

Note #6: First, Waste Management does not provide waste transfer services to the City, FCR does. Second, a rate committee has been meeting to provide input on how the City will cover the costs for this service, with a major goal being to provide more services at the same or lower costs than a typical business is currently paying. All indications are that this will be able to be accomplished.

Note #7: Designating the transfer station as the place the waste will be delivered is not in conflict with the US Commerce Clause given that Michigan's home rule authority granted by charter to each local unit enables that local unit to make its own decisions on waste management approaches determined to be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. Ann Arbor's position is even stronger with regards to the US Commerce Clause given that the City owns the transfer station and is an actual participant in the waste management system.

Note #8: In 2007, the recommendation also was to verify the assumptions in the preliminary analysis. This is what was accomplished in 2008, leading to the current recommendations. Real world pricing has enabled the recommended services and costs to be fine-tuned, resulting in a more financially viable approach.

The City's recent shift to the Enterprise Fund approach has resulted in a number of steps being taken to upgrade the financial accountability of the enterprise fund, following a model similar to the water and sewer utility functions within the City. Examples of some of these steps include 1) depreciating all assets, including buildings etc. 2) funding that depreciation so that capital will be available for replacement of these assets over time; and 3) establishing an operating reserve of 15%. An additional factor in the financial performance referenced by the writer is that recycling markets have been very strong during this period, exceeding budget projections by hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

It is also important to note that several large capital projects remain on the horizon for solid waste, including possible single-stream recycling upgrades (collection and processing) and construction of a new and expanded drop-off station. A healthy fund balance will be critical to these projects being able to move forward.

Note #9: The writer is correct that a competitive municipal procurement of services does result in the waste companies providing very competitive and low rates to provide comparable services. That is why the City is taking this approach. The writer is not correct in stating that Waste Management will "kick back a few hundred thousand in franchise fees". There are no such fees. And, in fact, the City's costs to provide comparable front load refuse services is very competitive to the rates that Waste Management proposed. The only issue is that the City would have to capitalize many trucks and dumpsters and also make long term employment commitments that would have legacy costs to future city budgets – something the City is working hard to do less of as it tackles its larger budget issues.

Wolford, Louise

From: Stone, Nancy Y
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:23 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi; Brix, Andrew
Subject: Ann Arbor is a participating city <http://www.earthhourus.org/map.php>

Per your earlier Q...

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:12 AM
To: Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: RE: Earth Hour by the Numbers <http://www.earthhourus.org/map.php>

We're on the map!

<http://www.earthhourus.org/map.php>

Andrew

From: Stone, Nancy Y
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 5:50 PM
To: Brix, Andrew
Subject: FW: Earth Hour by the Numbers

Ann Arbor yet? Or are you waiting for the resolution from Council to pass?

From: Earth Hour Team [mailto:EarthHour-TakeAction@wwfus.org]
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 5:29 PM
To: Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: Earth Hour by the Numbers

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EARTH HOUR
 Turn out. Take action.

Flip the switch for Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 8:30 p.m. local time

Dear Nancy,

With just a month to go, the numbers are adding up to an amazing event on March 28th...and welcome to your weekly update on Earth Hour 2009!

10 million—total combined readership for magazines committed to running Earth Hour advertisements over the coming month. Includes: Martha Stewart Living, National Geographic, Oprah Magazine, Allure, J14, Health, Family Circle.

746,698—unique visitors to www.EarthHourUS.org.

105,727—registered participants on the Earth Hour US website to date.

48,000—letters sent to elected officials asking for action on climate change via the Earth Hour website.

29,000—number of times the official Earth Hour video has been viewed on YouTube in the past 90 days. Average is 1,500 views a day.

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1,000—new friends signing up to **WWF's Facebook page** each day as a result of Earth Hour.

8,000—blogs mentioning Earth Hour to date.

4,314—unique visitors to the **EarthHourKids.org** site.

200—stories about Earth Hour on prominent online sources in the US (not including blogs). Highlights include Huffington Post, Boston Globe, Sprig and Blender.

78—countries taking part in Earth Hour. Nearly 700 cities have already signed up.

75—TV news stories in the US featuring Earth Hour.

29—number of days to Earth Hour.

28—**US cities now pledged to turn out for Earth Hour.**

20—seconds that elapse before someone new views the Earth Hour video.

7—seconds that elapse before "Earth Hour" is mentioned somewhere on the web.

4—US TV networks planning coverage.

I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS: Support for Earth Hour is building among organizations across many sectors, many of which have committed to reaching out to their own constituents to build greater awareness. The list includes:

- American Federation of Teachers
- American Institute of Architects
- Association of Science-Technology Centers Inc.
- Astronomical League
- CarbonfreeDC
- Energy Action Coalition
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Goddard Schools
- Green School Alliance
- ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
- Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Program
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Conversation on Climate Action
- National Education Association
- National Science Teachers Association
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Newspaper Association of America Foundation
- Reading Is Fundamental
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Christ
- World Organization of the Scout Movement
- Youth Service of America

CAN WE TALK?: One great way for communities to translate Earth Hour into action that will last beyond March 28th is to take part in the **National Conversation on Climate Action**, organized by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Earth Day Network and AmericaSpeaks. The National Conversation is an unprecedented community engagement effort that is designed for and driven by local governments. Communities can register at www.climateconversation.org.

YOUR LIGHT SWITCH IS YOUR BALLOT: Earth Hour's new VOTE EARTH global ad campaign launches this week, with voice over provided by Cate Blanchett, music by Coldplay and graphics from artist Shepard Fairey, who created the iconic picture of President Obama. Now available for viewing on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/earthhour2009>.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING: Earth Hour officially launched in California this week with kick-off events in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Other Golden State cities turning out on March 28th include El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Santa Rosa.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS: Dallas Mayor Tom Leppart will declare March 28th Earth Hour day in the big "D" during a press conference on March 4th. Houston is also participating and turning out their lights.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS: The city's iconic Gateway Arch will go dark as St. Louis announces it will take part in Earth Hour.

SEATTLE AND DENVER BECOME LATEST MAJOR US CITIES TO TURN OUT: They join a growing roster that now includes Acton, MA; Ann Arbor, MI; Boulder, CO; Commerce City, CO; Eugene, OR; Hamlet

of Beavercreek, OR; Homer Glen, IL; Houston, TX; Orlando, FL; St. Louis, MO; Minneapolis, MN; Sarasota, FL; Valdosta, GA; Village of Hoffman Estates, IL.

You say your hometown STILL hasn't yet seen the light? With just a month to go, there's no time to lose. Visit www.earthhourus.org/toolkits.php to bring Earth Hour to your city, town, community or school system.

AND IT'S ONE, TWO, THREE LIGHTS YOU'RE OUT: The world famous WWF Panda (known to friends simply as "Pandy") will take the field at the San Francisco Giants exhibition game in Phoenix on March 23rd, for live broadcast back in the Bay area. The scoreboard is set to go dark during the 7th inning stretch and the announcers will have Earth Hour message points in hand as they chat up the event on-air. Special thanks to national sponsor Esurance for bringing Pandy to the ballpark! Esurance makes it easy to offset your vehicle's CO2 emissions. This special deal is only available for a limited time, so visit www.esurance.com/EarthHour to get all the details and sign up!

SHOW ME THE MONEY: National sponsor Wells Fargo will begin displaying Earth Hour ads on its ATMs across the US in the next few weeks asking people to take part in the largest climate event in history.

FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL: The Church of Sweden will ring its bells across the country to signal the start of Earth Hour. Down under, Sydney Ferries will be sounding the horns of all its ferry boats operating in Sydney Harbour at 8:30 pm, heralding Earth Hour in the city where the campaign first began.

PAST IS PROLOGUE: If 2009 is anything like 2008, the final weeks leading up to Earth Hour will bring a massive uptick in interest. We want to thank our friends and supporters who are working overtime to make this the most successful climate change event in history. A special shout-out to 2009 national sponsors Esurance, The Coca-Cola Company, Cox Conserves, Wells Fargo, and HP. If your company or organization wants to play a role in supporting this historic event, please drop us an email at EarthHour@wwfus.org and register at www.EarthHourUS.org.

Wherever you find yourself on March 28th, the odds are darn good you'll find a city or community somewhere nearby that is making plans to turn out the lights for Earth Hour. With less than a month to go, nearly 700 cities are seeing the light and turning it off in support of action on climate change. We are nearly three quarters of the way towards our global goal of 1,000 cities!

Mark your calendar, tell your friends. Earth Hour is March 28, 2009, at 8:30 pm.

Thanks!

The Earth Hour US Team

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Thank you for being a part of Earth Hour 2009.

The email address we have in our records for you is: nstone@a2gov.org

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choose to share and post information about their event on the local website ArborUpdate at <http://arborupdate.com/article/1775/what-will-you-be-doing-for-earth-hour-2009>.

More information on the city's energy and other environmental goals is available at www.a2gov.org/green.

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From: Stone, Nancy Y
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 7:16 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Brix, Andrew
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

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Wolford, Louise

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:23 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Brix, Andrew
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

I just sent it to Jackie for inclusion on the agenda, but we can certainly make modifications. A "key city" status is a city chosen by the organizers of Earth Hour with defined criteria. I am very glad to see that we got a pin in the map as a participating city on the Earth Hour website.

Good job everyone!

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
First Ward
734-302-3011

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 3:11 PM
To: Brix, Andrew
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi; Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

I think this looks great, and I will send it on to Jackie, but I have one question. Should there be a resolved clause asking that staff pursue the city's status as either a "participating city" (which I think we already are, at least when I look at the Earth Hour map) or as a "key city"? I'm not sure what either of these terms means, but I wanted to ask about it for tonight. What do you all think? I will submit this at 4:30, and we can add the resolved clause tonight, or sooner. Thanks Andrew! -Margie

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

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:41 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi; Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

Margie,

Attached is a resolution that would endorse Ann Arbor's participation in Earth Hour 2009. I believe the best way to get this on tonight's agenda is for you or another councilperson to submit it to the Clerk's office this afternoon?

Some additional info and links follow below and are also attached FYI.

Thanks,
Andrew

Additional information:

More information on the US Earth Hour 2009 is available at www.earthhourUS.org. Community members who are interested in promotional/media material to show their support for the event may download a local poster by visiting www.a2gov.org/green and clicking on Earth Hour.

For ideas on organizing your own Earth Hour event, visit www.earthhour.org/action. Residents organizing a local event for Earth Hour may

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Wolford, Louise

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:32 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: FW: Knight Wallace Fellows event

FYI

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Rick Snyder [mailto:ricksnyder@ardesta.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:31 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Knight Wallace Fellows event

Thanks for the help. The address is 620 Oxford Road. It is on Oxford, just south of Geddes Ave. As you may recall, parking is very tough in that area.

Thanks
Rick

From: Fraser, Roger [mailto:RFraser@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Rick Snyder
Subject: RE: Knight Wallace Fellows event

Christopher Taylor will be joining us. Please remind me of the address on Oxford.

Thanks!

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Rick Snyder [mailto:ricksnyder@ardesta.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:03 AM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: Knight Wallace Fellows event

I am glad you can attend on Thursday from noon to three at Wallace House. Hopefully, it will be as worthwhile as last year.

I had also invited John. I didn't get a response from him until today and he can't attend. Please let me know if you would like to invite a city council member who might find it worthwhile. Margie came last year. If you do, please just let me know by Wed so we can plan accordingly.

Thanks
Rick

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Wolford, Louise

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:36 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Tuesday's Urban Core Mayor's Meeting
Importance: High

Venue has changed. The meeting will be held in the State Capital Building in Room 426. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle at 517-353-9555.

Angela Dempkowski
City Administrator's Office
Phone - 734.794.6110 Ext. 41102

Wolford, Louise

From: Weinert, Bryan C
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: How Do We Look for Tonite?

Yes, it is! HOO-RAY!!!

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Weinert, Bryan C
Subject: RE: How Do We Look for Tonite?

Not that I'm aware of!! Is the contract all set to go?

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

From: Weinert, Bryan C
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 2:12 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: How Do We Look for Tonite?

Hi Margie. Any issues that you're aware of? Thanks.

Wolford, Louise

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:48 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Dereziński, Tony; Greden
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: a Hikone resident facing eviction

See the update on this particular situation at Hikone.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
jmiller@a2gov.org
734-794-6210 x 42198 or 42199 (phone)
734-994-8460 (fax)
www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.

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

From: Lindsley, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:19 AM
To: Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: a Hikone resident facing eviction

We agreed to stop court action if she paid the amount needed to clear January rent; and we set up a repayment agreement for Feb. As of today, she owes March rent of \$468 plus \$119.50, or \$587.70; she will owe that amount for March, April and May. Her rent calculation is correct based on AAHC policy.

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

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 7:55 PM
To: Lindsley, Elizabeth; Hickey, Tom
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth); Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: a Hikone resident facing eviction

Can you provide me with an update on this situation? Thanks.

Jayne Miller
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Please note my new phone number.

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

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 3:22 PM
To: Lindsley, Elizabeth; Hickey, Tom
Subject: FW: a Hikone resident facing eviction

Tom and Betsy, please review this situation. let me know what is determined. Thanks.

Jayne Miller
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Please note my new phone number.

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Miller, Jayne
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Greden, Leigh; Dereziński, Tony
Subject: FW: a Hikone resident facing eviction


Hi Jayne,

If you can work your magic on this one and do what needs to be done, I'd be grateful.

Albeit with incomplete information, it appears as if the resident has a legitimate complaint about her rent calculation.

Christopher

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

From: Joan M Doughty [mailto: 
Sent: Tue 2/17/2009 1:34 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council); tdereziński@comcast.net; Greden, Leigh
Subject: a Hikone resident facing eviction

Hi Tony, Chris and Leigh:

We just received the e-mail below from one of our Hikone residents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She is also not the kind of person who would lie about not getting a notice to quit.

We approached the AAHC on this child support policy issue in 2008, and spoke during the Annual Plan review. We presented the Commissioners with the attached policy analysis. According to Jim Schaafsma (do you know him? He's on the board of Legal Services, I think) AAHC probably does have the discretion to change these calculations.... We did not hear back from AAHC.

So there are two issues here: 1. Ann did not receive the notice to quit. But because one was allegedly sent, she cannot make arrangements for payments. and 2. Her boyfriend's child support payments are included in this family's income for rent calculations, which seems unfair, particularly because AAHC includes child support received by tenants as income too.

Anyway, please let me know if you can help Ann and her family. She and Brian have 5 kids...

jmd

Joan M. Doughty, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Community Action Network
www.canannarbor.org

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Aaron Pressel [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Feb 16, 2009 at 9:35 PM
Subject: Re: Help
To: [REDACTED]

Don't be sorry [REDACTED] we will figure this out. Just take a deep breath, try to relax, and I will come talk to you tomorrow.

As for bugging me, please don't worry about that. This is what I get paid to do. I am always happy to help you in any way I can.

thanks for bringing this to my attention.

- Aaron

On Mon, Feb 16, 2009 at 9:27 PM, [REDACTED]
wrote:

Hi Aaron, This is [REDACTED] again....

Remember you called me last week and asked if everything was okay with housing... and I said everything was great, Well I have problem now which I thought wasn't.....

I tried calling Ann Straub at the Housing Commission about making arrangements on the rent, Left a message explaining [REDACTED] would be there on Friday to make the arrangements with her, I saw she called but didn't leave a message, so I called her back, no answer. [REDACTED] ent up there on Friday to make the arrangements and [REDACTED] said that I should have received a court paper with a court date already for my rent and she wouldn't accept arrangements. I never received a court paper or letter. I feel something isn't right again. I called and left a message with her about making arrangements on the 6Th letting her know that [REDACTED] would be there on Friday to make arrangements, I have too much anxiety dealing with her.

Now this, I am scared because I never received anything for court and she told [REDACTED] that I should have had it already. Now I have to pay all the rent and court fees before this court date, which I have no date. We have been doing so good up until Christmas, I felt we were getting back on our feet and Now this again. I don't have all this money right now plus court fees and I am so scared because now I have no date... Why would she send out court papers when I left her a message on the 6Th of the month? I tried to call her back, I don't understand... At all. Could you help me figure this out one more time. I am sorry Aaron, I just don't where else to turn too. I have too much anxiety dealing with her... especially now.

Sorry
[REDACTED]

Help is here! Click now for simple and easy Financial Advice.

<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL2141/fc/PnY6rw2PFJh2W2MthVNwObVkJJmRMdg4Y7xGnyqzq7YF2u9eYkIRp/>

Wolford, Louise

From: Weinert, Bryan C
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:48 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Commercial Recycling response to Ms. Sidney's letter

Thanks!

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:18 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Weinert, Bryan C; David Stead
Subject: Commercial Recycling response to Ms. Sidney's letter

All: Bryan and staff prepared the attached response to the comments from Karen Sidney at the last meeting regarding the proposed Commercial Recycling program. Bryan will be there tonight to answer any questions you might have. Thanks. - Margie

Wolford, Louise

From: Singleton, Sarah
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Derezinski, Tony
Subject: Insurance Board Meeting - February 27

Please contact me regarding the insurance board meeting held on February 27.

*Sarah Singleton
Management Assistant/Risk Specialist
City of Ann Arbor
Financial and Administrative Services
Phone: (734) 794-6500, Ext. 45101
Risk: (734) 794-6500, Ext. 45700
Fax: (734) 997-1271*

Wolford, Louise

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:59 PM
To: Wheeler, William
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Prevailing wages for subs

Thanks, Bill, for the follow-up.

Roger
734-794-6110

rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Wheeler, William
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue
Cc: Kulhanek, Matthew
Subject: RE: Prevailing wages for subs
Importance: High

Roger, here is the information you requested:

Contractors on board to date / major union affiliations / community base:

Eagle Excavation – Unions: Operators, Laborers, Teamsters – Based in Flint
Spence Brothers – Unions: Carpenters, Laborers, Ironworkers (Rod busters), Finishers – Based in Saginaw (have satellite office in A2)
Douglas Steel – Unions: Ironworkers, Operators, Riggers – Based in Lansing
Delta Electrical – Unions: Electrical – Based in Lansing
Limbach Company – Unions: Plumbers/Pipefitters, Sheet Metal Workers, Insulators – Based in Pontiac (have satellite office in A2)

The prevailing wage information from the sub-contractors on site will be provided monthly with their payment requests, which will normally be submitted in the last week of the month.

Bill.

Bill Wheeler
Please note new phone no.:
(734) 794-6000 X43114

From: Wheeler, William
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:25 AM
To: Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue
Cc: Kulhanek, Matthew

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Subject: Prevailing wages for subs
Importance: High

I have asked the contractor about this and anticipate having something for you late today.

Bill Wheeler
Please note new phone no.:
(734) 794-6000 X43114

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 12:07 PM
To: McCormick, Sue; Wheeler, William
Subject: FW: Materials for meeting

Please talk with me about this on Monday.

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 9:43 AM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: Derezinski, Tony; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: Materials for meeting

Roger:

Next Friday Council Member Derezinski and I will be meeting with the leadership of the local electrical union. By Thursday it would be good to have a complete list of the contractors signed on up to this point along with their union affiliation and the community they are based in.

I also need to know when we will start implementing the requirement for contractors to submit pay records so that it can be verified that they are paying the prevailing wage as required by ordinance. This seems like something we could do immediately.

Thanks,

John

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:59 PM
To: 'Russ Collins'; Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Sandi Smith; Derezinski, Tony; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Pollay, Susan; jsantihall@gmail.com; Joan Lowenstein
Subject: RE: MCACA support resolution

Russ- Thanks for your e-mail. As always, it was thoughtful. Frankly, you raise an excellent point about the City not providing direct grants to arts organizations. As you may know, the City spends over \$1 million in General Funds every year to support local human service non-profits. We spend more per capita than any other local government in the State of Michigan. But, I do not believe any of those funds have ever been allocated for arts groups.

Despite not funding local arts groups directly, the City has a new public art program for which we have set aside close to \$1,000,000 to support public art in Ann Arbor. This program surpasses any similar program in Michigan. We made this commitment -- despite these tough economic times -- through a small set-aside in our capital infrastructure fund (e.g., roads, water pipes, etc.). The vast majority of these funds do not come from the General Fund, and they are set aside out of capital budgets at small increments. Fortunately, those small increments have added up to a significant amount of money.

Unfortunately, the City is in no position to allocate \$250,000 in new funding from our General Fund, in addition to the \$1 million that we have set aside for public art. We face a \$7,000,000 General Fund deficit over the next two years. We will likely be forced to lay off employees and reduce services. The taxable value of property in Ann Arbor is falling for the first time. It will be enough of a challenge to main the public art and human service programs, let alone create a new program with new spending.

In light of all this, I support the Mayor's resolution because the State has been funding arts programs for years, and I believe they can find cuts elsewhere (e.g., more cuts to corrections, re-organization of State government, consolidation of school districts, etc.). However, I would not ask the State to increase its funding in these tough economic times. Under the same logic, the City cannot create a new funding stream to support new grants to arts organizations. Despite this unfortunate reality, I believe our public art program demonstrates an amazing commitment to the arts.

I hope you're well despite these really crappy times in which we live.

-Leigh

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

From: Russ Collins [mailto:rcollins@michtheater.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:45 PM
To: Hieftje, John; mayor@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us; Teall, Margie; Sandi Smith; Greden, Leigh R.; TDerezinski@a2gov.org; CHohnke@a2gov.org; MAnglin@a2gov.org; ssmith@a2gov.org

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Cc: Fraser, Roger; RFraser@a2gov.org; Pollay, Susan; jsantihall@gmail.com; Joan Lowenstein
Subject: MCACA support resolution

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Council members Teall, Smith, Greden, Derezhinski, Hohnke and Anglin,

I understand the Mayor will introduce a resolution at tonight's City Council meeting encouraging Governor Granholm to refrain from cutting significant amounts of funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The Governor's proposed cuts will essentially eliminate all MCACA grant funding to Ann Arbor arts organizations. Although I certainly support the notion of sustaining the MCACA (the Michigan Theater currently receives about \$52,000 in annual funding from MCACA), I think it is a bit hollow for Ann Arbor City government to tell the State government how to manage their budget in terms of funding for the arts.

I say this because the City of Ann Arbor does not support local arts organizations in any significant way. Traditionally a small amount of money is provided for the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and other little bits of funding are provided from time-to-time for special programs. However, this very modest, occasional, and not very strategic allocation of funding is not generally supportive of the arts excellence in our city and does not reflect how our community values the arts.

Might I suggest that the Ann Arbor City Council scour their budget and come up with \$250,000 to provide grants that would replace approximately one-half of the funding currently provided to Ann Arbor arts organizations by MCACA. If the City of Ann Arbor took this kind of stand to support the arts in this difficult time, our local government would then have the moral authority to forward their thoughts to the Governor and our State legislature about funding for the arts.

Times are tough. They are tough for the State, for the City -- well, let's face it they are tough for nearly everyone, including local arts organizations. The Dance Gallery Foundation has ceased operations. Other local arts organizations are teetering on the brink. The Michigan Theater has eliminated three full-time positions, our senior staff has taken significant pay cuts, our union employees are contributing a part of their pay back to the organization and generally the Michigan Theater's budget has been cut significantly. The elimination of MCACA grant funding next fiscal year will mean more cuts and more Ann Arbor area arts organizations ceasing operation.

So, my City Council friends and representatives please do something and put \$250,000 of transitional arts grant funding in the City's budget next year. It would be so much more powerful that merely saying something to a State Government that is so much more beleaguered than our own.

Best Regards,
Russ Collins
Executive Director
Michigan Theater

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Wolford, Louise

From: City of Ann Arbor Helpdesk [Help@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:05 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Incident #9845 - Your Helpdesk submission has been addressed

City of Ann Arbor - ITSU Service Team
Incident Addressed

Your Helpdesk issue has been addressed:

Details

Incident #: 9845
Title: Reload Council Laptop - Priority High

Comment

All appears to be right again. Thanks Greg for the reload!

closing incident ~ Phil

Thank you for using Altiris Helpdesk

Wolford, Louise

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:21 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Germantown Outreach

Mayor and Council:

There has been a flurry of email messages during the past week or so regarding the Germantown neighborhood and the potential of staff involvement in an exploration of the ins and outs of an historic designation for the area. This morning, Jayne and I discussed this opportunity and I asked her to help me understand what else is currently on the plate of Community Services. Her response is below.

Certainly, we are quite willing to meet with the folks from the Germantown neighborhood and provide what ever information we can to help them in their decision making. However, the current work load in Jayne's area is such that I must ask that our involvement with the Germantown folks be delayed until early summer so that we may give adequate attention to the matters already underway. We will look forward to working with Mike and Carston to arrange a meeting time in June.

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

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

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:01 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: Germantown Outreach

Roger, I am concerned with staff's ability to take on an outreach effort with the Germantown neighborhood at this time. We are in the middle of finalizing the budget, which is our primary focus between now and the end of May. In addition, staff is working on bringing forward the A2D2 downtown plan and zoning amendments to Council during March, April and May. As you know the A2D2 zoning changes have been a major effort that staff has been working on for the past 4 years. Finally, as directed by Council, we will be bringing forward a public engagement process on the Area, Height and Placement recommendations that we proposed to Council in the fall of 2008.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
jmillera2gov.org
734-794-6210 x 42198 or 42199 (phone)
734-994-8460 (fax)
www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.

Wolford, Louise

From: Sipowski, Les
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:48 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Fraser, Roger; Smith, Sandi; broadwayhood@umich.edu; McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: Broadway / Plymouth light

I started monitoring the operation of the signal and it is working as designed. I will keep doing this for a week or so, to see if I can spot anything that can be improved. In addition I would like to add the following information that will hopefully clarify some of the issues.

The Broadway signal is part of what we call the Lower Plymouth group of signals that includes Swift, Maiden Lane, Broadway and Barton. These signals are so close together, that it is impossible to run them not coordinated. The Broadway signal has to handle two very heavy movements to pass on Plymouth: right turning vehicles from Maiden Lane plus the through traffic that comes from the Broadway Bridges. This in turn requires a long cycle that increases delay for the side street traffic to some extent. This group is coordinated with the rest of the Plymouth signals for the duration of morning and evening rush hours, in order to handle the heaviest flows of inbound and outbound traffic volumes. Off-peaks the four lower signals have differing demands than for example Green or Huron Parkway signals, so we disconnect the Lower Plymouth group and allow it to choose the best traffic conditions.

The whole Plymouth corridor from Swift to the US-23 freeway is connected to the central computer, and is under SCOOT control from the early morning until 8:30 pm. SCOOT is one of the two most advanced central signal control systems on the market, and is continuously optimizing signal settings in real time, minimizing the total signal delay for the group of signals. The fact that SCOOT has control over the signal changes slightly the operation of the signal. This signal is not able to react in an instant to the traffic demand. It may, therefore appear that the detection of vehicular traffic is not working.

The detection of Broadway signal consists of two sets of detectors. One is for SCOOT and the second for normal operation under light traffic conditions. Neither of the detectors requires moving the vehicle over it back and forth as described in the e-mail. I would discourage this practice, as it might be dangerous if done without proper observation of the surroundings. Snow or ice do not impede the sensitivity of the detectors either, other than it makes finding the stop bar (and the detector) more difficult when the pavement is covered with snow.

The fact that the signal is connected to the computer does allow us to monitor the operation of the signal, but we are not able to find out if the signal detects traffic correctly. Therefore, any information that something is wrong with either pedestrian push buttons or vehicular detection helps us a lot and allows us to fix the problem as quickly as possible. Therefore, I would be grateful if the information of this nature was provided either directly to the Field Operations Signs and Signals unit (734) 794-6361 or to me.

The pedestrian signals in the area are somewhat similar at each signal in this group. The crossings of side streets along Plymouth is arranged as with any other signals within the City, that pedestrians cross side streets with right turning vehicles. However, there are no conflicting vehicular movements to cross Plymouth. At all of these signals the vehicular turning movements stop when pedestrians are crossing Plymouth Road. This special signal phasing is to enhance pedestrian safety, although it reduces vehicular capacity of the signals.

Each pedestrian signal has a minimum of 4 seconds of the Walk indication, which is to start the crossing maneuver. This is followed by the Flashing Don't Walk phase, that is timed to allow a safe crossing time at the average walking speed from one curb to the other. This setup is regulated by the State Manual and the City follows this regulation.

The City has plans to include these signals to be furnished with countdown pedestrian signals within the project that we have under Federal Stimulus Package.

As I said above, I will spend some time in the field in the nearest future monitoring operation of this signal. If I discover anything that needs to be corrected, we will do that and I will report our findings to the group.

Les Sipowski, P.E.
Sr. Proj. Manager
Project Management

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City of Ann Arbor
ph: (734) 794-6410 ext.43637
fax: (734) 994-1744

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 2:32 PM
To: Sipowski, Les; Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Fraser, Roger; Smith, Sandi; broadwayhood@umich.edu
Subject: Broadway / Plymouth light

Dear Les and Homayoon,

The Broadway Area Neighborhood Association email list heated up this week with many complaints about the light at Broadway and Plymouth near Maiden Lane.

Breaking the information down, as best as I can:

Neighbors understand that there is a sensor under the pavement in the left-turn lane that reads when a car is in the lane. This sensor, unfortunately, doesn't always read a car if there is snow and ice build up, or if the car isn't properly positioned in the lane. It also doesn't always read a light vehicle, or a bicycle.

Some people know that, if they are the first person in line, they can trigger the light by driving back and forth in the lane a couple of times. Not everyone knows that. People have waited for the light to turn for much longer than 2 minutes -- some have timed the wait for as long as 10 minutes before the light cycled green. Others have witnessed cars in front of them running the red and turning left, or have themselves run the red light in frustration. At least one person has received a ticket.

Even if the first car triggers the light, the green light is so short that it's nearly impossible for more than 3 cars to get through the turn before the light turns red. When cars back up on Broadway turning left, frequently cars wait through 2 or 3 cycles before they can turn -- and that wait becomes many minutes long, leaving drivers fuming.

(I'll say here that, living on Broadway as I do, I've never run the red light. But I have been caught behind a driver whose car failed to trigger the light, and I've actually gotten out of my car to tell the driver what to do after waiting over 5 minutes of watching the cars on Plymouth go by -- when I was trying to get to a Council meeting.)

The lights are very close together -- Broadway and Maiden Lane. Cars turning left on Maiden Lane can back up, blocking Broadway. This is an additional problem that makes this turn problematic.

I am aware that the lights on Plymouth are part of an array -- that the timing of the Broadway light is also affected by the light at Barton, for instance. But still, this intersection is a significant irritation for the neighborhood involved.

Related to this is the pedestrian crossing of Plymouth Road at Maiden Lane -- and the related pedestrian crossing of Maiden Lane and Plymouth, and Moore at Plymouth. All four pedestrian crosswalks were cause for concern. The cross time was very short, the buttons to invoke the cross walk didn't always work, and people felt the intersection was unsafe.

I'm aware that this intersection has been one the City has looked at for improvement for some time. Can something be done to slow -- really slow -- traffic enough to allow pedestrian crossing? Quite a few people cross from Broadway, Pontiac and Traver to walk to downtown and the University campus each day -- and then use the crosswalk to return to their homes. Others use the intersection routinely for other -- non commuter -- purposes.

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Both traffic issues are related, I'm certain. Can you please help find a solution?

Sabra

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518 (home)
(734)714-2237 (work)

Wolford, Louise

From: Rampson, Wendy
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:54 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Hupy, Craig
Subject: RE: Meeting with Sue Gott on March 13.

John:

I'm scheduled to speak about A2D2 at UM's urban planning program that afternoon, which is why I asked Craig if he could attend. Craig is up to speed on the issues, so the City would be well represented. Is that acceptable, or should we try to reschedule?

Wendy

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

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 1:18 PM
To: Rampson, Wendy
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Hupy, Craig
Subject: Meeting with Sue Gott on March 13.

Hi Wendy:

Residents interested in the UM's plans for Wall St. and our alternative vision for transit on Fuller have a meeting scheduled for Mar. 13, 1-2:00 PM with Sue Gott at her office. Craig Hupy will be there as well. They believe it would be helpful if you were there as well.

Please try to make this meeting if you can fit in into your schedule.

Thanks!

John Hieftje

Wolford, Louise

From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 5:13 PM
To: Smith, Sandi; Beaudry, Jacqueline
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Stone, Nancy Y; Brix, Andrew; Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009
Attachments: image001.gif

It's been added.

Anissa

x

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Stone, Nancy Y; Brix, Andrew; Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

Please add the attached resolution to tonight's agenda. The sponsors are myself and councilmembers Hohnke and Teall.

Thanks.

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
First Ward
734-302-3011

From: Brix, Andrew
Sent: Mon 3/2/2009 1:40 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi; Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

Margie,

Attached is a resolution that would endorse Ann Arbor's participation in Earth Hour 2009. I believe the best way to get this on tonight's agenda is for you or another councilperson to submit it to the Clerk's office this afternoon?

Some additional info and links follow below and are also attached FYI.

Thanks,
Andrew

Additional information:

More information on the US Earth Hour 2009 is available at www.earthhourUS.org. Community members who are interested in promotional/media material to show their support for the event may download a local poster by visiting www.a2gov.org/green and clicking on Earth Hour.

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choose to share and post information about their event on the local website ArborUpdate at <http://arborupdate.com/article/1775/what-will-you-be-doing-for-earth-hour-2009>.

More information on the city's energy and other environmental goals is available at www.a2gov.org/green.

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

From: Stone, Nancy Y
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 7:16 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Brix, Andrew
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

I thought Andrew was putting together a resolution or proclamation. I'll double check check with him on Monday. Thanks for your support! -N

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Sun 3/1/2009 5:08 PM
To: Stone, Nancy Y
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi
Subject: Earth Hour 2009

Hi Nancy:

Carsten, Sandi and I are wondering if you are going to submit a resolution for us to sponsor to have Ann Arbor be a participating city in Earth Hour. We are hoping to bring the resolution before Council tomorrow night, so that we can get a few weeks of publicity on it. What do you think?

Thanks! -Margie

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Additional information:

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For ideas on organizing your own Earth Hour event, visit www.earthhour.org/action. Residents organizing a local event for Earth Hour may choose to share and post information about their event on the local website ArborUpdate at arborupdate.com/article/1775/what-will-you-be-doing-for-earth-hour-2009.

More information on the city's energy and other environmental goals is available at www.a2gov.org/green.

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 5:14 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Hupy, Craig; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: Water problems in Detroit

Hi Leigh,

We'll give you our status on these issues within a few weeks as requested. Thanks.

Sue

Sue F. McCormick
Public Service Administrator
100 N Fifth Av
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
Phone: (734) 994-2897
mailto: smccormick@a2gov.org



Think Green! Don't print this email unless you need to.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 11:49 AM
To: McCormick, Sue; Hupy, Craig; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: Water problems in Detroit

Hi Sue- Please see the FREE PRESS article, below, re: water pipe problems in Metro Detroit. As we enter the Budget phase, water rates will be discussed. Your proposed water rate increases are quite reasonable (between 3-4%). I believe we'll also continue our investment in new water pipe construction, and we're also overhauling the WWTP. Can you answer these two questions to the Council in the next few weeks?

1. How do we stand on our water system infrastructure? Are we on track to replace the oldest systems within the next 10 years?
2. The article reports that Detroit loses 16% of its water, whereas the average systems should only lose 10%. Do we have data on how much water we lose?

In summary, I'm curious if we can report to the public that we're ahead of the game on re-building our water infrastructure, and we're doing so without the massive 9-20% rate increases reported in the article. Thanks.

<http://www.freep.com/article/20090302/NEWS05/903020344>

Wolford, Louise

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 6:07 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezinski, Tony; Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Schopieray, Christine; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Subject: Final Council Packet for 3/2
Attachments: 3-2-09 Agenda.pdf

The link has been uploaded with the final packet for tonight's meeting. New additions added today include:

INT-3 Stadium Bridges
DC-3 MCACA Grant Funding Maintenance (Added 2/26)
DC-4 Zoning of Residential Areas Review
DC-5 Earth Hour Participation
DS-7 Herbert Dreiseiti contract (public art)
F-2 Community Organizing in Bryant and Pine Lake

Attached is the latest agenda.

Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
City of Ann Arbor
Please note new phone number:
734-794-6140 (p)
734-994-8296 (f)

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City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Agenda City Council

Monday, March 2, 2009

7:00 PM

G. C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Bldg. 2nd Flr.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INT INTRODUCTIONS

INT-1 09-0025 Presentation of Online Historical Council Minutes from Ann Arbor District Library

(City Clerk - Jacqueline Beaudry)

INT-2 09-0166 Iraq Water Project - Ann Arbor - Laura Russello

(Mayor's Office)

Sponsors: Hieftje

INT-3 Stadium Bridges - Sue McCormick, Public Services Area Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - RESERVED TIME (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

*** (SPEAKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GRANT THEIR RESERVED TIME TO AN ALTERNATE SPEAKER)**

*** ACCOMMODATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PERSONS NEEDING ASSISTANCE WHILE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

- 1. Robert Black - Resolution to Eliminate the need to Burn Coal to Generate Our Electricity (DC-2)**
- 2. Shary Brown - Resolution Urging MCACA Art Grants Funding Maintenance (DC-3)**

3. Margaret Parker - Resolution to Approve the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC) Professional Services Agreement (DS-7)
4. Kenneth Fischer - Resolution to Approve the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC) Professional Services Agreement (DS-7)
5. Thomas Partridge - Stimulate the Ann Arbor-Washtenaw economies by providing true regional public transportation. Spend money on progressive regional transportation not Greenbelt Land in Webster Township. End the regressive discriminatory AATA fare system and policies.

PH PUBLIC HEARINGS (3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

- PH-1 09-0055 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55, Section 5:110 to Allow Certain Zoning Petitions to be Waived from Citizens Participation Requirements (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nay) (Ordinance No. ORD-09-04)
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)
(See B-2)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

A APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- A-1 09-0173 Regular Session - February 17, 2009
(City Clerk - Jacqueline Beaudry)

CA CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 09-0143 Resolution to Approve a Contract with D & J Lawn and Snow, Inc. for \$31,823.00 to Replace Park Sidewalks, Per Bid #3993, and to Establish a Total Construction Project Budget of \$35,005.00
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)

B ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

- B-1 08-1167 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 26, Solid Waste Ordinance, Sections 2:1, 2:2, 2:3, 2:5, 2:7, 2:9, 2:10 and 2:13 to Implement Commercial Recycling Recommendations (Ordinance No. ORD-09-03)
(Systems Planning Services - Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator)
(Postponed from the 2/2/09 regular session.)

- DS-1 09-0086 Resolution to Authorize Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 09-03 to Amend Chapter 26 (Solid Waste) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

(Systems Planning Services - Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator)

(Postponed from the 2/2/09 regular session.)

- B-2 09-0055 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55, Section 5:110 to Allow Certain Zoning Petitions to be Waived from Citizens Participation Requirements (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nay) (Ordinance No. ORD-09-04)

(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)

(See PH-1)

C ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

- C-1 08-0705 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Ann Arbor by Adding a New Chapter, which New Chapter shall be Designated as Chapter 71 (Plastic Carry-Out Bags) of Title VI of said Code and to Amend Section 1:17 of Chapter 1 of Title 1 of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

(City Attorney Services - Stephen K. Postema)

Sponsors: Rapundalo

(Postponed from the 7/21/08 and 10/6/08 regular sessions.)

- C-2 09-0146 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2009-A to the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (**Roll Call Vote Required - One Reading**)

(Financial and Administrative Services - Tom Crawford, CFO)

D MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DC New Business - Council:

- DC-1 09-0180 Resolution to endorse the "Iraq Water Project-Ann Arbor"

(Mayor's Office)

Sponsors: Derezinski and Hieftje

- DC-2 09-0176 Resolution to Eliminate the Need to Burn Coal to Generate Our Electricity Through Conservation, Efficiency and Renewable Energy Use

(Mayor's Office)

- DC-3 09-0187 Resolution urging MCACA Art Grants Funding Maintenance in FY10
(Mayor's Office)
Sponsors: Hieftje
(Added 2/26/08)

Added After Newspaper Deadline:

- DC-4 09-0189 Resolution to Direct City Planning Commission and Planning Staff to Review the Zoning of Certain Residential Neighborhoods in the Central Area
(City Council - Tony Derezinski, Council Member)
Sponsors: Derezinski
(Added 3/2/09)
- DC-5 09-0191 Resolution to Endorse Ann Arbor's Participation in Earth Hour on March 28, 2009
(City Council)
Sponsors: Smith, Hohnke and Teall
(Added 3/2/09)

DB New Business - Boards and Commissions:

- DB-1 09-0142 Resolution to Authorize and Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) on the Anna Marie Merkel, John Nicholas Heller, Barbara Ann Marr, James Michael Heller, Donald Alan Heller, and Thomas Edward Heller Farm, located in Webster Township with Matching Funds through the Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), and Webster Township Land Preservation Fund and Approve a Farmland Development Rights Grant of Easement Agreement and Participation Agreement with Webster Township - \$1,307,867.00 (8 Votes Required)
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)

DS New Business - Staff:

- DS-2 08-1168 Resolution to Authorize a Commercial Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Management of Michigan (not to exceed \$900,000.00 annually)
(Systems Planning Services - Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator)

- DS-3 09-0144 Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the Box Cart Race/Soap Box Derby - Saturday, March 28, 2009
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)
- DS-4 09-0145 Resolution to Approve Street Closings for the 2009 Take Back The Night (Rally and March) - Thursday, April 2, 2009
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)
- DS-5 09-0152 Resolution to Approve Street Closings for FestiFools - Sunday, April 5, 2009
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)
- DS-6 09-0160 Resolution to Approve Acceptance of a \$275,000 Payment from the YMCA to Resolve All Outstanding Financial Obligations Between the City and YMCA Regarding the Former YMCA Site at 350 S. Fifth Ave
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)

Added After Newspaper Deadline:

- DS-7 09-0131 Resolution to Approve the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC) Professional Services Agreement with Herbert Dreiseitl for Design Work to Propose a Project Integrating Stormwater in a Rain Garden Centerpiece for the Ann Arbor Municipal Center (\$77,000.00)
(Public Services - Sue F. McCormick, Area Administrator)
(Added 3/2/09)

E COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- E-1 09-0154 Appointments & Confirmations
(Mayor's Office)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

F COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- F-1 09-0141 Fleet Alternatives Study
(Public Services - Sue. F McCormick, Public Serices Administrator)

- F-2 09-0188 Community Organizing in Bryant Neighborhood and at Pine Lake Cooperative
(Community Services - Jayne Miller, Area Administrator)
(Added 3/2/09)

G COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

H & I CLERK'S REPORT OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND REFERRALS

H The following communications were referred as indicated:

- H-1 09-0157 Communication from S.E.M.C.O.G. regarding their Regional Update publication of SEMCOG, Vol. 14, No. 3, February 9, 2009 - File
(City Clerk)
- H-2 09-0158 Communications from the State of Michigan regarding Hearing Notices for the Electric Delivery and Supply Customers of the Detroit Edison Company on Case No. U-15751 and U-15768 scheduled for February 26, 2009 and Case no. U-15806 scheduled for March 13, 2009 - File
(City Clerk)
- H-3 09-0167 Communication from Laurie Nonnenmacher regarding concerns with the Field Operations Division of the City of Ann Arbor - File
(City Clerk)

I The following minutes were received for file:

- I-1 09-0132 Ann Arbor Housing Commission Regular Board Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2008
(Housing Commission, Ann Arbor - Betsey Lindsley)
- I-2 09-0133 Downtown Area Citizens Advisory Council Minutes - January 7, 2009
(Downtown Development Authority - Susan Pollay)
- I-3 09-0134 Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2009
(Downtown Development Authority - Susan Pollay)

- I-4 09-0159 Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (W.A.T.S.) minutes of November 19, and December 17, 2008
(City Clerk)

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL (3 MINUTES EACH)

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY / CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION AND/OR LAND ACQUISITION

ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY TELEVISION NETWORK (CTN) CABLE CHANNEL 16:

LIVE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:12 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: Germantown Outreach

Thanks for the update.

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

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:21 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Miller, Jayne; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Germantown Outreach

Mayor and Council:

There has been a flurry of email messages during the past week or so regarding the Germantown neighborhood and the potential of staff involvement in an exploration of the ins and outs of an historic designation for the area. This morning, Jayne and I discussed this opportunity and I asked her to help me understand what else is currently on the plate of Community Services. Her response is below.

Certainly, we are quite willing to meet with the folks from the Germantown neighborhood and provide what ever information we can to help them in their decision making. However, the current work load in Jayne's area is such that I must ask that our involvement with the Germantown folks be delayed until early summer so that we may give adequate attention to the matters already underway. We will look forward to working with Mike and Carston to arrange a meeting time in June.

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

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

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:01 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: Germantown Outreach

Roger, I am concerned with staff's ability to take on an outreach effort with the Germantown neighborhood at this time. We are in the middle of finalizing the budget, which is our primary focus between now and the end of May. In addition, staff is working on bringing forward the A2D2 downtown plan and zoning amendments to Council during March, April and May. As you know the A2D2 zoning changes have been a major effort that staff has been working on for the past 4 years. Finally, as directed by Council, we will be bringing forward a public engagement process on the Area, Height and Placement recommendations that we proposed to Council in the fall of 2008.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator

City of Ann Arbor
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734-994-8460 (fax)
www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.

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Subject: Mtng w/Rebekah

What else did I miss?

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From: Higgins, Marcia

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:34 PM

To: McCormick, Sue

Subject: Great job. Thanks Sue.

6/19/2009

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:39 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Early Buyout

PRIVILEGED: LABOR NEGOTIATION

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:43 PM
To: Crawford, Tom; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Safety Service Utility Fee

Confirming: Please confirm the dollars available for a 4% Safety Service Utility fee, and confirm the 5-year blended water rate hike associated with such an increase.

Wolford, Louise

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No problem. It's a little complicated so I've coded with colors the numbers that can change.

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Subject: RE: Stadium Bridge alternative

Thank you!

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To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Stadium Bridge alternative

That would be "At Grade Crossing" intersections w/ S. State Street and the Rail Road. At grade intersections w/ railroads are not desirable, have a history of tragic accidents, are not the best option for the general public - cars or pedestrians, in particular in an "Urban" environment. In addition and in our case, at grade crossing intersections at the State St and the RR would add a large burden on the traffic operations on both Stadium Blvd and S. State Street, may require expensive, extensive sometimes "impractical" changes to our streets system such as street widening in a fully developed residential area.

Whenever possible and for many years communities have been separating their auto traffic from the rail traffic by installing new bridges. A recent example in our area is the new bridge over the railroad and Huron River, at Dixboro Rd - near E. Huron River Dr. Converting our bridges to at grade crossing would be a step backward.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, March 01, 2009 6:54 PM
To: Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Stadium Bridge alternative

Christopher might have already sent this email:

Some folks suggest we don't need new bridges at Stadium Blvd., and that we should instead re-engineer the area to lower the Stadium Blvd elevation and connect State St. to Stadium. What are the technical/policy/financial implications of such a change?

Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:54 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: Ward 2 AH&P rep

Each Ward gets a committee member on the Area Height & Placement Citizens Advisory Committee. You two get to find a reasonable citizen to represent Ward 2. Please recruit someone and submit a name ASAP. We'd like to bring the resolution authorizing the committee -- with names -- on 3/16.

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Subject: RE: Summary page

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Wolford, Louise

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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:02 PM
To: Agenda, Clerk
Subject: FW: Women's History Month

Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
995-3518 (home)
484-3600 x 237 (work)

From: Briere, Sabra
Posted At: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:57 PM
Posted To: Notes
Conversation: Women's History Month
Subject: Women's History Month

1878 Virginia Watts* of Ann Arbor is the first African-American woman to enroll at the University of Michigan; in 1885, she becomes the first African-American woman to graduate from the university.

1930 Ella Bareis Prochnow of Ann Arbor is the first woman in Michigan to own and manage an automobile dealership.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:11 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council); 'nclark'
Subject: FW: MCACA support resolution

I thought you two might be interested in reading these comments... Maybe I'm opening a can of worms! (or at least a discussion...) -Margie

From: Russ Collins [mailto:rcollins@michtheater.org]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 5:40 PM
To: Greden, Leigh R.; Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Sandi Smith; Derezinski, Tony; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Pollay, Susan; jsantihall@gmail.com; Joan Lowenstein
Subject: RE: MCACA support resolution.

Leigh,

Thanks for your response! However, it has been the same response given by members of City Council for at least 30 years -- i.e. we don't support performing arts but we do a lot of other great things -- isn't that terrific! And, I can't argue because the City of Ann Arbor does many wonderful things. I believe it manages City resources effectively, delivers high quality city services, provides wonderful parks, insures a safe environment for the citizens and does the best it can for disadvantaged citizens. Ann Arbor is truly a wonderful place to live and work.

I understand that we face increasingly difficult times and that municipalities may be hardest hit by this economic down turn. However, as understanding as I am of all the troubles, I must also acknowledge that our City government does not adequately support the arts. Therefore, in this area of our community's life our government does not reflect our community's values. It is neither wrong nor right, it is just a fact.

Passing the resolution tonight is like taking chicken soup if you have a cold -- it won't hurt and it may help. So, enjoy the soup and thank you for all the wonderful work you and all your colleagues do on our behalf (except the not funding the arts thing!).

Best Regards -- Russ

From: Greden, Leigh R. [mailto:greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 4:02 PM
To: Russ Collins; Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Sandi Smith; TDerezinski@a2gov.org; CHohnke@a2gov.org; MAnglin@a2gov.org
Cc: RFraser@a2gov.org; Pollay, Susan; jsantihall@gmail.com; Joan Lowenstein
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Russ- Thanks for your e-mail. As always, it was thoughtful. Frankly, you raise an excellent point about the City not providing direct grants to arts organizations. As you may know, the City spends over \$1 million in General Funds every year to support local human service non-profits. We spend more per capita than any other local government in the State of Michigan. But, I do not believe any of those funds have ever been allocated for arts groups.

Despite not funding local arts groups directly, the City has a new public art program for which we have set aside close to \$1,000,000 to support public art in Ann Arbor. This program surpasses any similar program in Michigan. We made this commitment -- despite these tough economic times -- through a small set-aside in our capital infrastructure fund (e.g., roads, water pipes, etc.). The vast majority of these funds do not come from the General Fund, and they are set aside out of capital budgets at small increments. Fortunately, those small increments have added up to a significant amount of money.

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Unfortunately, the City is in no position to allocate \$250,000 in new funding from our General Fund, in addition to the \$1 million that we have set aside for public art. We face a \$7,000,000 General Fund deficit over the next two years. We will likely be forced to lay off employees and reduce services. The taxable value of property in Ann Arbor is falling for the first time. It will be enough of a challenge to main the public art and human service programs, let alone create a new program with new spending.

In light of all this, I support the Mayor's resolution because the State has been funding arts programs for years, and I believe they can find cuts elsewhere (e.g., more cuts to corrections, re-organization of State government, consolidation of school districts, etc.). However, I would not ask the State to increase its funding in these tough economic times. Under the same logic, the City cannot create a new funding stream to support new grants to arts organizations. Despite this unfortunate reality, I believe our public art program demonstrates an amazing commitment to the arts.

I hope you're well despite these really crappy times in which we live.

-Leigh

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

From: Russ Collins [mailto:rcollins@michtheater.org]

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 3:45 PM

To: Hieftje, John; mayor@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us; Teall, Margie; Sandi Smith; Greden, Leigh R.; TDerezinski@a2gov.org; CHohnke@a2gov.org; MAnglin@a2gov.org; ssmith@a2gov.org

Cc: Fraser, Roger; RFraser@a2gov.org; Pollay, Susan; jsantihall@gmail.com; Joan Lowenstein

Subject: MCACA support resolution

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Council members Teall, Smith, Greden, Derezinski, Hohnke and Anglin,

I understand the Mayor will introduce a resolution at tonight's City Council meeting encouraging Governor Granholm to refrain from cutting significant amounts of funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The Governor's proposed cuts will essentially eliminate all MCACA grant funding to Ann Arbor arts organizations. Although I certainly support the notion of sustaining the MCACA (the Michigan Theater currently receives about \$52,000 in annual funding from MCACA), I think it is a bit hollow for Ann Arbor City government to tell the State government how to manage their budget in terms of funding for the arts.

I say this because the City of Ann Arbor does not support local arts organizations in any significant way. Traditionally a small amount of money is provided for the Ann Arbor Summer Festival and other little bits of funding are provided from time-to-time for special programs. However, this very modest, occasional, and not very strategic allocation of funding is not generally supportive of the arts excellence in our city and does not reflect how our community values the arts.

Might I suggest that the Ann Arbor City Council scour their budget and come up with \$250,000 to provide grants that would replace approximately one-half of the funding currently provided to Ann Arbor arts organizations by MCACA. If the City of Ann Arbor took this kind of stand to support the arts in this difficult time, our local government would then have the moral authority to forward their thoughts to the Governor and our State legislature about funding for the arts.

Times are tough. They are tough for the State, for the City -- well, let's face it they are tough for nearly everyone, including local arts organizations. The Dance Gallery Foundation has ceased operations. Other local arts organizations are teetering on the brink. The Michigan Theater has eliminated three full-time positions, our senior staff has taken significant pay cuts, our union employees are contributing a part of their pay back to the organization and generally the Michigan Theater's budget has been cut significantly. The elimination of MCACA grant funding next fiscal year will mean more cuts and more Ann Arbor area arts organizations ceasing operation.

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So, my City Council members and representatives please do something and put \$250,000 of transitional arts grant funding in the City's budget next year. It would be so much more powerful than merely saying something to a State Government that is so much more beleaguered than our own.

Best Regards,
Russ Collins
Executive Director
Michigan Theater

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:16 PM
To: Derezinski, Tony; Rapundalo, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Tonight

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Wolford, Louise

From: Derezinski, Tony
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:21 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Tonight

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To: Greden, Leigh

Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; Higgins, Marcia; Rapundalo, Stephen

Subject: Are you listening?

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From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:30 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: Great job. Thanks Sue.

Thank you too...and you're welcome!

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

From: "Higgins, Marcia" <MHiggins@a2gov.org>
To: "McCormick, Sue" <SMcCormick@a2gov.org>
Sent: 3/2/09 7:33 PM
Subject: Great job. Thanks Sue.

Wolford, Louise

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There's got to be a name for that... could it be a Grand Slam Pander, or the Tri-fecta?

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:33 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: sidewalks

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Hi Roger,

I learn from the resident that this as already gone to an informal hearing with Judge Currie and don't believe that I received a status report, which I'd hoped would constitute some species of a 'second look' inquiry.

I understand that some things slip through the cracks, but if so, I'd like to apologize to the resident.

Thanks

Christopher Taylor

Councilmember (Third Ward)
Mobile: 734-604-8770
Work: 734-213-3605
Home: 734-213-6223
ctaylor@a2gov.org

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 7:56 PM
To: doug@spalygroup.com
Subject: RE: sidewalks

Thanks Doug -- I'll forward it on from here and get back to you with some information soon I hope. If you don't hear from me by Monday, shoot me another email.

Cheers,

Christopher

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

From: Doug Spaly [mailto:doug@spalygroup.com]
Sent: Tue 2/10/2009 2:35 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: sidewalks

Dear Chris-

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me the other day regarding my concern with the current city ordinance about snow clearing from the sidewalks. As I mentioned I am a native of Ann Arbor and have been in business here for over 24 years. My Company was started by my Father here in 1948. I own and rent out some houses on campus and have never had any problems or been ticketed for anything in the past. I have always prided myself on how I run my properties. I have a house at 1012 S. Forest where I recently received a citation for having "slush" on the sidewalk. I have a very good maintenance person that I pay well to shovel the sidewalk and salt it for me. As you know the snow fall and temperatures this winter have been horrible. We do the absolute best we can and shoveled the snow at this address as soon as possible. The tenants at this house claim they got a warning notice that the sidewalk was not acceptable on Friday morning Jan. 30, 2009. I do not know when the notice was put up but that is when they first saw it and called me. I sent my person out that day and he shoveled some more and put more salt down. He went back on Saturday and put more salt down. I then received a ticket for \$130 because of too much Slush!

I think the city has an obligation to contact the Owner of the property if they are holding them responsible. The city housing dept. has my email, cell phone, work and home phone numbers. Putting a warning notice on the door of the house often will not get relayed from the tenants. I also believe the city ordinance is very unreasonable as currently written, you can not expect to have perfectly cleared sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm and sub-zero temperatures. We did everything we could do and still get a ticket. I really feel this is unfair. Know body should be expected to clear all the SLUSH from the sidewalk after they have been shoveled and salted. Perhaps the city could give a 48 hour notice and lower the standards or clearing. I also do not see how slush can even be monitored as it can not be removed short of vacuuming the sidewalk?

I can understand the situation the city is in trying to please people who expect to walk all around town shortly after a snow storm and have perfectly cleared sidewalks down to the concrete but they need to realize this is not reasonable. The current ordinance is wrong and needs to be addressed. I have never had this kind of harassment before and it appears to many of my fellow citizens as a revenue generator for the city.

I appreciate your time and looking into this matter. I plan to go to court Feb. 26th to fight this ticket.

Sincerely, Doug Spaly

Wolford, Louise

From: Derezinski, Tony
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:34 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: .

She wants to see the full moon!

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:39 PM
To: Miller, Jayne
Subject: A2D2

Is there a website page for A2D2? Will it be updated when we officially unveil the changes?

Wolford, Louise

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To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Ward 2 AH&P rep

I would like to recommend Jan Newman. I mentioned it to Stephen and let's talk about it. Once the pandering orgy is over....

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 7:54 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: Ward 2 AH&P rep

Each Ward gets a committee member on the Area Height & Placement Citizens Advisory Committee. You two get to find a reasonable citizen to represent Ward 2. Please recruit someone and submit a name ASAP. We'd like to bring the resolution authorizing the committee -- with names -- on 3/16.

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After you arrived, but while you apparently were not present, mentally, we talked about a meeting during the week of April 6.

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 8:53 PM

To: McCormick, Sue

Subject: Are we

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6/19/2009

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Round two!

From: Teall, Margie
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To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Mich Inn

AHHH JOHN FLOYD CONSPIRACY!

Worford, Louise

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 9:07 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Pratt, Evan; 'Roger Hewitt'; Rampson, Wendy
Subject: RE: Do we still have an A2D2 Steering Committee Meeting this Friday?

Yes, we're still meeting on Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 to discuss the Planning Commission's action on A2D2.

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Please note my new phone number.

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