

CITY COUNCIL EMAILS

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Wolford, Louise

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:27 AM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: [Fwd: City Council question]

I will be out of the office for the rest of the day today. I will answer your message when I return on Monday. Thank you.

Wolford, Louise

From: Kahan, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:27 AM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Out of Office AutoReply: [Fwd: City Council question]

I will be out the office until February 4, 2009. Please contact the Planning and Development Services Unit @ 794-6265 if you need immediate assistance. Thanks.

Wolford, Louise

From: Lloyd, Mark
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 6:35 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth); Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Ad boards on telephone/light polls in Burns Park

Leigh,

We will remove the sign you mentioned. We will also look over the general area and remove any others we find.

Mark

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sat 1/31/2009 7:03 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth); Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Ad boards on telephone/light polls in Burns Park

I know there's still one on the utility pole at the NW corner of Woodside and Scottwood. There are others, but that one is still there and has the phone number of the company that can be contacted and told to remove their other signs. Thanks.

-Leigh

From: Lloyd, Mark
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Miller, Jayne; Greden, Leigh
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth); Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Ad boards on telephone/light polls in Burns Park

Good morning,

We needed a little time to look into this matter and offer the following response:

- Per Chapter 61, Signs and Outdoor Advertising, signs are prohibited on utility poles
- Per Community Standards any citizen or city employee may remove such signs
- The offense is chargeable as a misdemeanor if necessary
- Typically Community Standards confiscates and destroys these signs and then notifies the person or organization who posted the sign (if there is a phone number on the sign) of the City Ordinance prohibiting them
- Signs are not returned
- Repeat offenders are subject to tickets and fines per the ordinance

Please provide specific locations (addresses, intersection, etc.) of the signs you have identified and City staff will be sure to get them removed immediately. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mark D. Lloyd
Planning and Development Services Manager
City of Ann Arbor, MI
 vox: (734) 794-6200 ext. 42606

6/17/2009

fax: (734) 994-2798

**note new phone number*

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 12:22 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: FW: Ad boards on telephone/light polls in Burns Park

Mark, please follow up on this. Thanks.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
jmiller@a2gov.org
734-794-6120 x 42198 or 42199 (phone)
734-994-8460 (fax)
www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 4:35 PM
To: Miller, Jayne; Lussenden, Keith
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Ad boards on telephone/light polls in Burns Park

Telephone and light poles in Burns Park and Ives Woods have been bombarded by some rather large (probably 24" x 18") signs advertising house painting. Those poles do not have any other signs on them, and thus these signs stand out like a sore thumb. They're ugly and I rec'd my first complaint today. What is the rule on private companies posting ads on electrical/phone polls in neighborhoods? Thanks.

-Leigh

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Wolford, Louise

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:38 AM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Cc: 'mhiggins@bordersgroupinc.com'
Subject: FW: Parking ticket

Just any fyi...stay tuned.

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

From: Seto, John
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 4:31 PM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A
Cc: Jones, Barnett
Subject: FW: Parking ticket

Angela,

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Thanks,
John

From: "Dempkowski, Angela A" <ADempkowski@a2gov.org>
Date: January 29, 2009 2:07:54 PM EST
To: "Jones, Barnett" <BJones@a2gov.org>
Subject: FW: Parking ticket

Was this answered and I missed it?

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 12:11 PM
To: Jones, Barnett
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Parking ticket

Interesting. Please handle.

Roger

734-794-6110

rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2008 12:00 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: FW: Parking ticket

Hi Roger,

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Marcia

From: Margret Höft [mailto:]
Sent: Mon 12/29/2008 8:24 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Parking ticket

I have lived in Ann Arbor since 1970, at 1505 East Park Place since 1974. On Christmas Eve I received my third parking ticket in 38 years.

Here is the story of my last ticket: If you were out and about on Christmas Eve day, you probably remember the weather. It was raining and sleeting on top of all that snow; there was water and melting snow everywhere. I had to go to the Kerrytown area to pick up an item before Christmas. I arrived there around 11:00 and tried to find a spot to park. The Community High School parking lot had been somewhat cleared

but the snow had been plowed up against the parking meters. I honestly tried to get to the meter but found it too risky to climb on top of the snow bank to deposit my coins. I am elderly and have fallen on the ice before, knocking out four teeth. I decided to leave my car without feeding the meter. I was back within a few minutes and found that Mr Peariso had just attached a parking ticket to my windshield as he had to the other few cars that were parked there. When I asked him why he was doing this in this weather when he could clearly see that one could not get to the meter without risking life and limb, he replied that I should have found a spot where I could reach the meter. I am not sure where that might have been, except in one of the parking garages far away. I asked Mr Peariso, did he really have to do this on Christmas Eve. He replied that the city required him to enforce the parking rules until 12:00; after that time, parking would be free. It was now about 11:15 and he continued to ticket the few cars that were there for the farmers market in that horrid weather.

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Thanks for listening.

Sincerely

Margret Hoft

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Professor of Mathematics

University of Michigan-Dearborn

4901 Evergreen Rd, 2087 CB

Dearborn, MI 48128-1491

Ph: [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

email: <mailto:[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

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email: <mailto:[REDACTED]> [REDACTED]

Wolford, Louise

From: Pirooz, Homayoon
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:30 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; McCormick, Sue; Sipowski, Les
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: CARoundabout @ Huron Pky/Nixon

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Cc: Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A
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-----Original Message-----

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To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 30 Jan 2009 4:18 pm
Subject: RE: CARoundabout @ Huron Pky/Nixon

Hi Kathy-

I hope you're doing well. I'm not a big fan of the roundabouts because I think they're confusing, but the staff presented voluminous data about how they improve safety. Our staff are national experts on traffic safety management. Accordingly, I agreed to support the construction of two roundabouts to see how they work. The vote occurred more than two weeks ago, and thus reconsideration of the vote is not an option. (A motion for reconsideration can only be brought at the next meeting following the vote).

-Leigh

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6/17/2009

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Wolford, Louise

From: Wondrash, Lisa
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:31 AM
To: Greden, Leigh; Rainey, Dan; Crawford, Tom
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Hanshue, Russ; Satterlee, Joanna; Peddeti, Ramesh
Subject: RE: Website

All:

I very much appreciate the below comment as well as some visitors frustration while navigating the huge amounts of information available on the city's website. As background, when the City's website was redesigned in 2006, a website best practice was used to organize content by user. This was the model that allowed for the creation of the different sections on the homepage, including Living In, Visiting, Working In, Government, Services and Quick Links. For example, if you live in Ann Arbor then you may be drawn to the Living In section that should have links most relevant to you. Or, if you are looking for recycling information then you may use the services drop down menu because intuitively you know that is a city service. The quick links are derived from webpages that are most frequently visited using web analytics data. As a city employee, I most frequently navigate the site and update content in MOSS using the Government links. Finally, information can be located using the search engine feature in the upper right corner.

With this said, the below comment is a valid one in that information on the City's website is oftentimes located in a variety of places due to the fact that website users search for information differently depending on their familiarity with the city's services/organization and/or their role in the city: visitor, resident, business. This organization was by design not lack of thought. A team from the Communication Office and IT have worked since the redesign enhance navigation and content on the City's website. For instance, we just met with a representative from the Disability Commission on Friday to help us to understand better accessibility improvements that need to be made to the site. The website is very much a work in progress and we will continue to try to address ways to improve it.

Thanks,

Lisa Wondrash

Communications Unit Manager
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2805 S. Industrial, Ste. 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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Think Green! Don't print this email unless you need to.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 7:08 PM
To: Rainey, Dan; Crawford, Tom
Cc: Fraser, Roger
Subject: Website

This is a comment from the employee website for budget successions. This is a suggestion about the City website with which I agree, and several other Councilmembers have made the same comment. There should be one drop-down, not multiple drop-downs.

If a resident or visitor goes to the A2 web site, they are confronted with drop-down menus of City services and City departments. Are they really supposed to know the difference?

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Wolford, Louise

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:31 AM
To: Miller, Jayne
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Jones, Barnett; Wilkerson, Robyn; Anglin, Mike; Derezinski, Tony; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: City of Ann Arbor Economic Recovery Submission

Dear Jayne,

If there is a narrative that should accompany this, or any sense of priority designation, I would appreciate that, as well.

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
 (734)995-3518
 (734)484-3600 x 237 (work)

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Fri 1/30/2009 2:26 PM
To: 'inventory@michigan.gov'
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Jones, Barnett; Wilkerson, Robyn; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezinski, Tony; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Subject: City of Ann Arbor Economic Recovery Submission

Governor, attached is the City of Ann Arbor's economic recovery stimulus project list on behalf of Mayor John Hieftje.

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Sabra

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Ristenbatt, Phil
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:41 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Computer

Bummer. Can I have it again today? ~ Phil

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 7:31 PM
To: Ristenbatt, Phil
Subject: Computer

The Sprint dial-up doesn't work. I get an "Error 797" report. That happened both at home and someplace else. I am using unsecured wireless networks to log in.

Wolford, Louise

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To: Greden, Leigh; McCormick, Sue
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Subject: RE: CARoundabout @ Huron Pky/Nixon

The roundabout at the Oakland County has "multiple" lanes with very high traffic volume! Our roundabout is the simplest kind with one lane only, and modest amount of traffic. The stop buttons have not been necessary at the single lane roundabouts, and not installed in any location that we know of.

If you'd like we will respond to the resident with more details and copy you in the next 48 hours. Thank you.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:16 AM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: Date of City/U-M dinner

Great! I'll confirm your reservation. -C

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

From: Carsten Hohnke [mailto:chohnke@a2gov.org]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 11:28 PM
To: Schopieray, Christine
Subject: Re: Date of City/U-M dinner

I'll be there. Thanks, Christine.

-- Carsten

Schopieray, Christine wrote:

>
> Good afternoon to all,
> Many of you have requested the date be sent to you by email. The City
> /U-M dinner will be held on Wednesday February 18th at 6pm. The
> location is at Paesano's Restaurant on Washtenaw Avenue.
>
> Please let me know if you will be in attendance.
> Sincerely,
> Christine
>
>
> Christine Schopieray
> Assistant to the Mayor
> City of Ann Arbor
> 734-794-6161 x41602
>

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Carsten Hohnke
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Neither SB nor MA responded to Rapundalo's email. He was going to talk to IT to trace the email, but I don't think he's done so.

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Sent: Sun 2/1/2009 8:44 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Re: Farmers Market Renovations

Maybe he knows someone on Council.

Has Rapundalo heard from the leaker?

Sent from my iPhone.

On Feb 1, 2009, at 7:46 PM, "Greden, Leigh" <L.Greden@a2gov.org> wrote:

How does he know this already?????

From: glenn thompson [mailto:████████████████████]
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Subject: Farmers Market Renovations

Mayor and Council;

I encourage you to support Jayne Miller's recommendation to table the resolution to transfer additional funds to the Becket and Rader contract and to increase the project budget to \$ 2 million.

I would also encourage Council provide direction for greater vendor and citizen input on this project in the future. As the chair of the Park Advisory Commission noted, there has not been any real opportunity for public input on this project in the last four or five years. I think this has been detrimental to the project.

Glenn Thompson
████████████████████

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

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Subject: RE: City of Ann Arbor Economic Recovery Submission

That's too bad. I had thought that we had done the engineering work, and that we were just waiting for funding decisions before we could move ahead. When will we be moving forward with this, and where does the funding stand right now?

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 2:55 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Miller, Jayne
Cc: Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Jones, Barnett; Wilkerson, Robyn; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezinski, Tony; Greden, Leigh; Hohnke, Carsten; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
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John's correct. For these infrastructure submittals, the guideline is that they are shovel ready in 90 days.

Roger
734-794-6110

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 11:18 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Teall, Margie; Miller, Jayne
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I believe these need to be projects that are already designed and ready to go.

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Am I missing something, or why do I not see the Stadium Bridges project on here? -Margie

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Governor, attached is the City of Ann Arbor's economic recovery stimulus project list on behalf of Mayor John Hieftje.

Jayne Miller

Community Services Area Administrator

City of Ann Arbor

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Please note my new phone number.

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Wolford, Louise

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From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:09 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: FW: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

John-
Do you want to address this inquiry? Please advise. -C

From: Wondrash, Lisa
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:04 AM
To: Schopieray, Christine
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

Hi Christine:
Could you assist in answering and/or getting this question in front of the Mayor? I don't have any information on this topic to assist this student with information.
Thanks,
Lisa

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]] **On Behalf Of** Jesse Worker
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Wondrash, Lisa
Cc: Joe Donlin
Subject: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

Hi,

I am third year masters student in the Ford School of Public Policy, as well as the School of Natural Resources and Environment, and I had a question related to our sister city relationship with Dakar Senegal. I contacted the Mayor directly, since he his an honorary professor here, but he has not had the chance to respond.

I am an organizer and participant on this year's "International Economic Development Project", which is an annual active learning course at the Ford School where 25 students and two professors travel to a developing country to do policy analysis on development policies ranging from health, economic, social, and environmental. Our students hail from policy, natural resources, business, public health, and engineering. We are doing our research and legwork now and we will be going to Dakar for the last week of February (more commonly known as "Winter Break"). We wanted to touch base with the city to find out more about our sister relationship and what our being representatives of Ann Arbor could mean for the city.

Here is the website of the project so you can get an idea of what past groups have done.
<http://www.umich.edu/~ipolicy/app/FAQ.htm>

Thank you,

Jesse Worker

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:10 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: CUB- Ypsi schools article

Here is the article to which I referred in my last email. I suggest you ask the Bldg Trades to respond when you meet with them. We primarily use union labor, but a 5% increase in our \$200m CIP equals \$10m.

**Board picks union labor
 Choice adds nearly \$200,000 to Ypsilanti schools project costs
 1/13/2009**

The Ann Arbor News

The Ypsilanti Public Schools board added almost \$200,000 to renovation costs at three of the district's elementary schools when it decided to ignore several low bidders in order to give the contracts to unionized companies.

The board went against the recommendations of the district's building team on 11 contract awards made at Monday night's board meeting. That added \$187,439, or 5 percent, to the project cost for work to be done this summer at Adams, Chapelle and Erickson elementary schools.

The district will now pay \$3,946,743 for the work, which includes drywalling, carpentry, painting and electrical work at the schools. The work is part of a bond project passed by voters in 2007. The board's moves came after several members from a variety of labor unions spoke during the public comment session. They reminded the board that union members had not only voted for the bonds, but had also purchased radio ads in support of the move.

"As we look toward an enhancement millage in the future, be sure (to remember) that union workers vote," teachers union President Kelly Powers told the board.

There was little dissension amongst board members about making the changes.

"If we can afford to do it, why wouldn't we?" said Trustee Kira Berman. "I think we're investing in our community."

At Adams, the project grew by just over 3 percent to a total cost of \$1,530,170.

At Chapelle, it grew by about 3.5 percent to \$935,323.

At Erickson, it grew by about 8 percent to \$1,481,250.

Several speakers during public commentary said more than 200 local union electricians are out of work and could use the contracts.

Board members said using union workers would, in addition to putting local people to work, raise the quality of the work in the projects.

The one note of caution about making the changes came from Trustee Floyd Brumfield.

"Some of these changes bring to mind, are we spending wisely? We must utilize some restraint in spending this money."

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In the end, the vote to make the changes was unanimous.

District administrators said they would analyze the impact of the changes on the overall budget and report back to the school board at the Feb. 9 meeting.

David Jesse can be reached at djesse@annarbornews.com or at 734-994-6937. Join the discussion at blog.mlive.com/study_hall.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:11 AM

To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A

Subject: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Hi Jackie:

Could you please prepare and submit a resolution for tonight appointing Kirk Westphal to the Environmental Commission as the representative from the Planning Commission. Kirk has expressed interest, and has run it by the Planning Commission already. He is replacing Ron Emaus. Carsten and I are the sponsors.

Thanks!

-Margie

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:15 AM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: Vote NO on Police Court no-bid construction contract

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Sun 2/1/2009 7:43 PM
To: 'Tracy Skinner'
Subject: RE: Vote NO on Police Court no-bid construction contract

Ms. Skinner-

Although I am not your Councilmember, I am a member of the Building Committee, so please allow me to respond to your e-mail.

Unfortunately, your e-mail is riddled with misinformation.

Your e-mail subject line refers to a "no-bid" contract. The construction manager contract was open for bid, the City received several bids, and Clark Construction was chosen as the lowest cost responsible bidder.

Separate elevators in the Courthouse are required to meet State judicial facility design guidelines. In fact, a recent study by the State listed poor security as the number one problem facing the current facility. All new courthouses have separate elevators for the public, the individuals accused of a crime, and the staff/Judges. This is known as the "three-corridor" design. It ensures the safety of the public and staff by segregating them from dangerous individuals accused of crimes. It appears you may have seen an e-mail or other written material criticizing this approach; the author of that document is clearly uninformed about this project and about the fundamental basics of judicial building design. I apologize that you may have been given such flagrant misinformation.

President Obama, Democrats in Congress, Democrats in Lansing, and even most Republican Governors and several Republican Senators all agree that public infrastructure projects are vital to improving the economy. It's a centerpiece of the President's economic program. The argument that we should delay this project because of the bad economic times is therefore directly contrary to the fundamental economic theory guiding all levels of government at this time.

This project will not raise taxes. It has a self-sufficient budget. It has been well-documented that it will save taxpayer funds by ending skyrocketing lease payments to outside landlords and centralizing City functions. Indeed, the vote tomorrow sets a guaranteed maximum price which is within the budget we have had in place for over one year. Few other governments can consistently build important public projects on time and on or under budget, but the City of Ann Arbor does it regularly, and we will do so again with this project.

-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

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

From: Tracy Skinner [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 11:48 AM
To: Briere, Sabra; Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Greden, Leigh
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Vote NO on Police Court no-bid construction contract

Dear Council Members,

These are horrible economic times. Our mortgage is higher than the value of our house. Our SEV is far higher than the actual value of our house. It is an outrage that the City of Ann Arbor is even contemplating, much less close to authorizing, spending \$47+ million of our tax dollars and bond indebtedness on a new building at this time.


I know it is tempting to go for a cool new ecologically-friendly building. I know the city needs it and has needed it for years. But now? The fact is that Ann Arbor cannot afford it right now -- the taxpayers footing the bill can't afford it right now.

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Does the contract guarantee employment for Ann Arbor residents as construction workers?. Why is the construction company located in Lansing? Does the contract require employment of 100% workers who are Michigan citizens? If not, why not?

If the project is inevitable, can't money be saved by cutting out separate elevators for the judges. They never had that and don't need it now.

Please vote NO.

Thank you,
Tracy Skinner
Richard Amick
2779 Holyoke Lane
Ann Arbor, MI 48103


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Wolford, Louise

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To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: Email response re PD

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Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 9:56 AM
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Ms. Ulrich-

Thank you for writing about this important topic. Unfortunately, your e-mail is riddled with misinformation. It appears you may have been sent an e-mail or other written document from someone opposed to this project. As explained below, the information you received is blatantly false.

In your e-mail, you allege that the project has not received competitive bids. This is a blatant lie. The selection of the construction manager was open for bid, the City received several bids, and Clark Construction was chosen as the lowest cost responsible bidder. The same process was used earlier to select the project architect. I know this because I helped review the bids that the City received for both positions. All bids for construction have also been open for competitive bidding since Day #1.

Your e-mail also refers to the use of general funds. Not one dime of general fund operating money is being used for this project. On the contrary, the project has a self-sufficient budget. It has been well-documented that it will save taxpayer funds by ending skyrocketing lease payments to outside landlords and by centralizing City functions. If we accepted your solution and voted no, we would need to re-negotiate a new lease for Court space with the County -- something the County has said they will not do. But even if we could reach such an agreement with the County, the County has told us, in writing, that the City's lease payment to the County would increase dramatically. Those lease payments ARE made with General Fund dollars. In other words, delaying this project would require us to divert money away from general fund operations -- parks, police, and human services - in order to pay more money to the County for substandard space. That is not good public policy.

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I again apologize that you were given such glaring misinformation by someone in the public. I urge you to confront the author about their misrepresentations to you. As a voter and taxpayer, you deserve better.

Please feel free to write me again about this or any other matter.

-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

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Wolford, Louise

From: Carsten Hohnke [carsten@westpole.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:17 AM
To: Crawford, Tom
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John
Subject: General Fund Balance Forecast

Tom,

Wanted to give you a heads up that I may ask you during Council discussion tonight to give us your forecast of the general fund balance. And to provide an explanation for what we consider a "healthy" balance.

I've been hearing from folks that are concerned about the Municipal Center project's impact, and want the public to know that the balance will remain sound.

Thanks,
Carsten

--
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Wolford, Louise

From: Pirooz, Homayoon
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Cc: Higgins, Marcia

Subject: PD/Courts bidding process

Karen Sidney is telling people two things:

(1) She says the Construction Manager wasn't selected through competitive bidding. I know this is false. I remember the bid process. I think there were three bidders. Please send an e-mail to Council advising that you've heard of these rumors, and they are false. Please re-attach the original memo to Council in which we approved Clark, ASSUMING that memo lists the other bidders. If not, then just list the other bidders in the text of the e-mail.

(While you're at it, you might as well remind Council that the architect was also selected through competitive bidding. I believe we had a huge committee and rec'd over ten bids. You don't need as much detail here; just note that the architect was also selected through competitive bidding).

(2) She says Clark is not using proper competitive bidding to solicit bids from subcontractors. I believe this is also false. Please e-mail Council a brief description of Clark's process, its compliance with Human Rights/Living Wage, the fact that it's soliciting multiple bids and selecting the lowest responsible bidder, etc.

Ideally, this should all come in one email from Roger, but Bill should also be prepared to discuss it tonight if asked. Let's stay away from saying "Clark isn't obligated to follow our procedures." Although that might be technically true, it's a moot point if -- as I believe to be true -- they are effectively following our procedures.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:36 AM
To: Larcom, Kristen
Subject: RE: Kristen Larcom - upcoming dates out-of-office

Wow!! Sounds amazing!

[REDACTED]

Safe travels,

Christopher

From: Larcom, Kristen
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 10:28 AM
To: Miller, Jayne; Lloyd, Mark; Ellis, Jeff; McCormick, Sue; Cooper, Eli; Jones, Barnett; Seto, John; Campbell, Joe; Rankin, Michael; Petrak, Dave; Courtney, Michael; Fraser, Roger; Dempkowski, Angela A; Schopieray, Christine; *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Allen, Jane; Chambers, Susan; Elias, Abigail; Fales, Mary Joan; Frost, Christopher; Harris, Shawn; Higgins, Sara; Keyes, Robert; McDonald, Kevin; Niemela, Nancy; Postema, Stephen; West, Robert; Wolford, Louise; Zimmerman, Marylou
Subject: Kristen Larcom - upcoming dates out-of-office

This is just a heads up that I will be out of the office and most likely unreachable (in Moscow and Israel!!) from February 13 through February 27.

I hope none of you has anything urgent that you're waiting for me to respond on, but certainly let me know if you do as soon as possible.

Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:42 AM
To: Naud, Matthew; Stone, Nancy Y; Hohnke, Carsten; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Earth Hour 2009

Maybe some of you already know about this. Any thoughts about city participation this year? -Margie

Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2009 03:49:46 +0000
From: [REDACTED]
To: margleteall@hotmail.com
Subject: Earth Hour 2009

Hi Margie

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Colleen

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Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Schopieray, Christine; Wondrash, Lisa
Subject: RE: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

Hi:

I don't recall receiving anything from this student but I could have missed it or they may have mailed it to my UM address. I don't check that one very often.

Tell him I am sorry I missed his communication. Did he use city or UM email?

Also let him know that our relationship with Dakar is really in name only but we can supply him and his group a letter of introduction proclaiming them as official ambassadors of our city and this has proved helpful to others in the past.

John


From: Schopieray, Christine
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:09 AM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: FW: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

John-
Do you want to address this inquiry? Please advise. -C

From: Wondrash, Lisa
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:04 AM
To: Schopieray, Christine
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

Hi Christine:
Could you assist in answering and/or getting this question in front of the Mayor? I don't have any information on this topic to assist this student with information.
Thanks,
Lisa

Lisa Wondrash
Communications Unit Manager
City of Ann Arbor
2805 S. Industrial, Ste. 200
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]] **On Behalf Of** Jesse Worker
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Wondrash, Lisa
Cc: Joe Donlin
6/17/2009

Subject: Inquiry from the Ford School of Public Policy

Hi,

I am third year masters student in the Ford School of Public Policy, as well as the School of Natural Resources and Environment, and I had a question related to our sister city relationship with Dakar Senegal. I contacted the Mayor directly, since he his an honorary professor here, but he has not had the chance to respond.

I am an organizer and participant on this year's "International Economic Development Project", which is an annual active learning course at the Ford School where 25 students and two professors travel to a developing country to do policy analysis on development policies ranging from health, economic, social, and environmental. Our students hail from policy, natural resources, business, public health, and engineering. We are doing our research and legwork now and we will be going to Dakar for the last week of February (more commonly known as "Winter Break"). We wanted to touch base with the city to find out more about our sister relationship and what our being representatives of Ann Arbor could mean for the city.

Here is the website of the project so you can get an idea of what past groups have done.

<http://www.umich.edu/~ipolicy/app/FAQ.htm>

Thank you,

Jesse Worker

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:44 AM
To: Teall, Margie; Naud, Matthew; Stone, Nancy Y; Hohnke, Carsten; Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

We participated in a limited way last year after hearing about it two days in advance. We could probably do more this year.

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:42 AM
To: Naud, Matthew; Stone, Nancy Y; Hohnke, Carsten; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Earth Hour 2009

Maybe some of you already know about this. Any thoughts about city participation this year? -Margie

Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2009 03:49:46 +0000
From: [REDACTED]
To: margieteall@hotmail.com
Subject: Earth Hour 2009

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FYI

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Sun 2/1/2009 11:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: council resolution re. construction

Dear Mr. Ulrich,

Thank you very much for your email. I could not agree more that in these troubled times we need, more than ever, to be prudent and to think long-term about our City. Please be assured, however, that this is not a no-bid contract. The action before Council is to consider an amendment to an existing contract with Clark as Construction Manager to establish the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Police-Courts Building, a price that has been established by an array of competitive subcontractor bids conducted according to ordinary City procedures.

On the substance, please also know that the General Fund will not take a hit due to the cost of the Building; monies allocated to pay back the Bond are either offsets from monies that we would otherwise be paying to lease space from the County or dedicated DDA subsidies or Construction Fund reserves that are designated to capital improvements and are either legally or prudentially not suitable for transfer to the General Fund.

That said, with respect to snow, I very much share your concern about the state of the roads. If you should ever believe that a particular stretch is substandard, or that snow removal in a location has been conducted in an unacceptable manner (or not at all!), please do not hesitate to contact me promptly. I will do what I can at that point to have the problem addressed.

Kind regards,

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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Greetings Councilman Taylor,

I am a resident of Ann Arbor's third ward and would like to express my concern that the Ann Arbor City council is proposing to proceed on a major building project without having sought competitive bids. I can imagine no circumstances that would support this action. It is even less acceptable during a time of great financial stress. If the council is unable to see better uses for the general funds, I would be happy to share my experiences of not being able to pass oncoming traffic on the streets due to lack of snow removal. My mechanic recently reported I actually have a bent wheel on my car from all the potholes I hit on a daily basis. I am doing my best to hold onto my house and remain a resident of Ann Arbor and I would be proud to see the city help those who are losing their grasp on their homes. No project should proceed that has not been planned in a way that guarantees the best use of our tax dollars. Please vote against the resolution to give Clark Construction Company the \$35.9 million contract for the construction of the police / courts building.

Thank you,
Jan Ulrich

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"If we can afford to do it, why wouldn't we?" said Trustee Kira Berman. "I think we're investing in our community."

At Adams, the project grew by just over 3 percent to a total cost of \$1,530,170.

At Chapelle, it grew by about 3.5 percent to \$935,323.

At Erickson, it grew by about 8 percent to \$1,481,250.

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Several speakers during public commentary said more than 200 local union electricians are out of work and could use the contracts.

Board members said using union workers would, in addition to putting local people to work, raise the quality of the work in the projects.

The one note of caution about making the changes came from Trustee Floyd Brumfield.

"Some of these changes bring to mind, are we spending wisely? We must utilize some restraint in spending this money."

In the end, the vote to make the changes was unanimous.

District administrators said they would analyze the impact of the changes on the overall budget and report back to the school board at the Feb. 9 meeting.

David Jesse can be reached at djesse@annarbornews.com or at 734-994-6937. Join the discussion at blog.mlive.com/study_hall.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:51 AM
To: McCormick, Sue; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Hieftje, John; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: FW: Sidewalk clearance

Diane lives on Wells, I believe at the corner of Baldwin(?). This seems like a problem that the City created for her, and I don't know what the solution might be. I would like to find out where the other similar sites are, and what we can do to help. Thanks. -Margie

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

From: Diane Agresta [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 3:48 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Sidewalk clearance

Dear Margie,

I live on a corner lot where the city recently rebuilt the sidewalk to meet disability codes. In doing so, they built cement walls on either side of the walks. I hire Evergreen Maintenance to keep my public walkway clear. However, the company tells me that the width of the sidewalk has been restricted two inches shorter than the brushes of the snow removal equipment and that their machines cannot clear it. They indicated that there are a half dozen places that they clear where this is true and say that it is poor planning by the city. According to them, commercial sidewalk clearing machines all have brushes two inches wider than these "ramps". I am not in a position to clear the sidewalk myself and am wondering if there is a resolution to this problem. It seems that the city planners would have taken something like this in to consideration. For now, I'm putting down salt, but because I live near a school with high foot traffic, this isn't a solution. I might add that we are talking about almost forty feet of sidewalk.

I would appreciate anything you can do to help.

Thank you,
Diane Agresta

Wolford, Louise

From: Pirooz, Homayoon
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:52 AM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Cooper, Eli; Wheeler, William; Dempkowski, Angela A; Dereziński, Tony
Subject: FW: WATS mtng. on 2/3 to discuss transportation stimulus projects
Attachments: AA Transportation Stimulus Plan - January 29 2009.xls; AA WATS Stimulus TIP - January 29 2009.xls

The 2/3 meeting is the WATS Federal Aid Urban Subcommittee. The City of Ann Arbor is a member of the committee. I have been representing the City at the FACU for the past few years. The committee meets several times a year to, among other things, prioritize and plan for the regional projects using the Federal Aid monies available at any given time.

For the 2/3 meeting we have submitted the attach list of tentative projects, based on the criteria recommended by WATS.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 10:39 AM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; McCormick, Sue; Cooper, Eli; Wheeler, William; Pirooz, Homayoon
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Dereziński, Tony
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Kirk Profit called. WATS is having a multi-jurisdictional meeting on Tuesday 2/3 at 2pm (presumably at their office) to compile the various jurisdictions' transportation stimulus priorities. Each jurisdiction can send one person to the meeting. Kirk thinks we have someone going (perhaps Eli?), but we need to confirm that. The assigned attendee should follow-up with Teri Blakemore to confirm date, time, and location.

We need to clearly establish our priorities in advance of the meeting. I recommend Stadium Blvd. and bridges should be the top priority. We need to bring a long list; let's ask for everything we can, but make our priorities clear. The requests should be as specific as possible, including (1) description of project (e.g., re-paving of a specific street, repair of water/sewer lines, etc.); (2) emphasis on any green features (e.g., addition of bike lanes); (3) shovel-ready status; and (4) estimated cost. We need to be more specific than simply "annual street re-surfacing." This list can be the same one we submit to the State on the big spreadsheet that's due today. It's becoming clear that transportation is a high priority for the State, and we have access to Pam Byrnes, the Speaker Pro-Tem of the House who now chairs the Transportation Committee.

I'll also need our transportation stimulus list for a meeting I have with Rep. Byrnes on Friday 2/6.

Thanks.

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WATS FY 2008 - 2011 TIP FY09 Amendments 2nd Call

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2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	E. Stadium Blvd. Emergency Bridge Repairs	E. Stadium Bridge over S. State Street	0.02	Bridge Repairs	Replace Damaged Bridge Beams and Substructure Patching	PE,CON		350				150		500	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Geddes/Earhart Intersection Improvement	Intersection	0.00	Reconstruct	Construct roundabout at intersection & contribution to ped path over US-23	CON						750		750	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw Non Motorized Path	Glenwood to Tuomy	1.10	Non-Motorized	Non-Motorized Path	CON		240	STU	539	TEA	28		806	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Washtenaw Non Motorized Path	Glenwood to Tuomy	1.10	Non-Motorized	Non-Motorized Path	CON	YES	220	STU					220	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	West Stadium	650' East of Pauline to 500' East of Seventh	0.78	Reconstruct	Reconstruct Roadway	CON		1,195	STU			3,515	CITY	4,710	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	West Stadium	650' East of Pauline to 500' East of Seventh	0.78	Reconstruct	Reconstruct Roadway	CON	YES	1,810	STU					1,810	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Packard Rd Signal Interconnect	Eisenhower to Stadium	1.46	Traffic Operations	Signal Interconnect to reduce delays and air pollution and increase reliability in the signal system	CON						675		675	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Connector Feasibility Study	Plymouth/State from US-23 to I-94 via downtown	9.00	Corridor Study	Study will guide future designs along the corridors to enhance access, alt transportation and reduce congestion	EPE		160				480		640	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Non-Motorized Improvements	various	TBD	Non-Motorized	Striping Bike Lanes & installing signage	CON		50	STU			100		150	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Pedestrian Signal Upgrades	various	NA	Traffic Operations	Replace existing pedestrian signals with countdown signals	T-Cap						1,280		1,280	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Illuminated Street Name Signs	various	NA	Traffic Operations	Replace existing street name signs with illuminated signs	T-Cap						1,375		1,375	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Sidewalk Gap Program	various	TBD	Non-Motorized	Install sidewalk to fill gaps and complete system	PE,ROW,CON						100		100	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Major Street Resurfacing	Citywide	NA	Resurface	Resurfacing of major streets	PE,CON						4,000		4,000	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Sidewalk Ramp Replacements	Citywide	NA	Non-Motorized	Replace ramps to meet ADA Standards	PE,CON						560	CITY	560	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Non-Motorized System Capital Maintenance	Citywide	NA	Non-Motorized	Repair to existing non-motorized paths	CON						1,000		1,000	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Street Surface Treatments	Citywide	NA	Surface Treat	Surface Seal and Crack Seal roads to extend pavement life	CON						200		200	
2009	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Geddes Ave Retaining Wall	Hickory to Gallup Park	0.15	Safety	Install guardrail, retaining wall, non-mo path and improve pvmt surface	PE,CON						800		800	

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2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Ann Arbor-Saline/Eisenhower Intersection	Eisenhower to City Limits	0.36	Resurface	Resurface Roadway	PE,CON						1,000	CITY	1,000	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Miller Ave Improvements	Main St to Chapin	0.25	Reconstruct	Reconstruct Roadway	PE,CON						930	CITY	930	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	Plymouth Rd	Nixon to City Limits	0.95	Resurface	Resurface Roadway	PE,CON						2,000		2,000	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	East Stadium Bridge	over State Street	0.10	Reconstruct	Replace bridge	CON		2,298			MCS	4,307	CITY	6,605	
2010	Washtenaw	Ann Arbor	East Stadium Bridge	over State Street	0.10	Bridge replacement	replace bridge	CON		2,298				4,307	CITY	6,605	
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2009	Washtenaw	AATA/AA	Washtenaw Ave Bus Pull Offs	Stadium to US-23	0.00	Transit	Install bus pulloffs on Washtenaw Avenue	PE,CON						100		100	
2009	Washtenaw	AATA/AA	N. University Transit Center	Fletcher to Church	0.16	Transit	Transit Center improvements and road resurfacing	CON						1,250		1,250	

City of Ann Arbor Transportation Stimulus Plan - List of Prioritized Projects
29-Jan-09

Projects that could be Obligated or Under Contract within 180 days of Enactment

Project Name	Total	Fed Funds	Add'l Money	
	Estimated Cost*	Currently Program'd**	Needed	
1 Stadium Bridge over State St Repairs	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	Urgent
2 Geddes Road/Earhart Improvements	\$750,000	\$0	\$750,000	Joint Agency (MDOT, AA, WCRC, WCParks, AATwp) + Motorized & Non-Motorized elements
3 Washtenaw Non Motorized Path	\$1,600,000	\$998,527	\$601,473	STP FY09 \$239,716 + STP FY10 \$220,294 + Enhancement \$538,527
4 W. Stadium (Pauline to Seventh)	\$6,520,000	\$3,004,947	\$3,515,053	STP FY09 \$1,194,904 + FY10 \$1,810,043
5 Packard Rd Signal Interconnect	\$675,000	\$0	\$675,000	Design complete
6 Connector Feasibility Study - AA/AADA Share	\$640,000	\$0	\$640,000	Study could begin immediately (\$160K each from AA, AATA, UM, STP)
7 Non-Motorized System Improvements/Expansion	\$150,000	\$50,080	\$99,920	Pavement Markings and Signage - STP FY10 \$50,080
8 Pedestrian Signal Upgrades	\$1,280,000	\$0	\$1,280,000	
9 Illuminated Street Name Signs	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$1,375,000	
10 Sidewalk Gap Program	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	
TOTAL	\$14,490,000	\$4,053,554	\$10,436,446	

Projects that could be Under Contract within 365 days of Enactment

1 2010 Major Resurfacing (locations vary)	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000	
2 ADA Ramp Replacements	\$560,000	\$0	\$560,000	Mandated by Consent Order
3 Non-Motorized System Capital Maintenance	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	
4 Street Surface Trmts - Surface Sealing & Crack Sealing	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	Asset Management
TOTAL	\$5,760,000	\$0	\$5,760,000	
Other Agency				
1 AATA Bus Pull Outs	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Joint Agency Project (AATA, AA)
2 N. University Transit Center	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$1,250,000	Joint Agency Project (AATA, UM, AA)
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1 E. Stadium Bridges	\$26,420,000	\$0	\$26,420,000	Build in 2011
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4 Miller Ave Improvements (Main to Chapin)	\$930,000	\$0	\$930,000	
5 Plymouth Rd Resurfacing (Nixon to City Limit)	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000	
TOTAL	\$31,150,000	\$0	\$31,150,000	

* Total Estimated Costs include all costs; design, inspection, testing, construction, etc for road share only

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Jacqueline Beaudry
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734-794-6140 (p)
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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:04 AM
To: 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: RE: CUB- Ypsi schools article

True enough: The reality is that there are few construction trade union members who live in A2, and they are not all working for the same companies, nowhere near enough to handle a large project. Then you get into a debate on how to determine who is "local" --- If they come from Washtenaw County? From within 40 miles? From Michigan? Or, is it which union local they belong to that matters?

For the electrical union leadership this is probably it.

It seems like the more we narrow the possibilities it seems like the fewer bids we will get although they say that it just means the management companies have to include local subs but they probably do that anyway when the prices are competitive but that's the rub....

From: Greden, Leigh R. [mailto:greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:53 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Derezinski, Tony
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Very true. But that begs the question: what's wrong with our current practice of using union labor? I understand the argument about *local* union labor, but as you have pointed out, most of the people in question do not live in the City. As you know, I support this concept, but I want the arguments in favor of it to be based on intellectual honesty.

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

From: Hieftje, John [mailto:JHieftje@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:48 AM
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There is a difference: Here it sounds like the choice was between union and non-union and that is the reason for the spread. The non-union guys don't get benefits etc. Our choice is different, we use union but maybe not always the most local union workers. I doubt the spread would be this large for us.

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To: Hieftje, John; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: CUB- Ypsi schools article

Here is the article to which I referred in my last email. I suggest you ask the Bldg Trades to respond when you meet with them. We primarily use union labor, but a 5% increase in our \$200m CIP equals \$10m.

**Board picks union labor
Choice adds nearly \$200,000 to Ypsilanti schools project costs
1/13/2009**

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The Ann Arbor News

The Ypsilanti Public Schools board added almost \$200,000 to renovation costs at three of the district's elementary schools when it decided to ignore several low bidders in order to give the contracts to unionized companies.

The board went against the recommendations of the district's building team on 11 contract awards made at Monday night's board meeting. That added \$187,439, or 5 percent, to the project cost for work to be done this summer at Adams, Chapelle and Erickson elementary schools.

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WOLFORD, LOUISE

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From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:06 AM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Courthouse Square Detioration

FYI

From: s. a. long [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:58 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezsinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Cc: DDA; housingbureauforseniors@umich.edu; info@mainstreetannarbor.org
Subject: Courthouse Square Detioration

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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:08 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; Wheeler, William; McCormick, Sue; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Police/Courts Building

You will be asked each and every one of these questions tonight. Be prepared.

From: Karen Sidney [mailto:]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 11:09 AM
To: Briere, Sabra; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Derezinski, Tony; Smith, Sandi; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten; Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: Police/Courts Building

Mayor Hieftje and Members of Council

I oppose moving forward with the police/courts building because of the poor economy. I think the project should be put on hold until the economy has recovered.

If you do decide to move forward with this project, there are some questions that should be answered before approving a construction contract.

Project funding includes \$3 million from the sale of First and Washington. Has the developer secured financing and, if so, are there conditions like pre-leasing? If the sale does not close, what is the source of funds to replace this \$3 million?

The last plans shown the public included 12,020 square feet of undetailed space in Larcom for HR, public services and customer service, now housed in 16,000 sq feet at city center building. Have detailed drawings been completed for the first and sixth floor of Larcom showing how these departments will be accommodated in less space?

What is the source of funds to operate the new building? The leases for the space at city center building and the county building include utilities and operating costs. An appendix dated 8/28/06 to a Quinn Evans report estimated the annual operating costs for an energy efficient 90,000 sq foot building at about \$334,000. This does not include additional costs for court security. It costs about \$450,000 per year to operate the Wheeler center. Is there a new source of revenue to cover these operating costs or will the courts and police be asked to make budget cuts?

The cost schedule in the proposed contract with Clark Construction indicates that furnishings are not included in owner costs. Prior cost schedules included furnishings as part of owner costs. Is the plan to use existing furnishings? If not, what is the estimated cost of furniture and what is the source of funds to pay for it?

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Making changes after construction has started is very expensive. The fact that more cuts need to be identified indicates that the drawings are not final. How many drawings will need to be changed and will Clark require additional compensation to implement these changes?

Karen Sidney

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Wolford, Louise

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To: Smith, Sandi
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I think this is 1st Ward? If so, I suggest you schedule a resident mtng for all residents. You can discuss general City issues, in addition to their specific concerns (most of which fall outside the City's control). Good P.R. for you. They all vote over there.

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:14 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark
Cc: 'mikeanglin07@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Walgreens
Attachments: councilmananglinquestion3.pdf

Hello Mark,

I receive this information from a resident in Ward 5. I recall from watching the Planning Commissions on this site and having some personal information about the same that there was little discussion about design. I would like you to take a look at this information and let me know is it too late to influence the site plan and recommendations?

I recall that there was a discussion to the effect that this area is one of the "gateways to the community" and as such there should be particular attention given.

Thanks Mike Anglin

From: michael anglin [mailto:mikeanglin07@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:00 AM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Fwd: Walgreens

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From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Jan 31, 2009 at 4:30 PM
Subject: Walgreens
To: "Anglin, Mike" <MAnglin@a2gov.org>, "Anglin, Mike" <mikeanglin07@gmail.com>

Hello Mike

Give me a call when you can.

Thanks

Mike
[REDACTED]

--
Mike Anglin
Councilman 5th Ward
Ann Arbor
549 South First Street

741-9786(home)

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Dear Councilman Mike Anglin,

As one of your constituents I'd like to find out more regarding the Walgreens project at Maple / Jackson.

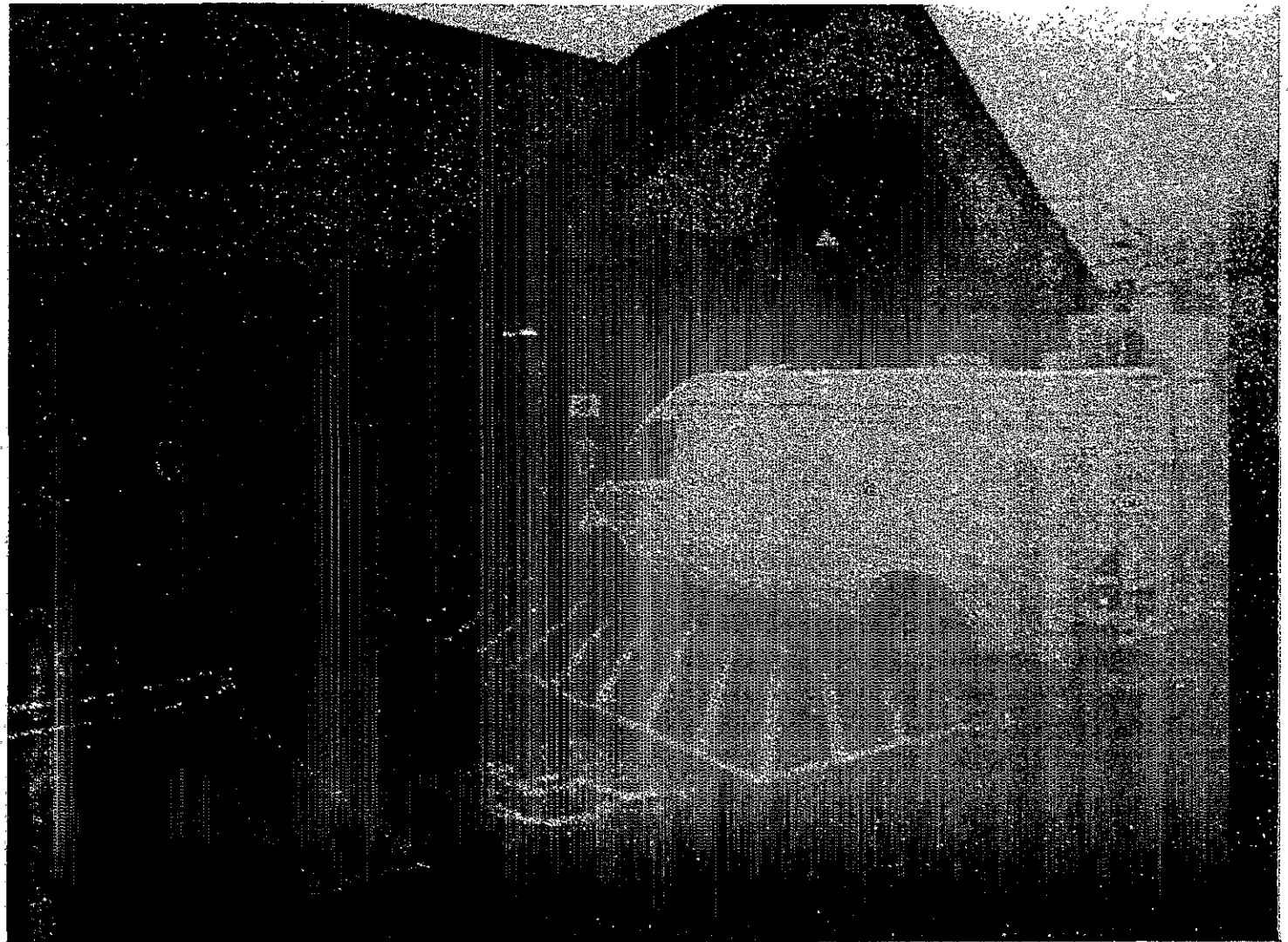
- Given that the current site plan calls for barrier-free parking clustered around both sides of a 45 degree pedestrian way...

- and given that the parking is often in a vehicle similar to the one shown at right

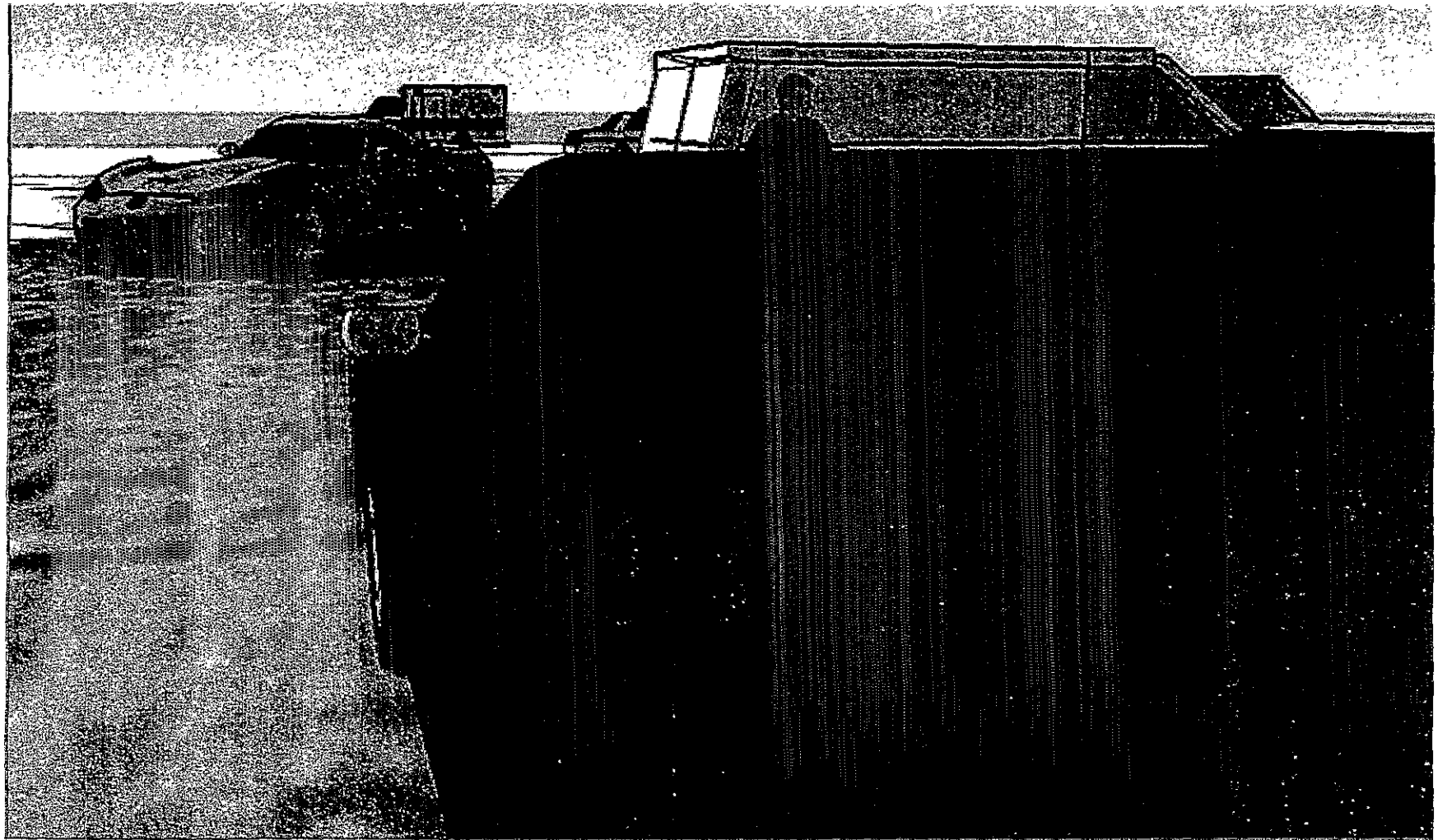
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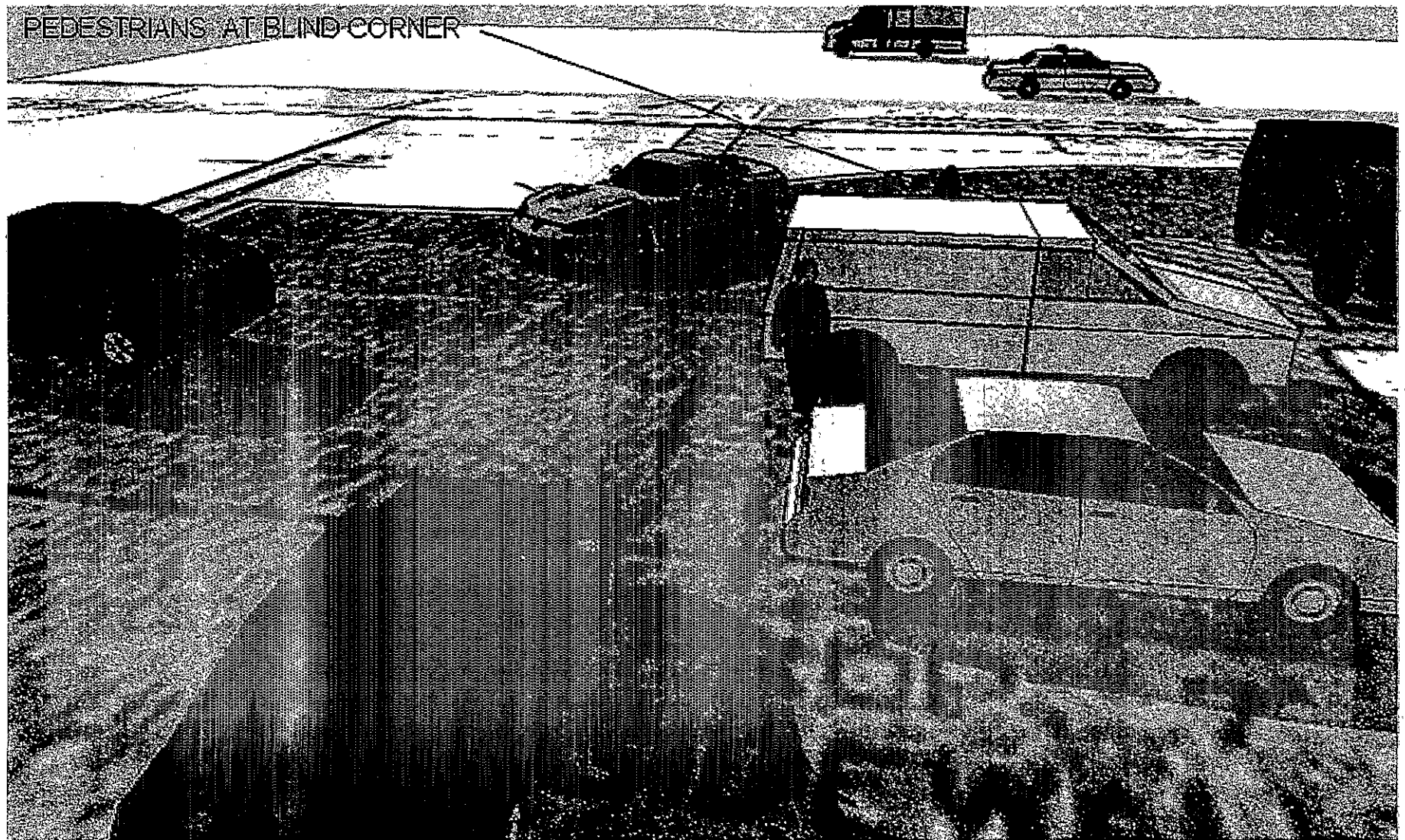
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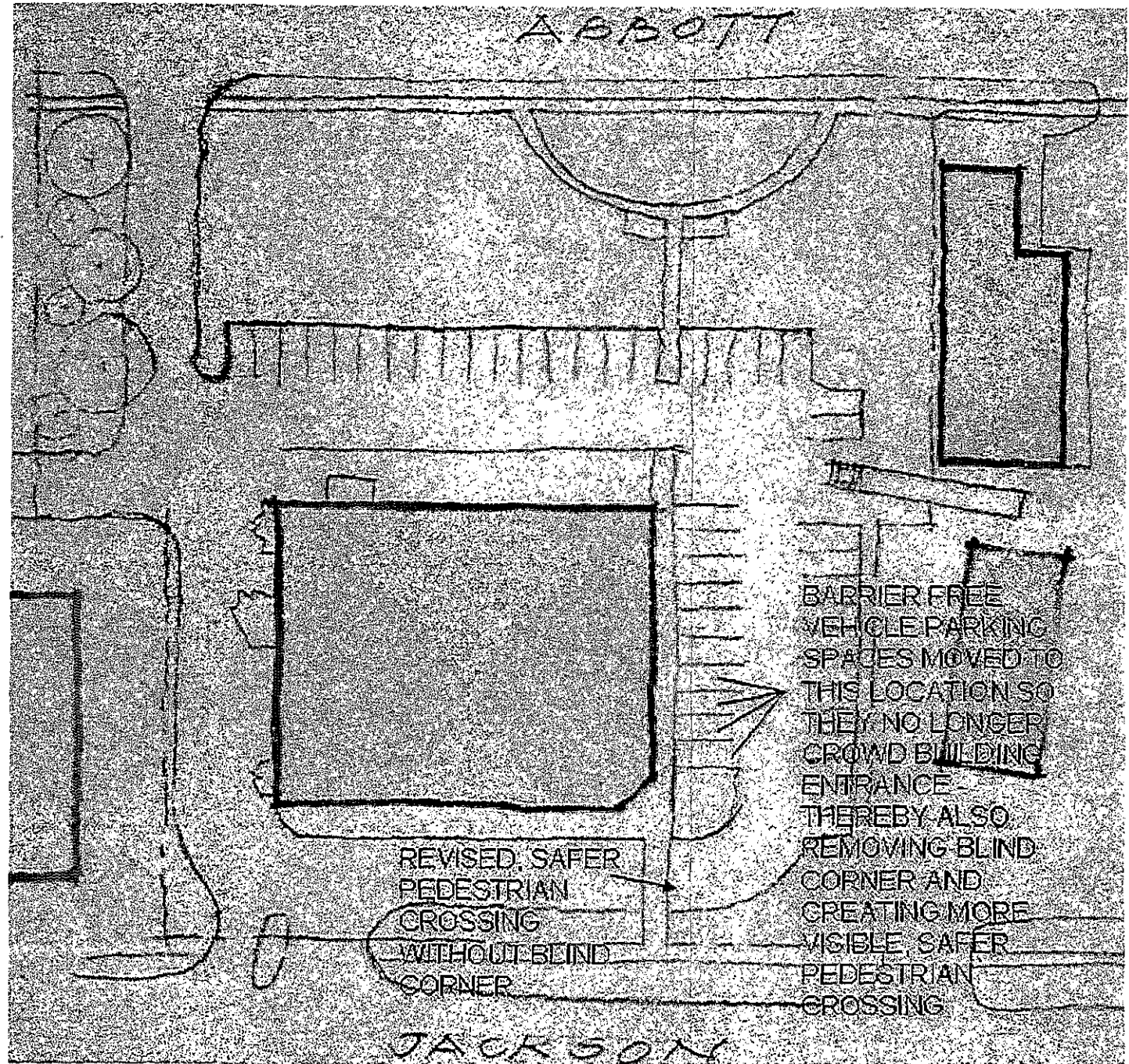
And given that such a situation would totally obscure a pedestrian in the pedestrian way (See image below.)



And given that the current site plan could be made safer by configuring the pedestrian - traffic interface differently



What would be wrong with reconfiguring the site plan as shown and noted at right in this proposed revised site plan which would allow for greater safety by eliminating the blind condition at corner ?



PROPOSED REVISED SITE PLAN

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From: Allen, Amanda

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Amanda Allen
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Subject: RE: CIP

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Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 8:13 PM
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Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

Hello:

I am sorry to hear that your wife Heather encountered these problems on her visit to Ann Arbor. Many people come in from outside of Ann Arbor to work in the downtown area so at peak times parking can be short supply. Steps are being taken to build more parking with a major new structure project coming before council later this month.

It is possible to pay tickets at City Hall without the fee and mailing in a ticket does not entail a fee but so far we have not found a credit card payment service that is compatible with other systems in use that does not charge a fee. This is being worked on.

We do have very good bus service and I suggest that should you be coming into town in the future, you might consider using a park and ride lot and taking the bus downtown. Otherwise it might be good to plan on parking a little further away from the center of campus during peak times.

Again, I am sorry to hear this happened and I do hope you will visit again.

John Hieftje
 Mayor of Ann Arbor

From: Stu Sokolowski [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:44 PM
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Dear Mayor Hieftje

My wife Heather visited Ann Arbor on Friday with our son and some classmates from Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) in Novi to see the Sphinx concert at Hill Auditorium (I believe) in the early afternoon. *After dropping the children off at the auditorium, she spent THE NEXT 1 HOUR looking for a place to park. She went through parking garages, up and down streets, and even stopped a meter person to ask for help who told her "you won't find a parking spot now."*

By the time she did find a spot and walk the considerable distance to the event, she was seated in time to see the LAST PERSON PERFORM. Then, when she returns to her car, there was a parking ticket attached. She put enough money in the meter to cover the time but was confused about which meter was actually hers. Since I wasn't there and didn't see the actual spot, I think she may have put \$ in a meter that wasn't hers. To make matters worse, when she called to complain, everything is automated. YOU CAN'T EVEN SPEAK TO A PERSON. On top of that, there is a \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE to pay your ticket! What's convenient about that?

Clearly, Ann Arbor does not have enough parking spots. What is being done about that? If you want people to visit and have an enjoyable time in your city, there should be enough places for the to park.

Second, charging a CONVENIENCE FEE to pay for a parking ticket is RIDICULOUS!!! That is the height of government insensitivity. There's no one you can even talk to. Just pay the piper or the amount owed will keep growing.

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Well, we paid the \$10 fee and the 3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE this morning, but this event has left a very bad impression on us of Ann Arbor and its city government. We leave Ann Arbor feeling that it's government is very impersonal and autocratic.

If you care to look into this matter, the citation # is: 5040021705. The ticket was given by Officer Casabianca, ID # 826.

Thank you for your time.

-- Stu

Stuart J. Sokolowski
2081 Pauls Way
Commerce Twp., MI 48390
[REDACTED]

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:46 PM
To: Schopieray, Christine
Cc: Hieftje, John; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: Tentative: discussing partnerships between the City & Townships

Not sure I can make it, but I will try.

Wolford, Louise

From: Smith, Sandi
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To: Greden, Leigh
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This is a fine example of the fact that not only do we need more parking downtown, but that we need to address enforcement issues as well.

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

From: Stu Sokolowski [mailto:██████████]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:43 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezhinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

Dear Mayor Hieftje

My wife Heather visited Ann Arbor on Friday with our son and some classmates from Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) in Novi to see the Sphinx concert at Hill Auditorium (I believe) in the early afternoon. *After dropping the children off at the auditorium, she spent THE NEXT 1 HOUR looking for a place to park. She went through parking garages, up and down streets, and even stopped a meter person to ask for help who told her "you won't find a parking spot now."*

By the time she did find a spot and walk the considerable distance to the event, she was seated in time to see the LAST PERSON PERFORM. Then, when she returns to her car, there was a parking ticket attached. She put enough money in the meter to cover the time but was confused about which meter was actually hers. Since I wasn't there and didn't see the actual spot, I think she may have put \$ in a meter that wasn't hers. To make matters worse, when she called to complain, everything is automated. YOU CAN'T EVEN SPEAK TO A PERSON. On top of that, there is a \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE to pay your ticket! What's convenient about that?

Clearly, Ann Arbor does not have enough parking spots. What is being done about that? If you want people to visit and have an enjoyable time in your city, there should be enough places for the to park.

Second, charging a CONVENIENCE FEE to pay for a parking ticket is RIDICULOUS!!! That is the height of government insensitivity. There's no one you can even talk to. Just pay the piper or the amount owed will keep growing.

Well, we paid the \$10 fee and the 3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE this morning, but this event has left a very bad impression on us of Ann Arbor and its city government. We leave Ann Arbor feeling that its government is very impersonal and autocratic.

If you care to look into this matter, the citation # is: 5040021705. The ticket was given by Officer Casabianca, ID # 826.

Thank you for your time.

-- Stu

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Stuart J. Sokolowski
2081 Pauls Way
Commerce Twp., MI 48390
[REDACTED]

Wolford, Louise

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: RE:

got it.

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
First Ward
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From: Allen, Amanda
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:48 PM
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6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:41 PM
To: Crawford, Tom
Cc: 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: Police/Courts contract NOT a caucus question.

Tom:

If the council were to say tonight that the police courts project would be put off for a year (basically any delay of more than a couple of months would push it into the next construction season) what would the city be leaving on the table?

\$4 Million for the architect fee's - plus?

What would the costs be regarding the bonds?

What other costs?

What else?

Short answers and quick estimates will suffice.

Thanks,

John

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:46 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Huron River mtng

Send him an email with the exact date and time. He probably only skims the general notices, and he now knows that this mtng needs to be on his radar b/c I discussed with him the importance of going.

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

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:38 PM
To: Greden, Leigh R.
Subject: RE: Huron River mtng

I've sent out plenty of notices already... there were about 80 people at the Saturday morning meeting.

From: Greden, Leigh R. [mailto:greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:48 PM
To: 'margie teall'; Teall, Margie
Subject: Huron River mtng

Check with John about Wednesday's mtng. He might be able to attend. If not, check with Marcia.

Leigh R. Greden
 Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone
 101 N. Main, 7th Floor
 Ann Arbor, MI 48104
 Voice: 734-668-7749
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Wolford, Louise

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Wolford, Louise

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To: Gwen Nystuen
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Police/Court Contract

Hi Gwen-

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-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

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Sincerely,
Gwen Nystuen

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Sincerely,
Gwen Nystuen

Wolford, Louise

From: Allen, Amanda
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:03 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE:

Thanks, Leigh. I had a lady call and claim that it didn't work, so I just tried it to see and it worked fine for me. Thanks again!

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:03 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: RE:

I received your email.

From: Allen, Amanda
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:48 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
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Amanda Allen
Clerk's Office-2nd floor
734-994-2725

Wolford, Louise

From: Allen, Amanda
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:06 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE:

Thanks!

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

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Allen, Amanda
Subject: RE:

got it.

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

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:07 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom
Cc: 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: Police/Courts Building should not go forward,

This is the fourth one we've gotten in the last hour, from: Gwen Nysuen, Ted Annis, Ellen Ramsburgh, Vince Caruso... expect one any moment from Alice Ralph, Pat Lesko, Luanne Bullington... I don't know who started this, but it's clearly an organized effort.

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:57 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Police/Courts Building should not go forward,

Mayor and Council,

With the economy in a 'Death Spiral' with no real end in plain sight, especially and sadly for Michigan, this is not the time for the city to undertake a major expenditure such as the Police/Courts building.

Seems from recent county communications and the economic conditions there is room to economize with the county on this problem.

The safety issues related to this project have been told to me to be over blown when the facts are examined closely.

If this is simply make work effort for the builders and unions it would be much more ethical to state it as such, although it would be much better to spend the funds in a more efficient manner for job creation.

No bid contracts should not be used for city projects, and if federal funds were to be used this would be illegal.

If this results in major city loss of services and massive layoffs, the 'bell will toll' for those who pushed this through with the clear knowledge that all economic predictions are a for a major downturn if not outright depression.

Like the Library work could be halted and the effort to date used at a later date.

Sincerely,
Vince Caruso
Rita Caruso
556 Glendale Cr.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Smith, Sandi; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: RE: Important notice
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

I'll be there.

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Thanks.

Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:16 PM
To: Hieftje, John; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Cc: Naud, Matthew
Subject: RE: Important notice

Great. I'll cc Matt, so that he can be ready for you speak a bit about your relationship to the river, should you so choose. Thanks John.

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Smith, Sandi; Derezinski, Tony
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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:17 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: RE: Important notice

It's on my calendar.

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

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Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:33 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: Police-Courts Building

Next. Have any of you been in touch with the County? Any idea why everyone is saying that they want to cooperate now?

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

From: Margaret Wong [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Derezinski, Tony; Smith, Sandi; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten; Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: Police-Courts Building

Dear Mayor Hieftje and City Council Members,

I am very concerned with the current status of the Police-Courts Building project. Given the current weakened economic conditions in Ann Arbor and in the entire state of Michigan, this is the time to make sure our community is making the most fiscally responsible decisions possible. Is the funding for this project fully secured and rock solid? Does the proposed budget reflect the true scope of the project? If the scope and design are likely to change after the start of construction, this only adds to the cost of a project and creates expensive delays. Does the City have a sure source for operating and "fit out" funds for this new building? I'm also disappointed to learn that the primary construction company and the subcontractors are not local entities. I know we have the talent right here in Ann Arbor to do projects like this--why was this a sole-source contract?

I understand that Washtenaw County is eager to engage in discussions with the City on ways to collaborate. In this time of severe economic constraints and very hard choices, I want to see my city government taking innovative measures. Finding ways to use existing facilities more efficiently and embarking on improved inter-governmental cooperation is innovative. Building expensive new buildings feels much less so. Until many crucial questions are answered regarding the Police-Courts Building, I cannot support this push to start the project as soon as possible. Please do our community the great and necessary service of taking the time to resolve key questions before approving a construction contract.

Thank you,
Margaret Wong
418 S. 1st St.

Elias, Abigail

Subject: Canceled: Liquor License Review Committee
Location: ConfRoom - Council Chambers

Start: Fri 2/6/2009 3:30 PM
End: Fri 2/6/2009 5:00 PM
Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Required Attendees: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Rapundalo, Stephen; Anglin, Mike; Derezinski, Tony; Fales, Mary Joan
Optional Attendees: Connelly, Jeff; Chamberlain, Kathleen; 'srapundalo@michbio.org'

Importance: High

Cancelled - see email sent on Friday, January 30.

Lack of agenda items.

Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:38 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Smith, Sandi; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: FW: city hall addition

Categories: Red Category

FYI:

Thank you for writing on this topic. I certainly understand your position on the police/courts building as I was for over a year in the minority on City Council in opposition to the new building. Three things happened to change my mind last spring.

- After months of conversation with County Leaders I was completely convinced the County was not going to back down on insisting the city courts leave the county courthouse. This has not changed.
- A financing plan was presented that will have minimal impact on the City's operating budget.
- \$4 million had already been spent on planning for the building.

Now there are new, compelling reasons to go forward:

We should not be motivated by fear. Given the changes in the local economy in the last few months it is clear that now is the time to build. Construction costs are down and putting people to work is imperative. Postponing or cancelling major projects at this time will only deepen the local recession. What if all local government entities cancelled major projects at this time?

As a strong supporter of President Obama and his economic stimulus package that will put people to work by funding infrastructure projects, I cannot help but believe in this project.

This project will provide good jobs for up to two hundred construction workers at a time when their industry is especially hard hit. Nearly 130 of those jobs will be for trade union workers employed for the whole two years of construction. This will sustain their families in these tough times and support other jobs in construction related industry.

In addition, millions of dollars will reverberate around the region spurring job growth and economic activity that is essential to our local economy.

The total already committed is now close to \$6 million. \$27.5 million in bonds dedicated to this project were sold last year at an advantageous interest rate. There would be a financial penalty if those funds are not used. The city cannot afford to leave this money on the table with nothing to show for it.

Although I can understand why you might believe this project should be put on hold there are clearly compelling reasons for going forward.

Further information follows:

The District Court lease will be up in 2010. The city is bound by state law to house the courts and the court building must meet state and federal standards for security and safety of judges and witnesses. The City has been studying this project for many years. An ordinary office building will not work for the courts.

Building a new Police Station has been a priority in the city plan for three decades. Every member of City Council agrees that the police need a new headquarters. I have yet to talk to a resident who has toured the police station who does not believe a new one is needed.

The city can stop paying \$700,000 per year and rising, in rent. The bond payments for the new Police/Courts building will be made largely from the rents saved from not having to rent the court space from the county and from moving other city operations from rented offices into the space opening up in the Larcom Building. Significant additional funding will come from the DDA.

This is a "green" project and it will achieve LEED Gold status. This will hold down operating costs as this building serves the city for several decades to come. The energy saving features alone will pay for themselves in just a few years.

Thank you very much for writing and for your interest in our city. If you would like to discuss this or any other issue, please call my office for an appointment during my weekly open office hours.

John Hieftje

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:42 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Important notice

What? Me too? Yuck. I'm tied up all day so I'm not available via phone for a while.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:41 PM
To: s. a. long
Cc: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Courthouse Square Detioration

Hello,
It is very unfortunate that Courthouse Square has become plagued with so many issues. It appears to be an ideal location for active seniors who choose to live independently. The changes that you describe in your building are not due to any policy changes at the city or the DDA, but perhaps for the managers or owners of the property.

I will investigate the options available to the City to improve the conditions of your living environment, although I suspect that the most effective change will be to address the management company directly.

I also propose that we have a meeting with concerned residents to discuss this and other city issues. Are you willing and/or able to help me organize such a meeting?

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
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734-302-3011

From: s. a. long [mailto:████████████████████]
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Cc: DDA; housingbureauforseniors@umich.edu; info@mainstreetannarbor.org
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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:42 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Courthouse Square Detioration

got it. Thanks.

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:09 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: FW: Courthouse Square Detioration

I think this is 1st Ward? If so, I suggest you schedule a resident mtng for all residents. You can discuss general City issues, in addition to their specific concerns (most of which fall outside the City's control). Good P.R. for you. They all vote over there.

From: s. a. long [mailto:]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 10:57 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
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From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: RE: city hall addition

Thanks, John; this is very helpful.

Christopher

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

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 2:37 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Smith, Sandi; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: FW: city hall addition

FYI:

Thank you for writing on this topic. I certainly understand your position on the police/courts building as I was for over a year in the minority on City Council in opposition to the new building. Three things happened to change my mind last spring.

- After months of conversation with County Leaders I was completely convinced the County was not going to back down on insisting the city courts leave the county courthouse. This has not changed.
- A financing plan was presented that will have minimal impact on the City's operating budget.
- \$4 million had already been spent on planning for the building.

Now there are new, compelling reasons to go forward:

We should not be motivated by fear. Given the changes in the local economy in the last few months it is clear that now is the time to build. Construction costs are down and putting people to work is imperative. Postponing or cancelling major projects at this time will only deepen the local recession. What if all local government entities cancelled major projects at this time?

As a strong supporter of President Obama and his economic stimulus package that will put people to work by funding infrastructure projects, I cannot help but believe in this project.

This project will provide good jobs for up to two hundred construction workers at a time when their industry is especially hard hit. Nearly 130 of those jobs will be for trade union workers employed for the whole two years of construction. This will sustain their families in these tough times and support other jobs in construction related industry.

In addition, millions of dollars will reverberate around the region spurring job growth and economic activity that is essential to our local economy.

The total already committed is now close to \$6 million. \$27.5 million in bonds dedicated to this project were

sold last year at an advantageous interest rate. There would be a financial penalty if those funds are not used. The city cannot afford to leave this money on the table with nothing to show for it.

Although I can understand why you might believe this project should be put on hold there are clearly compelling reasons for going forward.

Further information follows:

The District Court lease will be up in 2010. The city is bound by state law to house the courts and the court building must meet state and federal standards for security and safety of judges and witnesses. The City has been studying this project for many years. An ordinary office building will not work for the courts.

Building a new Police Station has been a priority in the city plan for three decades. Every member of City Council agrees that the police need a new headquarters. I have yet to talk to a resident who has toured the police station who does not believe a new one is needed.

The city can stop paying \$700,000 per year and rising, in rent. The bond payments for the new Police/Courts building will be made largely from the rents saved from not having to rent the court space from the county and from moving other city operations from rented offices into the space opening up in the Larcom Building. Significant additional funding will come from the DDA.

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Thank you very much for writing and for your interest in our city. If you would like to discuss this or any other issue, please call my office for an appointment during my weekly open office hours.

John Hieftje

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From: margie teall [margieteall@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:43 PM
To: Megan McKinleyMPRI; washtenawmpri@gmail.com; Leah Gunn; smithco@ewashtenaw.org; mayor@cityofypsilanti.com; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger; markbehnke@aol.com
Subject: RE: MPRI Resolution Meeting follow-up

Thanks Megan. It looks like I will be able to be there. -Margie

Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2009 13:55:31 -0500
Subject: MPRI Resolution Meeting follow-up
From: meganm.mpri@gmail.com
To: washtenawmpri@gmail.com; gunnl@ewashtenaw.org; smithco@ewashtenaw.org; mayor@cityofypsilanti.com; jhieftje@a2gov.org; margieteall@hotmail.com; rfraser@a2gov.org; markbehnke@aol.com

Hello elected officials!

Thank-you again for remaining in contact about the MPRI employment resolution! We would like to reschedule a meeting for **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at Catholic Social Services, 4925 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor.** Please let me know at your earliest convenience of your availability during this time and we will go from there.

We plan to include some Township Supervisors in this meeting, so if you have any input about which Townships should be included, please send that information our way. Here is a link to the Supervisor contacts: <http://arborweb.com/cg/t0019.html>.

Thank-you again for your participation in this process. We hope to hear from you soon!

The MPRI Advocacy Committee

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Wolford, Louise

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Cc: 'mhiggins@bordersgroupinc.com'
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show


As you can see in the string e-mails below there is an issue. I can resolve some of it by explaining the funds from last fiscal year were not disbursed and are no longer available. I thought I made it clear that associations could apply for funding but it didn't necessarily mean that you would receive funding just because they received it in the past. With new event coordinators coming and going, they would "depend" on these dollars from the Community Events Fund. How did your meeting go with Sue McCormck last week? I can call MSAA but want to hear from you first. Thanks. Angela

From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:23 PM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Angela -

Do you want to jump in on this?

Jan Barber
Management Assistant/
Special Events Coordinator
Community Services
City of Ann Arbor
Phone: (734) 794-6000 x42199 - *New Number*
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jbarber@a2gov.org

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: 
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:11 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Hi Susan - I'm confused, two of the events I requested funding for were in April and June of 2008. I don't believe any of the 2008 requests have been looked at therefore I don't understand the July 1, 2008 cut off. Two of the events in question, Festifools and Oktoberfest are events that MSAA requests funding on behalf of the event organizer. Unfortunately MSAA did not factor these City related costs into our 2008 or 2009 budget, we don't have the funds to pay these bills. I have been trying to get in touch with Angela and with members of City Council who serve on the Community Events Fund committee to get further information. These costs have always been taken care of by this fund, I had no reason to believe things would change without notice however I take

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responsibility for putting the Association and other event organizers in a very difficult situation. Maura

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

From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:46 AM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

I have spoken with Angela regarding this issue and she has informed me that Council has not been as timely as they have in the past regarding the disbursement of Community Events funding. She also explained that just because you have applied for funding does not necessarily mean you will be receiving them. She is encouraging you to pay the bills that are owed and if funding is disbursed, you will be reimbursed for the money that you paid out as long as it does not exceed the disbursement amount. Funding will only be disbursed for the current fiscal year. You will not receive funding for anything prior to July 1, 2008, so in any event, you will not be receiving funding for the 07 invoice. Given this information, permits will not be granted for the above events until the money that is owed the city is paid.

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 3:05 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Thanks Susan!

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From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:43 PM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Let me talk to Angela. I will get back to you.

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:34 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

My contact for Community Events Funding, Angela Dempkowski, is not in the office this afternoon. My understanding is that all Community Events Funding requests go through a committee of City Council members. The 2007 invoice is still outstanding due to an increase in barricade costs that we were not made aware of until after we had filed this request, an

amended request was made in 2008 well after the event took place. Would it help if I had something in writing from the City Administrators office stating that these requests have been received and are pending review? Thanks for your time. Maura

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From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:12 PM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Who is dispursing this funding? Do you know when it will be dispursed? Do you know what time period it will cover? One of the invoices is from 2007, will that make a difference?

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

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From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
To: maurathomson@ameritech.net
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 12:35 PM
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Maura -

Please see the note below from the City Attorney's office.

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Management Assistant/
Special Events Coordinator
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Phone: (734) 794-6210 x42199
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Hi Susan - Regarding the note below, all outstanding balances are the result of MSA A waiting to hear from Community Events Funding. I have inquired about the funding disbursements for 2008 and have been told this has not happened yet. Please advise. Thank you - Maura Thomson

From: Chambers, Susan
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 10:59 AM
To: Barber, Janet (Barth)

Subject: Festfoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

These events are sponsored by the Main Street Association. They owe us \$4,078.40. Please do not issue permits for these events until this amount is paid.

Pusan Chambers



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From: margie teall [margieteall@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger; Naud, Matthew; Stone, Nancy Y
Subject: FW: Earth Hour 2009

I like the way she thinks. It would be good to make it high profile, and low-expense; to raise community awareness of the hour so that they can participate on the streets, and in their homes...

Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2009 14:26:27 +0000
From: [REDACTED]
To: margieteall@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Earth Hour 2009

Hi Margie

Thanks for your response. I was imagining a no- or low-expense high profile city response. For example, pick a gathering spot where folks can gather to watch the lights go out - maybe city hall, the library or the twinkle lights along Main Street, or something along Liberty. Maybe live music and entertainment are available to keep the crowds entertained for the hour that they're in the dark. The idea would be to create a symbolic darkening of the city, akin to what's going on in San Francisco, Chicago, Paris and around the world, where landmark structures go dark for an hour.

I hope this finds some enthusiasm within the confines of city hall. Please keep me posted.

Colleen

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

From: "margie teall" <margieteall@hotmail.com>
To: "Colleen Crawley" <[REDACTED]>, "Margie Teall" <mteall@a2gov.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 31, 2009 11:05:27 AM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern
Subject: RE: Earth Hour 2009

Interesting idea! I'm going to forward this to my city e-mail, and then to our Environmental Commission members and staff. We'll see what we can do. Thanks!

Date: Fri, 30 Jan 2009 03:49:46 +0000
From: [REDACTED]
To: margieteall@hotmail.com
Subject: Earth Hour 2009

Hi Margie

I received information recently on Earth Hour 2009 (read description below, or visit the website at earthhour.org) and I wondered if you think there might be any interest in the city participating in this upcoming event. I've been thinking about presenting it to 1st UU as part of my role in Celebrating the Planet, but how much more exciting it would be if this was a city wide initiative. Let me know what you think.

Colleen

What began as a campaign to get residents of Sydney, Australia to turn their lights off, has grown to become

one of the world's biggest climate change initiatives. In 2009, at 8.30pm on March 28, people around the world will turn out their lights for one hour – Earth Hour. We're aiming to reach one billion people, more than 1000 cities, all joining together in a global effort to show that its possible to take action on global warming. Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia with 2.2 million homes and businesses turning their lights off for one hour. Only a year later and this event had become a global sustainability movement with up to 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Colosseum and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square, all stood in darkness, as symbols of hope for a cause that grows more urgent by the hour.

Earth Hour 2009 is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community. A call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future. Iconic buildings and landmarks from Europe to The Americas will stand in darkness. People across the world will turn off their lights and join together in creating the vital conversation about the future of our precious planet.

Over 64 countries and territories are participating in Earth Hour 2009. This number grows every day as people realize how such a simple act can have such a profound result in affecting change.

Earth Hour is a message of hope and a message of action. Everyone can make a difference.

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Wolford, Louise

From: .Hieftje, John

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:59 PM

To: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Hohnke, Carsten; Smith, Sandi; 'Greden, Leigh R.'

Subject: Police/Courts

I should also note for newer members of council that every person who has written against the project is someone who has opposed it from the beginning. There is no new "groundswell" of opposition.

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From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:00 PM
To: Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Courthouse Square Detioration

Dear Sandi,

From my previous inquiries, I've received the very strong impression that the City is not involved in the management of this building.

I thought I'd shared that correspondence with you -- including that from Paul Jensen. I'll find it.

I'm very open to meeting to see what can be done.

I too would like to know more.

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into the building to roam freely through the halls, sleep on the lounge furniture, and sometimes behave in a threatening manner. (Memorably, not long ago, a tenant was drunk and passed out in the main lobby in front of the elevators on a Sunday afternoon when many are receiving visits from their children and grandchildren.) These undesirable residents and their friends urinate in the elevators, throw up on the floors, freely use filthy language in public areas, go off their meds, and often are drunk or high in the elevators and lobby at all hours of the day and night. Residents, some of whom are frail and elderly, are left to protect themselves especially when the office is closed at night and on weekends.

Complaints go nowhere. In the past, prospective tenants were carefully screened and undesirable people were evicted but no longer.

This situation has already driven away many of the more stable residents. Many more will follow as a result of the most recent drunken incident. Many are being pressured hard to move by their children who fear for their parents safety. We don't want to go. Courthouse was an ideal location for seniors allowing them to be independent and take advantage of all the city has to offer. We were supposed to be an asset bringing people and business to downtown merchants. Now we are a source of trouble.

Please know that our complaints are not directed at tenants with low income, differing ethnicity or race, or those who are challenged by mental illness. But people who live at Courthouse need to be able to take care of themselves, observe reasonable rules of behavior, and respect themselves and their neighbors. Those who need it should be closely supervised and evicted if they cannot manage their behavior.

It may be too late to turn the situation around. The bad publicity and increasingly bad reputation of Courthouse Square makes recruitment of stable applicants difficult if not impossible. In addition, there is NO marketing to the community. Management used to run an ad in the An Arbor News and reach out to community groups, churches, and other possible sources of applicants. Now none of this happens. And we don't participate in Senior Housing Day Open House or other efforts to recruit.

In addition, Centrum is not maintaining the building. Upholstery is filthy. Panels are missing from the cover over parking. Windows, which early on were washed annually, have not been touched in years. Walls need painting. Wallpaper is peeling. Maintenance staff have to spend much of their time readying apartments for new occupants due to high turnover so cannot attend to other pressing needs.

All this leads us to think that a change in the Courthouse Square mission has been decided without consultation or public discussion. Did the DDA or downtown merchants and residents agree to a new purpose for this building? Where are the seniors to go if this is no longer a safe environment. Why has there been no intervention by the Senior Housing Bureau staff or other city officials.

It is very disappointing that Courthouse Square is becoming unfit to live in and a liability to the downtown area. Will you please help us or at least let us know that there will be no help forthcoming.

Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:02 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: FW: city hall addition

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:38 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Smith, Sandi; 'Greden, Leigh R.'
Subject: FW: city hall addition

FYI:

Thank you for writing on this topic. I certainly understand your position on the police/courts building as I was for over a year in the minority on City Council in opposition to the new building. Three things happened to change my mind last spring.

- After months of conversation with County Leaders I was completely convinced the County was not going to back down on insisting the city courts leave the county courthouse. This has not changed.
- A financing plan was presented that will have minimal impact on the City's operating budget.
- \$4 million had already been spent on planning for the building.

Now there are new, compelling reasons to go forward:

We should not be motivated by fear. Given the changes in the local economy in the last few months it is clear that now is the time to build. Construction costs are down and putting people to work is imperative. Postponing or cancelling major projects at this time will only deepen the local recession. What if all local government entities cancelled major projects at this time?

As a strong supporter of President Obama and his economic stimulus package that will put people to work by funding infrastructure projects, I cannot help but believe in this project.

This project will provide good jobs for up to two hundred construction workers at a time when their industry is especially hard hit. Nearly 130 of those jobs will be for trade union workers employed for the whole two years of construction. This will sustain their families in these tough times and support other jobs in construction related industry.

In addition, millions of dollars will reverberate around the region spurring job growth and economic activity that is essential to our local economy.

The total already committed is now close to \$6 million. \$27.5 million in bonds dedicated to this project were sold last year at an advantageous interest rate. There would be a financial penalty if those funds are not used. The city cannot afford to leave this money on the table with nothing to show for it.

Although I can understand why you might believe this project should be put on hold there are clearly compelling reasons for going forward.

Further information follows:

The District Court lease will be up in 2010. The city is bound by state law to house the courts and the court building must meet state and federal standards for security and safety of judges and witnesses. The City has been studying this project for many years. An ordinary office building will not work for the courts.

Building a new Police Station has been a priority in the city plan for three decades. Every member of City Council agrees that the police need a new headquarters. I have yet to talk to a resident who has toured the police station who does not believe a new one is needed.

The city can stop paying \$700,000 per year and rising, in rent. The bond payments for the new Police/Courts building will be made largely from the rents saved from not having to rent the court space. from the county and from moving other city operations from rented offices into the space opening up in the Larcom Building. Significant additional funding will come from the DDA.

This is a "green" project and it will achieve LEED Gold status. This will hold down operating costs as this building serves the city for several decades to come. The energy saving features alone will pay for themselves in just a few years.

Thank you very much for writing and for your interest in our city. If you would like to discuss this or any other issue, please call my office for an appointment during my weekly open office hours.

John Hieftje

Wolford, Louise

From: Dempkowski, Angela A
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:07 PM
To: 'Marcia Higgins (BGI)'; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Yes, I'll be here.

From: Marcia Higgins (BGI) [mailto:mhiggins@bordersgroupinc.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:04 PM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Will you be in your office till 5 today? If so, let's take a few minutes before 5 and review all of this.

From: Dempkowski, Angela A [mailto:ADempkowski@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie
Cc: Marcia Higgins (BGI)
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

As you can see in the string e-mails below there is an issue. I can resolve some of it by explaining the funds from last fiscal year were not disbursed and are no longer available. I thought I made it clear that associations could apply for funding but it didn't necessarily mean that you would receive funding just because they received it in the past. With new event coordinators coming and going, they would "depend" on these dollars from the Community Events Fund. How did your meeting go with Sue McCormck last week? I can call MSA but want to hear from you first. Thanks. Angela

From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:23 PM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Angela -

Do you want to jump in on this?

Jan Barber
Management Assistant/
617/7000

Special Events Coordinator
Community Services
City of Ann Arbor
Phone: (734) 794-6000 x42199 - *New Number*
Fax: (734) 994-8312 - *New Number*
jbarber@a2gov.org

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:11 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Hi Susan - I'm confused, two of the events I requested funding for were in April and June of 2008. I don't believe any of the 2008 requests have been looked at therefore I don't understand the July 1, 2008 cut off. Two of the events in question, Festifoods and Oktoberfest are events that MSAA requests funding on behalf of the event organizer. Unfortunately MSAA did not factor these City related costs into our 2008 or 2009 budget, we don't have the funds to pay these bills. I have been trying to get in touch with Angela and with members of City Council who serve on the Community Events Fund committee to get further information. These costs have always been taken care of by this fund, I had no reason to believe things would change without notice however I take responsibility for putting the Association and other event organizers in a very difficult situation. Maura

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

From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:46 AM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

I have spoken with Angela regarding this issue and she has informed me that Council has not been as timely as they have in the past regarding the disbursement of Community Events funding. She also explained that just because you have applied for funding does not necessarily mean you will be receiving them. She is encouraging you to pay the bills that are owed and if funding is dispersed, you will be reimbursed for the money that you paid out as long as it does not exceed the disbursement amount. Funding will only be dispersed for the current fiscal year. You will not receive funding for anything prior to July 1, 2008, so in any event, you will not be receiving funding for the 07 invoice. Given this information, permits will not be granted for the above events until the money that is owed the city is paid.

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 3:05 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Thanks Susan!

Maura Thomson
Executive Director

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

From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:43 PM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Oktoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Let me talk to Angela. I will get back to you.

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:34 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Oktoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

My contact for Community Events Funding, Angela Dempkowski, is not in the office this afternoon. My understanding is that all Community Events Funding requests go through a committee of City Council members. The 2007 invoice is still outstanding due to an increase in barricade costs that we were not made aware of until after we had filed this request, an amended request was made in 2008 well after the event took place. Would it help if I had something in writing from the City Administrators office stating that these requests have been received and are pending review? Thanks for your time. Maura

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

From: Chambers, Susan
To: Maura Thomson
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 2:12 PM
Subject: RE: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Oktoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Who is dispursing this funding? Do you know when it will be dispursed? Do you know what time period it will cover? One of the invoices is from 2007, will that make a difference?

From: Maura Thomson [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Chambers, Susan
Cc: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: Re: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Oktoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

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

From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 12:35 PM
Subject: FW: Festifoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Oktoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

Maura -

Please see the note below from the City Attorney's office.

Jan Barber
Management Assistant/
Special Events Coordinator
Community Services
City of Ann Arbor
Phone: (734) 794-6210 x42199
Fax: (734) 994-8460
jbarber@a2gov.org

Hi Susan - Regarding the note below, all outstanding balances are the result of MSAA waiting to hear from Community Events Funding. I have inquired about the funding disbursements for 2008 and have been told this has not happened yet. Please advise. Thank you - Maura Thomson

From: Chambers, Susan
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 10:59 AM
To: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: Festfoods, Taste of Ann Arbor, Octoberfest and Rolling Sculpture Car Show

These events are sponsored by the Main Street Association. They owe us \$4,078.40. Please do not issue permits for these events until this amount is paid.

Susan Chambers



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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

You know I support more parking-- I drafted the library lot resolution! But that enforcement thing is tricky...

FYI, looks like a majority supports the Hohnke-Hewitt compromise that goes under Fifth Avenue -- which means you get your ramp -- but does not go all the way to William. But the Site plan would be approved to include the William piece, meaning a future developer could easily add that parking if they see fit. A win-win.

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 1:25 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

This is a fine example of the fact that not only do we need more parking downtown, but that we need to address enforcement issues as well.

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

From: Stu Sokolowski [mailto:██████████]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:43 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

Dear Mayor Hieftje

My wife Heather visited Ann Arbor on Friday with our son and some classmates from Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) in Novi to see the Sphinx concert at Hill Auditorium (I believe) in the early afternoon. *After dropping the children off at the auditorium, she spent THE NEXT 1 HOUR looking for a place to park. She went through parking garages, up and down streets, and even stopped a meter person to ask for help who told her "you won't find a parking spot now."*

By the time she did find a spot and walk the considerable distance to the event, she was seated in time to see the LAST PERSON PERFORM. Then, when she returns to her car, there was a parking ticket attached. She put enough money in the meter to cover the time but was confused about which meter was actually hers. Since I wasn't there and didn't see the actual spot, I think she may have put \$ in a meter that wasn't hers. To make matters worse, when she called to complain, everything is automated. YOU CAN'T EVEN SPEAK TO A PERSON. On top of that, there is a \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE to pay your ticket! What's convenient about that?

Clearly, Ann Arbor does not have enough parking spots. What is being done about that? If you want people to visit and have an enjoyable time in your city, there should be enough places for the to park.

Second, charging a CONVENIENCE FEE to pay for a parking ticket is RIDICULOUS!!! That is the height of

government insensitivity. There's no one you can even talk to. Just pay the piper or the amount owed will keep growing.

Well, we paid the \$10 fee and the 3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE this morning, but this event has left a very bad impression on us of Ann Arbor and its city government. We leave Ann Arbor feeling that it's government is very impersonal and autocratic.

If you care to look into this matter, the citation # is: 5040021705. The ticket was given by Officer Casabianca, ID # 826.

Thank you for your time.

-- Stu

Stuart J. Sokolowski
2081 Pauls Way
Commerce Twp., MI 48390
[REDACTED]

Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: FW: Ctiy expenses

Hi Marcia and Angela: I just wanted to forward this to include in discussions today at 5:00. Just an FYI. See you then. -Margie

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:08 PM
To: Maura Thomson
Cc: startboard@umich.edu
Subject: Re: Ctiy expenses

O.K., Maura, why don't you fax the bill to me at 734-764-5312. I'm going to cc our steering committee as we have two city council members on board, who may know whether or not the city will waive our fees again as they have in years past. See you Thursday, thanks, --Mark

Quoting Maura Thomson <maurathomson@ameritech.net>:

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Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Marcia mentioned this issue last night at caucus. Let's chat.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:14 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission
Attachments: Environmental Comm Appt.pdf

Hi Margie:

Attached is the draft resolution. Let me know if it looks ok. One thing -- since Kirk is the CPC Rep, I made his term match the term on CPC, which means he will expire this June from both CPC and the Environmental Commission. Let me know if you want something different done.

Thanks!

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

I would just as soon do it tonight as a one step process, since we have already approved Kirk as a Planning Commissioner, but since that's just my idea, so let's do a resolution for consideration. Council meets before the next EC meeting anyhow. Thanks!

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Sure. Will this be proposed under Council Business and returned next meeting or do you want to add it for consideration tonight as a Council resolution?

Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
City of Ann Arbor
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734-994-8296 (f)

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:11 AM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Hi Jackie:

Could you please prepare and submit a resolution for tonight appointing Kirk Westphal to the Environmental Commission as the representative from the Planning Commission. Kirk has expressed interest, and has run it by the Planning Commission already. He is replacing Ron Emaus. Carsten and I are the sponsors.

Thanks!

-Margie

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:15 PM
To: Teall, Margie; McCormick, Sue; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Hieftje, John; Greden, Leigh R.; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Sidewalk clearance

I will followup with staff to see what options exist.

Sue

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

From: "Teall, Margie" <MTeall@a2gov.org>
To: "McCormick, Sue" <SMcCormick@a2gov.org>; "Fraser, Roger" <RFraser@a2gov.org>
Cc: "Hieftje, John" <JHieftje@a2gov.org>; "Greden, Leigh R." <greden@MillerCanfield.com>; "Taylor, Christopher (Council)" <CTaylor@a2gov.org>
Sent: 2/2/09 10:51 AM
Subject: FW: Sidewalk clearance

Diane lives on Wells, I believe at the corner of Baldwin(?). This seems like a problem that the City created for her, and I don't know what the solution might be. I would like to find out where the other similar sites are, and what we can do to help. Thanks. -Margie

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

From: Diane Agresta [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 3:48 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Sidewalk clearance

Dear Margie;

I live on a corner lot where the city recently rebuilt the sidewalk to meet disability codes. In doing so, they built cement walls on either side of the walks. I hire Evergreen Maintenance to keep my public walkway clear. However, the company tells me that the width of the sidewalk has been restricted two inches shorter than the brushes of the snow removal equipment and that their machines cannot clear it. They indicated that there are a half dozen places that they clear where this is true and say that it is poor planning by the city. According to them, commercial sidewalk clearing machines all have brushes two inches wider than these "ramps". I am not in a position to clear the sidewalk myself and am wondering if there is a resolution to this problem. It seems that the city planners would have taken something like this in to consideration. For now, I'm putting down salt, but because I live near a school with high foot traffic, this isn't a solution. I might add that we are talking about almost forty feet of sidewalk.

I would appreciate anything you can do to help.

Thank you,
Diane Agresta

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:16 PM
To: Ellen Ramsburgh
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Police/Courts Building

Hi Ellen-

Thank you for writing about this important topic. It appears that someone has sent out an e-mail to various people about this issue, because we've received about six e-mails today all using the same language.

Not one dime of general fund operating money is being used for this project. On the contrary, the project has a self-sufficient budget. It has been well-documented that it will save taxpayer funds by ending skyrocketing lease payments to outside landlords and by centralizing City functions. If we accepted your solution and delayed the project, we would need to re-negotiate a new lease for Court space with the County -- something the County has said they will not do. But even if we could reach such an agreement with the County, the County has told us, in writing, that the City's lease payment to the County would increase dramatically. Those lease payments ARE made with General Fund dollars. In other words, delaying this project would require us to divert money away from general fund operations -- parks, police, and human services -- in order to pay more money to the County for substandard space. Would you support cuts to the parks budget to pay for the delay in this project? That is not good public policy.

President Obama, Democrats in Congress, Democrats in Lansing, and even most Republican Governors and several Republican Senators all agree that public infrastructure projects are vital to improving the economy. It's a centerpiece of the President's economic program. The argument that we should delay this project because of the bad economic times is therefore directly contrary to the fundamental economic theory guiding all levels of government at this time. Indeed, this project secured very low bond rates and the construction bids are coming in under budget because this is a great time to invest in our public infrastructure.

In summary, this project will not raise taxes, it does not divert any general fund operating dollars, it will save money in the short-run and long-run by centralizing City operations and ending outside lease payments to private landlords, and it will help stimulate the local economy consistent with President Obama's economic plan. Moreover, the project will be Gold LEED certified, and will therefore serve as an example of how to build a "green" government building.

-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

From: Ellen Ramsburgh [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 1:46 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Derezinski, Tony; Smith, Sandi; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten; Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: Police/Courts Building

Dear Mayor Hieftje and Council Members,

In these uncertain financial times, the decision to go forward with the police/courts building seems foolhardy. There are still unanswered questions about specific financing issues with the building, not to mention the wider economy. I hope you will consider the risks involved from the perspective of loss of public trust as well as

economic loss.

Ellen Ramsburgh
1503 Cambridge Road
Ann Arbor, 48104

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:17 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: Police-Courts Building

They're happy to cooperate to save money. They'd even cooperate on the Court lease --- if we'd pay \$100,000 more in rent. That's General Fund money, which means we'd have another \$100,000 in cuts to make in parks, police, etc.

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

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:33 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; Greden, Leigh R.; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: Police-Courts Building

Next. Have any of you been in touch with the County? Any idea why everyone is saying that they want to cooperate now?

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

From: Margaret Wong [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Derezinski, Tony; Smith, Sandi; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten; Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: Police-Courts Building

Dear Mayor Hieftje and City Council Members,

I am very concerned with the current status of the Police-Courts Building project. Given the current weakened economic conditions in Ann Arbor and in the entire state of Michigan, this is the time to make sure our community is making the most fiscally responsible decisions possible. Is the funding for this project fully secured and rock solid? Does the proposed budget reflect the true scope of the project? If the scope and design are likely to change after the start of construction, this only adds to the cost of a project and creates expensive delays. Does the City have a sure source for operating and "fit out" funds for this new building? I'm also disappointed to learn that the primary construction company and the subcontractors are not local entities. I know we have the talent right here in Ann Arbor to do projects like this--why was this a sole-source contract?

I understand that Washtenaw County is eager to engage in discussions with the City on ways to collaborate. In this time of severe economic constraints and very hard choices, I want to see my city government taking innovative measures. Finding ways to use existing facilities more efficiently and embarking on improved inter-governmental cooperation is innovative. Building expensive new buildings feels much less so. Until many crucial questions are answered regarding the Police-Courts Building, I cannot support this push to start the project as soon as possible. Please do our community the great and necessary service of taking the time to resolve key questions before approving a construction contract.

Thank you,

Margaret Wong
418 S. 1st St.

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To: McCormick, Sue
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Thanks.

Sandi Smith
Ann Arbor City Council
First Ward
734-302-3600 x 105

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Richard Ankli

Wolford, Louise

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission
Attachments: Environmental Comm Appt.pdf

I made those changes. I'll have Anissa add it to Council Communications for its "introduction" tonight.

Jackie

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:19 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Thanks Jackie: There is an extra "a" in the third whereas (you'll see it, just read it over), and I'd like to say that "Whereas, Kirk Westphal has volunteered to represent the Planning Commission...", rather than "Whereas, the Planning Commission has approved Kirk...." I just don't know if they took an actual vote. Thanks again!

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:14 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Hi Margie:
Attached is the draft resolution. Let me know if it looks ok. One thing - since Kirk is the CPC Rep, I made his term match the term on CPC, which means he will expire this June from both CPC and the Environmental Commission. Let me know if you want something different done.
Thanks!

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

From: Teall, Margie

6/17/2009

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

I would just as soon do it tonight as a one step process, since we have already approved Kirk as a Planning Commissioner, but since that's just my idea, so let's do a resolution for consideration. Council meets before the next EC meeting anyhow. Thanks!

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Sure. Will this be proposed under Council Business and returned next meeting or do you want to add it for consideration tonight as a Council resolution?

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 10:11 AM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hohnke, Carsten; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: Resolution to appoint member of Environmental Commission

Hi Jackie:

Could you please prepare and submit a resolution for tonight appointing Kirk Westphal to the Environmental Commission as the representative from the Planning Commission. Kirk has expressed interest, and has run it by the Planning Commission already. He is replacing Ron Emaus. Carsten and I are the sponsors.

Thanks!

-Margie

Resolution to Appoint a Planning Commission Representative to the City Environmental Commission

Whereas, City Council passed an ordinance creating a City Environmental Commission;

Whereas, The ordinance requires City Council to nominate and appoint the members of the Commission, including a representative from the City Planning Commission;

Whereas, There is currently a vacancy of Planning Commission Representative on the Environmental Commission; and

Whereas, Kirk Westphal has volunteered to represent the City Planning Commission on the Environmental Commission, replacing former member Ron Emaus;

RESOLVED, That Kirk Westphal be appointed to the Environmental Commission as the Planning Commission Representative for a term consistent with his term on the City Planning Commission, expiring June 30, 2009; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk notify the newly appointed commission member and the Environmental Commission regarding the appointment.

Wolford, Louise

From: Naud, Matthew
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:26 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Important notice

Thanks for getting the word out

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

From: "Teall, Margie" <MTeall@a2gov.org>
To: "Hieftje, John" <JHieftje@a2gov.org>; "Greden, Leigh R." <greden@MillerCanfield.com>
Cc: "Naud, Matthew" <MNAud@a2gov.org>
Sent: 2/2/09 2:15 PM
Subject: RE: Important notice

Great. I'll cc Matt, so that he can be ready for you speak a bit about your relationship to the river, should you so choose. Thanks John.

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:09 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Smith, Sandi; Derezinski, Tony
Subject: RE: Important notice

I'll be there.

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:01 PM
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So, the final Huron River Planning public meeting is Thursday (the 5th). 150 people came to the first one, 80 to the second one. Rapundalo and I went to the first one, Carsten and Christopher to the second one. Sabra will be at the meeting on Thursday night. You don't have to stay, just come to the presentation. Matt and Steven (Yaffee) do a great job, and put things in historical context. You'll be out by 8 or 8:15.

Thursday, February 5th, 7:00pm Forsythe Middle School You too, Leigh.

Thanks.

Wolford, Louise

From: Sykes, Robin

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:31 PM

To: Hieftje, John

Subject: AAPD Crime Stats

Attachments: Jan 25 - 31 2009.xls; Crime Comparison Pie jan 25 - 31 2009.pdf; 020209.pdf

Attached, as usual.

Robin Sykes

rsykes@a2gov.org

Ann Arbor Police Administration

Ph: (734) 994-2525

Fax: (734) 997-1506

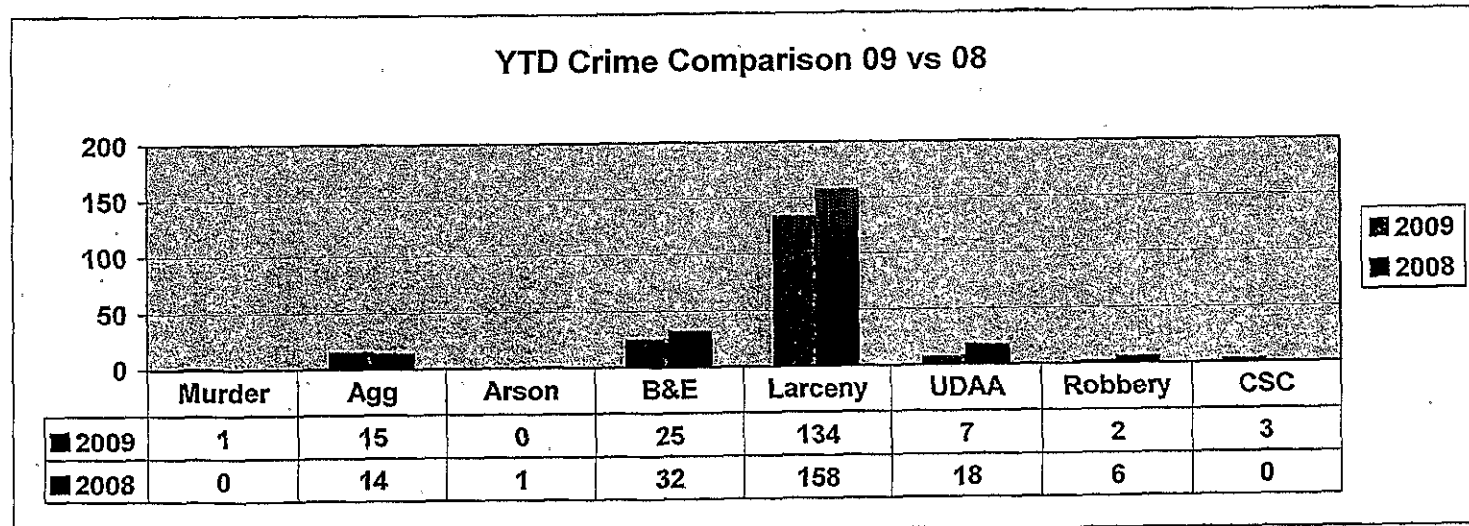
Crime Strategy Report for week of January 25 - 31, 2009

	Week 01/25/09-01/31/09 vs 01/27/08-02/02/08				4 Week 01/04/09-01/31/09 vs 01/06/08-02/02/08				Year To Date 01/01/09-01/31/09 vs 01/01/08-01/31/08			
	2009	2008	Change	% Diff	2009	2008	Change	% Diff	2009	2008	Change	% Diff
Murder	1	0	1	NC	1	0	1	NC	1	0	1	
Agg Assault	3	2	1	50.00	15	14	1	7.14	15	14	1	
Arson	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	-1	-100.00	0	1	-1	100.00
B&E	4	5	-1	-20.00	21	30	-9	-30.00	25	32	-7	-21.88
Larceny	29	25	4	16.00	123	154	-31	-20.13	134	158	-24	-15.19
UDAA	0	4	-4	-100.00	6	15	-9	-60.00	7	18	-11	-61.11
Robbery	0	0	0	0.00	2	4	-2	-50.00	2	6	-4	-66.67
CSC	0	0	0	0.00	3	0	3	NC	3	0	3	
Part 1 Crime Totals	37	36	1	2.78	171	218	-47	-21.56	187	229	-42	-18.34
Part 2 Crime Totals	23	85	-62	-72.94	167	439	-272	-61.96	189	407	-218	-53.56
Total Crime	60	121	-61	-50.41	338	657	-319	-48.55	376	636	-260	-40.88

**RED denotes increase

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Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:32 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Great. Thanks.

It seems to me that reducing these fees to area nonprofits is a laudable goal. Whether Act 51 monies are defensibly allocable to this purpose, I don't know; but if they are and would not reduce other initiatives material, then I'm all for it.

Christopher

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:28 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Marcia and I will be meeting with Angela today at 5:00, before our Budget meeting. We'll let you know how that goes. Thanks.

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Marcia mentioned this issue last night at caucus. Let's chat.

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:08 PM
To: Maura Thomson
Cc: startboard@umich.edu
Subject: Re: Ctiy expenses

O.K., Maura, why don't you fax the bill to me at 734-764-5312. I'm going to cc our steering committee as we have two city council members on board, who may know whether or not the city will waive our fees again as they have in years past. See you Thursday, thanks, --Mark

Quoting Maura Thomson <maurathomson@ameritech.net>:

> Hi Mark - I have just been notified by the City Attorney that all of
> the permits MSAA has requested for 2009, Festifools included, are not

> being released due to unpaid city related expenses. The reason these
> expenses haven't been paid is that they are services MSAA requests, in
> your case this we request on behalf of Festifools, to be paid out of
> Community Events Funding. Unfortunately the Community Events Funding
> committee has not yet allocated funds for 2008, atleast this is my
> understanding. I have your Festifools bill for \$1389.66, barricade and
> trash box costs, here in my office, of course I assumed this would be
> taken care of by the Community Events Fund which is why I did not turn
> it over to you immediately, I requested \$1300 to cover your City
> related costs. I am trying to get guidance from the City
> Administrators office and Council members but haven't had any luck
> reaching anyone. I will continue to work on this and will keep you
> posted. The City Attorney's advice is to pay the bills and if and when
> funds are dispersed we would be reimbursed. MSAA did not factor any of
> these costs into our 2008 or
> 2009 budget for MSAA sponsored events, let alone any other events.
> I'm not sure what we are going to do. Let me know if you would like me
> to fax this bill to you. Sorry for the lousy news, see you Thursday!
> Maura
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> Maura Thomson
> Executive Director
> Main Street Area Association
> (734)668-7112 ext. 22
> Fax (734)668-7261
> www.mainstreetannarbor.org

Wolford, Louise

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:41 PM
To: Agenda, Administrator; Agenda, Attorney; Agenda, Clerk
Cc: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: DB-2 Wintermeyer Office Building Planned Project

I have a few questions about the process leading to this proposed development:

1. It appears that this project has been encouraged to be designed to fit the proposed Chapter 55 revisions (currently called Area, Height & Placement standards). Is this an accurate reading?
2. There was discussion in Planning Commission about sidewalks, but this is not currently a pedestrian-heavy area in Ann Arbor. Creating a pedestrian-friendly presence on the street -- one of the stated design considerations -- seems in conflict with placing the new parking lot visible from the street. The criteria being used appear to be jumbled together. Is this an aspect of attempting to apply the not-yet-approved Area, Height & Placement standards?

Clearly, I'm concerned that planning staff may be encouraging new projects to use development standards that have not yet been approved or even widely discussed within the community. If there are other projects about to come before this Council that have relied upon these standards for approval, this is problematic. I would like to have some clarification before the Council meeting about the developers' understanding regarding the Area, Height & Placement standards & rezoning.

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)*

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Wolford, Louise

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To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

I would still rather maximize the spaces we build. When will we ever build more? We lose 193 spaces just building the damn deck already....

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:09 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

You know I support more parking-- I drafted the library lot resolution! But that enforcement thing is tricky...

FYI, looks like a majority supports the Hohnke-Hewitt compromise that goes under Fifth Avenue -- which means you get your ramp -- but does not go all the way to William. But the Site plan would be approved to include the William piece, meaning a future developer could easily add that parking if they see fit. A win-win.

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 1:25 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

This is a fine example of the fact that not only do we need more parking downtown, but that we need to address enforcement issues as well.

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

From: Stu Sokolowski [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:43 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

Dear Mayor Hieftje

My wife Heather visited Ann Arbor on Friday with our son and some classmates from Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) in Novi to see the Sphinx concert at Hill Auditorium (I believe) in the early afternoon. *After dropping the children off at the auditorium, she spent THE NEXT 1 HOUR looking for a place to park. She went through parking garages, up and down streets, and even stopped a meter person to ask for help who told her "you won't find a parking*

spot now."

By the time she did find a spot and walk the considerable distance to the event, she was seated in time to see the LAST PERSON PERFORM. Then, when she returns to her car, there was a parking ticket attached. She put enough money in the meter to cover the time but was confused about which meter was actually hers. Since I wasn't there and didn't see the actual spot, I think she may have put \$ in a meter that wasn't hers. To make matters worse, when she called to complain, everything is automated. YOU CAN'T EVEN SPEAK TO A PERSON. On top of that, there is a \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE to pay your ticket! What's convenient about that?

Clearly, Ann Arbor does not have enough parking spots. What is being done about that? If you want people to visit and have an enjoyable time in your city, there should be enough places for the to park.

Second, charging a CONVENIENCE FEE to pay for a parking ticket is RIDICULOUS!!! That is the height of government insensitivity. There's no one you can even talk to. Just pay the piper or the amount owed will keep growing.

Well, we paid the \$10 fee and the 3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE this morning, but this event has left a very bad impression on us of Ann Arbor and its city government. We leave Ann Arbor feeling that it's government is very impersonal and autocratic.

If you care to look into this matter, the citation # is: 5040021705. The ticket was given by Officer Casabianca, ID # 826.

Thank you for your time.

-- Stu

Stuart J. Sokolowski
2081 Pauls Way
Commerce Twp., MI 48390
[REDACTED]

Wolford, Louise

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:43 PM
To: McCormick, Sue
Cc: Higgins, Marcia; Smith, Sandi
Subject: FW: Hello

Dear Sue,

I know that Council approved an increase in the fees for utilities. Obviously, my correspondent (below) has begun to see that increase.

Can you please help me craft the best possible response? I want to be certain that I provide a thorough response that covers more than the education aspects of this fee.

(education, of course, is never truly finished, although I understand Mr. Wickboldt may believe he has, himself, learned a sufficient amount)

Sabra

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)*

From: Richard Wickboldt [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Sun 2/1/2009 11:45 AM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Hello

Sabra

Hello and good day. Hope you are staying somewhat warm. Went out to retrieve today's Sunday Ann Arbor News and it felt like a nice spring day at 34 degrees:)

However later this morning I started my monthly bill paying routine after receiving my hard earned \$\$ from the University at the end of each month. Going over my latest water utility bill in the heap of bills delivered the past month. I noticed on the bill a separate line item Domestic Customer Charge for each: Water - Sewer and Stormwater. Totalling 16% of the bill. Based upon the Ordinance definition of customer charge below. Looks like this could be a place to save some money (shave off fat) in these very challenging economic times ahead. This used to be 11% of the bill until "and public involvement and public education activities" was added sometime around in 2007. There is only so much education and public involvement required for water utilities. Everybody is now educated. I would say this could now be removed and reduce this charge back down to 11%. I am asking that you follow this. Good fiscal stewardship would mean eliminating unneeded costs.

"Customer charge" shall mean a monthly or quarterly base charge that recovers costs for billing, collection and, customer service, and public involvement and public education activities.

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh R. [greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:46 PM
To: Derezinski, Tony
Subject: Mtng with Pam Byrnes

Here's the scoop!

The meeting with Rep Byrnes is on for Friday, February 6, at 11am at Zola's

Leigh R. Greden
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Wolford, Louise

From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:59 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: A2D2 - 3/6

Marcia -

We'd like to change the start time for the 3/6 A2D2 meeting from 8:30 to 9:00. Could you be available for a 9:00 start time?



Jan Barber
Management Assistant/
Special Events Coordinator
Community Services
City of Ann Arbor
Phone: (734) 794-6000 x42199 - *New Number*
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Wolford, Louise

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Subject: RE: Police-Courts Building

There has been lots of talk about ways to collaborate, but none about our continued use of their court space. We have heard nothing from the County that suggests the Circuit Court is any less adamant about moving the 15th District Court.

Roger
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rfraser@a2gov.org

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From: Greden, Leigh R. [mailto:greden@MillerCanfield.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:17 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: Police-Courts Building

They're happy to cooperate to save money. They'd even cooperate on the Court lease --- if we'd pay \$100,000 more in rent. That's General Fund money, which means we'd have another \$100,000 in cuts to make in parks, police, etc.

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

From: Teall, Margie [mailto:MTeall@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:33 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Crawford, Tom; Greden, Leigh R.; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: Police-Courts Building

Next. Have any of you been in touch with the County? Any idea why everyone is saying that they want to cooperate now?

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

From: Margaret Wong [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Derezinski, Tony; Smith, Sandi; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten; Greden, Leigh; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John
Subject: Police-Courts Building

Dear Mayor Hieftje and City Council Members,

I am very concerned with the current status of the Police-Courts Building project. Given the current weakened economic conditions in Ann Arbor and in the entire state of Michigan, this is the time to make sure our community is making the most fiscally responsible decisions possible. Is the funding for this project fully secured and rock solid? Does the proposed budget reflect the true scope of the project? If the scope and design are likely to change after the start of construction, this only adds to the cost of a project and

creates expensive delays. Does the City have a sure source for operating and "fit out" funds for this new building? I'm also disappointed to learn that the primary construction company and the subcontractors are not local entities. I know we have the talent right here in Ann Arbor to do projects like this--why was this a sole-source contract?

I understand that Washtenaw County is eager to engage in discussions with the City on ways to collaborate. In this time of severe economic constraints and very hard choices, I want to see my city government taking innovative measures. Finding ways to use existing facilities more efficiently and embarking on improved inter-governmental cooperation is innovative. Building expensive new buildings feels much less so. Until many crucial questions are answered regarding the Police-Courts Building, I cannot support this push to start the project as soon as possible. Please do our community the great and necessary service of taking the time to resolve key questions before approving a construction contract.

Thank you,
Margaret Wong
418 S. 1st St.

NOTICE TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES TAXATION (MCPS)

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Wolford, Louise

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:45 PM
To: 'David Stead'; Hohnke, Carsten
Cc: Jim Frey; Weinert, Bryan C
Subject: RE: Commercial recycling Ordinance

Thanks David. I'll send it out to Council and to Jackie now. -Margie.

From: David Stead [mailto:dstead@recycle.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:37 PM
To: Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten
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An issue has emerged related to the timing of the implementation of commercial recycling. Enclosed are proposed amendments to the ordinance to address this issue. These are the changes that we discussed at the last steering committee meeting. The following language should be offered by Council members as an amendment during the first reading tonight. If staff added this language they would pull the ordinance and start the process over. If Council amends the ordinance on the floor then we can keep moving forward. This has been reviewed by staff.

If you have questions please call Jim Frey from Resource Recycling Systems, the consultant, at 734-417-4415 or me at 734-846-9638. Jim and I will be at the Council meeting.

David Stead

Wolford, Louise

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:48 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Cc: *City Council Members (All)
Subject: FW: Commercial recycling Ordinance
Attachments: 1st Reading Floor Amendments Commercial Recycling.doc; 1st Reading Floor Amendments Commercial Recycling.pdf

The attached language will be offered as an amendment to the Commercial Recycling ordinance, to lengthen by 1 year the amount of time given to businesses that have a current contract with a waste hauler, to make the change over to Waste Management. It's just a date change, in two places. -Margie

PROPOSED FLOOR AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Proposed Change Highlighted in Red

ITEM #1: SECTION 2.9 VARIANCES

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:06 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Wheeler, William; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Dempkowski, Angela A; Crawford, Tom; Jones, Barnett; McCormick, Sue; Miller, Jayne; Wilkerson, Robyn
Subject: Courts/Police Council Item Questions
Importance: High
Attachments: ClarkCC.pdf; QEADes.pdf

Council:

Emails distributed today raised several issues relating to the Courts/Police building contract on tonight's agenda. Staff has assembled a "Q&A" in response to those questions, which is below.

Roger
 734-794-6110
 rfraser@a2gov.org

Here is the text of my proposed answers to the questions in the various e-mails we've received. Tom and Sue also contributed.

Q- Construction Manager wasn't selected through competitive bidding.

A- Attached are the memo and resolution provided to Council on April 7, 2008 for the hiring of Clark Construction Co. as Construction Manager. At the top of page two it describes the quality based selection process used. Further down the page is a chart with three firm names and three columns of numbers. Please note that the formatting of this PDF is slightly askew, and that the first column is Clark Construction Co., the second is Granger Construction Co., and the third is Skańska USA Building Inc. The architect, Quinn Evans Architects, was initially selected pursuant the City's professional services selection procedures in 2004. At that time five firms were evaluated by a review committee. In 2004 and 2005 Quinn Evans performed a number of tasks for the City as location and scoping decisions were being made and was subsequently retained as a professional services provider under the exemption to competitive bidding provided in Sec. 1:315 of the Code in 2007. Please see second attachment.

Q- Clark is not using proper competitive bidding to solicit bids from subcontractors.

A- Clark IS using proper competitive bidding to solicit bids from subcontractors. Clark takes the bids and awards the subcontracts with input from the City. For transparency purposes, we required that these subcontractor bids be treated as if they were City bids - being publically advertised through the City, received in City Hall, opened publically, and read aloud. The successful subs also have to comply with Chapters 112 and 23 (Human Rights and Living Wage approvals), per their contracts with Clark.

Q- Project funding includes \$3 million from the sale of First and Washington. Has the developer secured financing and, if so, are there conditions like pre-leasing? If the sale does not close, what is the source of funds to replace this \$3 million?

A- The project is working to get financing at this time. There are no pre-lease provisions for the private developer since the City is not financing or guaranteeing the apartments. If the 1st/Washington project does not obtain financing, the City could decide to complete the new building but delay some renovations in Larcom. Alternatively, if delay was not desired, General Fund balance could be utilized to fund the Larcom renovations until First & Washington did get financing.

Q- The last plans shown the public included 12,020 square feet of undetailed space in Larcom for HR, public services and customer service, now housed in 16,000 sq feet at city center building. Have detailed drawings been completed for the first and sixth floor of Larcom showing how these departments will be accommodated in less space?

A- The Design Team has completed detailed layouts of all areas considered for renovation in the Larcom Building as part of this project. These are based upon the approved building Program Report and have been developed with the input of City staff including users of each area. The total existing area for Building & Planning and Customer Service Center is approximately 13,300 DGSF [departmental gross square feet]. The program calls for 12,400 DGSF for these areas. The proposed plan provides 11,030 DGSF. All net program areas have been met. The differences are due to greater efficiency in layout resulting from reduced departmental circulation and sharing spaces for conferencing, break areas, and public waiting. The existing area for Human Resources & Public Services Administration (City Center, 7th Flr) is approximately 9,660 DGSF and the proposed on the Larcom 6th floor is approximately 7,900 DGSF. All net program requirements have been met and the difference can be attributed to greater efficiency in layout and proper sizing of offices and work stations per program requirements. Sharing of conference and break areas with other city staff has also contributed to the reduction.

Q- What is the source of funds to operate the new building? The leases for the space at city center building and the county building include utilities and operating costs. An appendix dated 8/28/06 to a Quinn Evans report estimated the annual operating costs for an energy efficient 90,000 sq foot building at about \$334,000. This does not include additional costs for court security. It costs about \$450,000 per year to operate the Wheeler center. Is there a new source of revenue to cover these operating costs or will the courts and police be asked to make budget cuts?

A- The operating costs would primarily come from the General Fund. The General Fund budget is approx. \$85 million per year. If the facility is completed within the existing timing plan, any increase in operating costs would not be incurred until FY 2012. The operating costs mentioned above represent approx. 0.5% of the total budget. While revenue and expense estimates cannot be forecast to that level of accuracy this far in advance, we expect to plan for this in the FY2012 budget, strategizing in advance to avoid layoffs or other service impacts.

Q- The cost schedule in the proposed contract with Clark Construction indicates that furnishings are not included in owner costs. Prior cost schedules included furnishings as part of owner costs. Is the plan to use existing furnishings? If not, what is the estimated cost of furniture and what is the source of funds to pay for it?

A- The plan is to use existing furnishings. If any additional items are found to be needed, they will either be paid from available contingency funds or from departmental operating budgets.

Q- Comparing the cost summary in the proposed Clark contract with the bid tabulations posted on the city's purchasing page, it appears Clark selected Spence Brothers for the foundations and Great Lakes Mechanical for mechanical/plumbing. These were not the low bids. The proposed contract total for elevators was also more than the low bid. Since the contractors were pre-qualified, what is the basis for rejecting the low bid?

A- The selected bids were the lowest responsible bids. Granger Construction's bid form had a clarification on their form that added \$48,000 to their base bid, an amount that Spence Brothers had included - as they should have - per the bid documents. This made Spence the true lowest responsible bidder. The mechanical bidder did not bid the project correctly. As the drawings were only 50% complete the bidder was expected to include costs for items not shown on the drawings but which an experienced bidder would know were needed to complete the intent of the design. Upon post bid evaluation, it was discovered that the low bidder needed to add numerous items to its base bid. Because it was a public opening and the low bidder knew the bid prices of the second bidder, it was determined that we could not allow the low bidder to add any money to its bid. The low bidder was offered the total mechanical project at his base bid but he did not want the project for his base bid cost. None of the three bidders on the elevator contract submitted complete bids. They each bid their standard elevator, ignoring certain of our specs. Consequently, the elevator bid (of the low bidder) was inflated to include specified requirements indicated in the bid documents but not included in their bid per their attached qualification letter. The elevator finishes cab detail did not meet specifications, security gates were excluded, and elevator operation for construction was not included in the bid.

Q- Drawings not final.

A- This is an intentional part of the Construction Manager process. By bringing in a construction manager and bidding early

(without 100% complete plans), overall cost and time are saved. Clark does not get additional compensation when final drawings are completed except through approved use of contingency.

Bill.

Bill Wheeler

Please note new phone no.:

(734) 794-6000 X43114



City of Ann Arbor

Legislative File Number 08-0308 (version 1).

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Resolution to Approve Construction Manager Agreement for Courthouse and Police Facility Project (\$2,369,323.00) (RFP No. 702)

..Memorandum

Attached for your review and approval please find a resolution to approve a construction manager agreement with Clark Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,369,323.00 for the Courthouse and Police Facility project.

The project includes 103,000 sq. ft. of new space for the 15th District Court and the Ann Arbor Police. Also part of the project are new elevators for the Larcom Bldg., rehabilitation of the basement of Larcom for new police locker rooms, and remodeling of the first floor for Customer Service, Planning and Development, and Community Services Administration. Extensive sustainable and green building features are employed including zero storm water discharge from the site and LEED certification. The project is included in the current Capital Improvements Plan with an "Urgent" priority.

Because the budget is fixed and timing is critical, we have chosen to use the "construction manager at risk" form of project delivery. The construction manager joins the owner-architect team in the design period and provides its construction expertise during both the design development and construction documents phases. Areas where the construction manager adds value include constructability issues, value engineering, life cycle cost analyses, cost estimating, scheduling, and site logistics.

The construction manager also assists the architect in preparing several bid packages. These will include one for foundations and structural steel, one for excavation and site work, and one for the building. This process allows for early ordering of structural steel, which has a long lead time, and an early start on the site work, both of which can be usefully begun before building plans are finalized. This allows the project to be completed sooner than with the traditional design-bid-build process. The various subcontractor bids are handled by the construction manager following standard city procedures, including public bid openings and awards to the lowest responsible bidders. The probable start of actual construction is February, 2009 with completion in January, 2011.

Because of the construction manager's extensive involvement in design, it is in a position to provide us with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) during the construction document phase. We expect to establish this GMP in September, 2008. At that point it accepts the performance risk of getting the job done and the price risk of doing it for the guaranteed maximum. The construction manager also has to provide the standard bonds to us - a performance bond and a labor and material bond - as we require on all projects.

We used the quality based selection process to choose Clark Construction Co. A request for qualifications was sent to six regional firms who had expressed interest in the work or were known to be proficient in construction management. A committee consisting of Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator, William R. Wheeler, P.E., Major Projects Manager, Matthew Kulhanek, Fleet & Facilities Manager, Sumedh Bahl, P.E., Water Treatment Manager, and Kenneth Clein, AIA, Principal, Quinn Evans Architects carefully reviewed the qualifications statements and determined that Clark Construction Co., Skanska USA Building, Inc., and Granger Construction Co. were the most qualified based on experience of their personnel and company on similar projects, LEED/green experience, financial stability, safety record, and history of performing on time and in budget. These three were then invited to submit formal proposals to perform the work needed for this project. The committee reviewed those proposals, interviewed the three firms, and unanimously agreed that Clark Construction Co. offered the best combination of price and quality.

The construction manager is reimbursed for its labor and other direct costs, and receives a fee to cover overhead, bonds and insurance, and profit. Clark Construction's fee was the lowest at 2.9%. The other proposers' fees were 2.95% and 3.9%. Please see the following comparison table for more information on this:

	Skanska	Clark	Granger
Preconstruct. hrs (design phase)	1583*	1137	1226
Preconstruct. cost (hourly rates, not to exceed total)	\$ 95,000	\$ 84,200	\$ 123,300
Const. phase hrs	15,008	14,122	19,952
Const. phase cost at hourly rates, est. total	\$1,000,296	\$934,300	\$1,492,910
Professional Fee in \$ (%) based on \$39,380,000 const. cost	\$1,142,027 (2.9)	\$1,161,710 (2.95)	\$1,535,820 (3.9)**
Reimbursables, estimated	\$ 132,000	\$ 101,250	\$ 281,100
Total	\$2,369,323	\$2,281,460	\$3,433,130

* Note that Clark has considerably more hours committed to the design phase which should result in more

options for cost savings.

** Skanska quoted 2.1% but did not include the bonds and insurance as requested; these add 1.8%.

Clark Construction received Human Rights and Living Wage approval on March 20, 2008. Sufficient funds for this agreement are included in the Civic Center Fund budget.

..Staff

Prepared by: William R. Wheeler, P.E., Major Projects Manager
Reviewed by: Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator
Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

..Body

Whereas, The approved Capital Improvements Plan includes the Courthouse and Police Facility Project (Project ID No. MF-CB-01-01) with an "Urgent" priority rating;

Whereas, It is necessary to employ a construction manager to assist in preconstruction design and construction the facility;

Whereas, Clark Construction Co. of Lansing, Michigan was selected to perform this work for \$2,369,323.00 based on the experience of its personnel, competitive fee structure, and quality of proposal;

Whereas, Sufficient funds for this are included in the Civic Center Fund budget (Fund 0008); and

Whereas, Clark Construction Co. received Human Rights and Living Wage approval on March 20, 2008;

Resolved, That a construction manager agreement in the amount of \$2,369,323.00 is authorized with Clark Construction Co. (RFP No. 702), plus a contingency of \$118,467.00 (5%) for any necessary changes authorized by the administrator;

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the construction manager agreement with Clark Construction Co. after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and as to form by the City Attorney;

Resolved, That the City makes the following declaration for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the City reasonably expects to reimburse itself for expenditures for the costs of the Project with proceeds of Bonds; and

Resolved, That the City Administrator is authorized to take any administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution.

R-6-1-07

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED
WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN OF A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE THE 15TH
DISTRICT COURT AND ANN ARBOR POLICE SERVICES

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor must find alternative space for the operations of the 15th District Court that can be functional by December 31, 2009;

Whereas, Ann Arbor's Police Services are located in inadequate facilities in the present Larcom Municipal Building;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council has considered several alternative locations and financial strategies for new space for both the 15th District Court and Police Services; and

Whereas, The planning for a new building and for the eventual redevelopment of the Ann Arbor Municipal Center must be thoughtfully done and include appropriate public processes;

RESOLVED, The long term interests of the City of Ann Arbor will be best served by the continued use of the Fifth and Huron location to be known in the future as the Ann Arbor Municipal Center; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is directed to immediately begin development of a site plan in conjunction with planning and design of a new building to serve the 15th District Court and Ann Arbor Police Services in the Ann Arbor Municipal Center; and

RESOLVED, That these additional directives are provided by City Council for the completion of this project within the time frame allowed:

- A. Preference shall be given to locating the Police/Courts building on the east side of the Larcom Building.
- B. The architectural services of Quinn-Evans were previously selected for this project and should continue to be used.
- C. The Downtown Development Authority is an essential partner in maximizing available parking at the Municipal Center site and will look for ways to work with the City to construct underground parking within this project.
- D. Public involvement must be adequately provided.
- E. Design for this project should reflect durability, functionality, fiscal prudence, flexibility, energy efficiency and compatibility with future redevelopment of the Municipal Center. This project will meet green building benchmarking standards.
- F. Specific financing strategies will be developed and approved as conceptual design for this project nears completion.

G. The City Administrator will submit a first phase budget and implementation strategy for this project for Council's consideration at the first meeting of City Council in February, 2007.

Sponsored by: Council Members Teall, Higgins, Lowenstein, Johnson, Woods, Greden and Rapundalo

Date: January 8, 2007

As Amended by City Council on January 8, 2007

**APPROVED
BY ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL**

January 8, 2007

**CITY CLERK
ANN ARBOR, MI**

Wolford, Louise

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:12 PM
To: Fraser, Roger; Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezinski, Tony; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Cc: Lloyd, Mark; Pulcipher, Connie; DiLeo, Alexis; Cheng, Christopher; Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: Wintermeyer Caucus Qs
Attachments: Caucus Memo - Wintermeyer Office Phase 2 PPSP.pdf

Mayor and Council, attached is a response to recently received caucus questions for Wintermeyer Office Project on this evening's agenda.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Jayne Miller, Community Services Administrator
DATE: February 2, 2008
SUBJECT: Caucus Questions

Agenda Item #DB-2 -- Wintermeyer Office Building Phase 2 Planned Project Site Plan

Question – It appears that this project has been encouraged to be designed to fit the proposed Chapter 55 revisions (currently called Area, Height & Placement standards). Is this an accurate reading? (Briere)

Answer – Yes, the project has been proposed to conform to the proposed amendments to the area, height and placement (AHP) standards for the Office District. The petition was submitted on September 26, 2008. At that time, the City Planning Commission had recommended approval of the AHP amendments. City Council had not taken action yet but it appeared the AHP amendments were receiving support. Therefore, the best advice that staff could give to the petitioner was to propose a project that complied with the AHP Office District amendments to avoid having to redesign the site later. When it turned out that the AHP amendments were tabled by City Council, staff did suggest keeping the layout and considering requesting planned project modifications. It was, and is, staff's opinion that the same principles behind the AHP amendments support the planned project modification request.

Question – There was discussion in Planning Commission about sidewalks, but this is not currently a pedestrian-heavy area in Ann Arbor. Creating a pedestrian-friendly presence on the street -- one of the stated design considerations -- seems in conflict with placing the new parking lot visible from the street. The criteria being used appear to be jumbled together. Is this an aspect of attempting to apply the not-yet-approved Area, Height & Placement standards? (Briere)

Answer – The proposed modification provides for a pedestrian-oriented arrangement of buildings (see planned project standards for approval, Chapter 55, Section 5:70[1][b][6]). The building has been moved closer to the street and sidewalk, making it easier for non-motorized travelers to access the building. This also has the effect of strengthening the perception of a continuous facade of buildings along the South State Street corridor. Although the existing street-wall of South State Street isn't ideal, this project is a step in the desired direction. A strong street-wall has the effect of calming traffic and making for a more attractive streetscape. The proposed parking lot expansion is visible from the street but aligned with, and not forward of, the proposed building.

The Wintermeyer Office Building Phase 2 Site Plan is the only site plan to propose using the AHP amendments and then switch to a planned project site plan.

Prepared by: Steve Bartha, Management Assistants
Reviewed by: Jayne Miller, Community Services Administrator
Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Attachments: Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 55, Section 5:70

5:70. Standards for Approval.

- (1) Based upon compliance with the following standards, the Planning Commission may recommend approval, and City Council may approve modifications of the area, height and placement regulations of the Zoning Chapter in the form of a planned project site plan:
- (a) The lot or lots included in the planned project must meet the minimum gross lot size requirement of the zoning district in which they are located. In residential zoning districts, the minimum gross lot size shall be the combined total of the minimum gross lot sizes for each dwelling on a parcel. However, the minimum gross lot size and width requirements may be reduced as part of a planned project for a zero lot line duplex or townhouse development which provides affordable housing for lower income households. For purposes of this section, zero lot line duplex or townhouse development shall mean a development containing attached single-family units on individual lots. In no case may the gross lot size be reduced below the minimum lot area per dwelling unit requirement for the dwelling unit type proposed.
 - (b) The proposed modifications of zoning requirements must provide one or more of the following:
 - 1. Usable open space in excess of the minimum requirement.
 - 2. Building or parking setback(s) in excess of the minimum requirement.
 - 3. Preservation of natural features.
 - 4. Preservation of historical or architectural features.
 - 5. Solar orientation or energy conserving design.
 - 6. An arrangement of buildings which provides a public benefit, such as transit access, pedestrian orientation, or a reduced need for infrastructure.
 - 7. Affordable housing for lower income households.
 - (c) The planned project shall be designed in such a manner that traffic to and from the site will not be hazardous to adjacent properties.
 - (d) The proposed modifications shall be consistent with the proper development and use of adjacent land and buildings.
 - (e) Required off-street parking and landscaping must be provided in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 59 and 62.
 - (f) The standards of density, allowable floor area and required usable open space for the zoning district(s) in which the project is located must be met.
 - (g) There shall be no uses within the proposed project which are not permitted uses in the zoning district(s) in which the proposed project is to be located.
- (2) The Commission or Council may add conditions to the approval of the planned project site plan to achieve conformity to these standards.

(Ord. No. 23-88, 6-20-1988; Ord. No. 68-89, 11-20-1989; Ord. No. 22-92, 5-18-1992)

Wolford, Louise

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: JCC resolution for gaming

Anissa is adding it to the agenda now. I used the language that you had included.

Jacqueline Beaudry
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-----Original Message-----
From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:42 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: JCC resolution for gaming

Hi Jackie: One more emergency resolution. Can you put this gaming license resolution together for me? Seth just called and I told him I thought we could do this. I'll be up on the third floor at 5:00 for budget, if you have any difficulties. Could you send a confirmation to Seth for me? Thanks. -Margie

-----Original Message-----
From: Seth Penchansky [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: FW: JCC resolution for gaming

Hi Marggie,

Attached is a letter explaining the purpose and resolution.
Also, in addition to the resolution, there is a pdf of the form that must be completed and submitted to the state.

Sorry about the late notice.

Thank you,

Seth

Seth Penchansky, AIA
LEED Accredited Professional

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

From: Julie Gales [mailto:juliegales@jccfed.org]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: resolution for gaming

Seth,

If Councilwomen Teall can get this on tonight's agenda, that would be fabulous. However, if she can get it on next council meeting agenda and we can get a copy of that agenda, this will buy us some time with the Charitable Gaming Division of the Michigan Lottery.

There are a few "holes" that need to be filled in....principally names.

Also, in addition to the resolution, there is a form that must be submitted.
It can be found on the second page of the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/BSL-CG-1453_39156_7.pdf

Let me know what else we can do to facilitate getting this done and please thank Councilwoman Teall for all of us.

Cheers,
j.

Wolford, Louise

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:31 PM
To: Smith, Sándi; Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Derzinski, Tony
Cc: Rampson, Wendy; Barber, Janet (Barth); Fraser, Roger
Subject: A2D2

Staff will be presenting the proposed A2D2 zoning and downtown plan amendments at the Council work session on March 9th, with formal proposals coming before Council on March 16th. Since the A2D2 project has been underway for a number of years and, given the fact that you are new to Council, I would like to make myself and Wendy Rampson available to meet with you in advance of the March 9th working session to brief you on the history of A2D2, and in particular, what lead to the development of the proposed zoning and downtown plan amendments. I will ask Jan Barber to work with you to set up a time (or times, if necessary) to meet with you, if you would find such a meeting helpful.

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From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:32 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: A2D2

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From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:38 PM
To: Miller, Jayne
Subject: RE: A2D2

For my part, I would.

Thanks.

Earlier the better for me.

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From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 6:16 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezsinski, 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 Agenda and Packet
Attachments: image001.gif

The packet has been updated with the following changes/additions:

Council Communication

09-0104 Appointment to Environmental Commission (Added)

DC-2 Recognizing the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County as a Civic Nonprofit Organization (Added)

DS-7 (DELETED) Barrier Busters Program Management Agreement

DS-10 Restricting Paddling & Sidewalk Occupancy Permits During the Art Fair (Added)

E-1 Appointments & Nominations

The link is ready for downloading

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:13 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: FW: Police/Court Contract

From: Gwen Nystuen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:54 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Police/Court Contract

Hi Leigh,

Thank you for responding. I think we just have to disagree. I was always opposed to this short term solution. The Larcom building needs to be replaced and going ahead with this shorter (more affordable) solution has always seemed wrong to me. We are going to go through some turbulent times. The only good argument I go along with is that this would create some employment in the construction industry that is suffering a severe downturn. And yes, there will definitely be some major costs for either delaying or stopping this project. I read the description of the funding in the AANews as well as in emails. I heard that at the retreat CC was told that staff is asked to work on cutting operating budget by 15% with the likelihood that there would need to be cuts over 5% for at least two years. While this project is in capital improvements budget, the overall budget is both operating and capital improvements. Locked into CI that has to be paid, the result is cutting operations if the income from taxes does not follow previous forecasts. I believe the City may have the opportunity to acquire buildings for lease or purchase at a much better cost than previously in the next couple of years, especially as the Univ. is expected to reduce all its leased space with its new overabundance of buildings, and commercial real estate is expected to be the next domino to fall in the real estate market.

No I do not want any reduction in the Parks operating or capital budget, and I want less of the parks millage used for routine maintenance. This makes the parks very dependent on the millage when I believe citizens expect that our city tax should fully support general parks operating expenses.

I answered your question. You didn't answer my question about whether this project would get voters support were they given the opportunity.

As for the court, why is it that with county and city controlled by Democrats a feasible solution hasn't been reached? But for this amount of investment we could rent something for many years. How about buying the Crawford corner at 4th & Huron and building a courtroom on a second floor over offices on first and parking partly below grade--an annex right next to County building. It is just about the size for one court room.

Gwen

At 01:55 PM 2/2/2009, you wrote:

Hi Gwen-

Thank you for writing about this important topic. It appears that someone has sent out an e-mail to constituents on this issue, because we've received about six e-mails today all using the same language.

Not one dime of general fund operating money is being used for this project. On the contrary, the project has a self-sufficient budget. It has been well-documented that it will save taxpayer funds by ending skyrocketing lease payments to outside landlords and by centralizing City functions. If we accepted your solution and delayed the project, we would need to re-negotiate a new lease for Court space with the County -- something the County has said they will not do. But even if we could reach such an agreement

with the County, the County has told us, in writing, that the City's lease payment to the County would increase dramatically. Those lease payments ARE made with General Fund dollars. In other words, delaying this project would require us to divert money away from general fund operations -- parks, police, and human services -- in order to pay more money to the County for substandard space. Would you support cuts to the parks budget to pay for the delay in this project? That is not good public policy.

President Obama, Democrats in Congress, Democrats in Lansing, and even most Republican Governors and several Republican Senators all agree that public infrastructure projects are vital to improving the economy. It's a centerpiece of the President's economic program. The argument that we should delay this project because of the bad economic times is therefore directly contrary to the fundamental economic theory guiding all levels of government at this time. Indeed, this project secured very low bond rates and the construction bids are coming in under budget because this is a great time to invest in our public infrastructure.

In summary, this project will not raise taxes, it does not divert any general fund operating dollars, it will save money in the short-run and long-run by centralizing City operations and ending outside lease payments to private landlords, and it will help stimulate the local economy consistent with President Obama's economic plan. Moreover, the project will be Gold LEED certified, and will therefore serve as an example of how to build a "green" government building.

-Leigh Greden, Member of City Council

From: Gwen Nystuen [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 1:08 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Police/Court Contract

Dear City Council:

The current financial crisis that is pervasive here and globally tells me that the City should not lock in the plans for this \$47 million project until our long-range financial outlook is much clearer. Our city budget will almost certainly be quite different than it was when the decision to go ahead with this project was made months before the collapse of banks and housing became apparent. The plans for how to finance this one project may be possible, but at what impact on all the other needs and the other shortfalls that appear inevitable? In these very strange times I see that the University has bought 30 buildings and 177 acres of prime land for \$108 million, and here we are to get a controversial building to house one department and a courthouse for \$47. It does not make good sense to me. I urge you to put this on hold during this period where predictions of how deep this recession is going to be remain dismal. In three more months we should have more accurate forecasts for Michigan, Ann Arbor, and U.S. economy for 2009-2011. The people of Ann Arbor never voted on this and it is not required. However, do any of you think it would have won approval if it had been on the ballot in November, much less if it were to be on a ballot any time in this coming year?

Sincerely,
 Gwen Nystuen

Wolford, Louise

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First Name: Margie
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Wolford, Louise

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:22 PM
To: Naud, Matthew
Cc: Teall, Margie
Subject: Saturday's meeting on the removal of Argo Dam

Dear Matt,

I didn't have an opportunity to attend the meeting either Wednesday or Saturday. I'll be there on Thursday. I enjoyed the notes from the Tuesday meeting, but didn't see any notes from the Saturday meeting. Can you send those to all of us, please?

Sabra

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:24 PM

To: Beaudry, Jacqueline

Subject: Has anyone except sitting councilmembers pulled petitions?

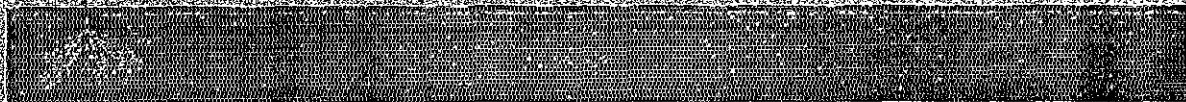
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Subject: Council Communication & DC-2 Attached
Importance: High
Attachments: DC-2.pdf; Council communication.pdf; image001.gif

The items above are attached to this email. The packet will be updated shortly.

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Text File

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Agenda # DC-2

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Matter Type: Resolution

Resolution Recognizing the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County as a Civic Nonprofit Organization Operating in Ann Arbor for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

To obtain a charitable gaming license under Michigan law, a nonprofit organization is required to submit a resolution from its local governing body recognizing it as a community-based organization.

The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County connects the diverse Jewish population of Greater Ann Arbor in a multi-service community organization that provides a wide-array of programs, courses, and activities for people of all ages - from the Early Childhood Education Program to the "Spice" of Life program serving the seniors in our community - from the Jewish Book Festival to the Jewish Film Festival. The facility provides a home for many of the diverse Jewish organizations in the community, such as the Jewish Federation, the Hebrew Day School and the Washtenaw Jewish News.

Passage of the attached resolution will allow the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County to host its bi-annual Gala Auction on March 28, 2009. The event will include a silent auction, a live auction, a buffet dinner, and a raffle. This resolution is required in order to obtain final approval from the Charitable Gaming Division of the Bureau of State Lottery for the raffle.

Sponsored by Councilmember Margie Teall

Resolution Recognizing the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County as a Civic Nonprofit Organization Operating in Ann Arbor for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License

Whereas, Public Act 382 of 1972, as amended, requires that local civic nonprofit organizations be recognized by resolution adopted by the local governmental subdivision in which the organization conducts its principal activities and that a copy of said resolution be filed with any application for a license to conduct a bingo, raffle or charity game(s);

Whereas, The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County has requested that it be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license;

Whereas, The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County is a local civic nonprofit organization as defined by Public Act 382 of 1972, as amended, which should be recognized for its continuing efforts to promote Jewish identity, education, and programming for all ages and backgrounds;

RESOLVED, That City Council hereby approve recognition of The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County as a local civic nonprofit organization operating in the Ann Arbor community for the purposes of its charitable gaming license application as required by Public Act 382 of 1972, as amended; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County and to take all necessary administrative actions to provide notice of this Resolution to the Charitable Gaming Division, Michigan Department of Treasury.



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Resolution to Appoint a Planning Commission Representative to the City
Environmental Commission

Resolution to Appoint a Planning Commission Representative to the City Environmental Commission

Whereas, City Council passed an ordinance creating a City Environmental Commission;

Whereas, The ordinance requires City Council to nominate and appoint the members of the Commission, including a representative from the City Planning Commission;

Whereas, There is currently a vacancy of Planning Commission Representative on the Environmental Commission; and

Whereas, Kirk Westphal has volunteered to represent the City Planning Commission on the Environmental Commission, replacing former member Ron Emaus;

RESOLVED, That Kirk Westphal be appointed to the Environmental Commission as the Planning Commission Representative for a term consistent with his term on the City Planning Commission, expiring June 30, 2009; and

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk notify the newly appointed commission member and the Environmental Commission regarding the appointment.

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:25 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Has anyone except sitting councilmembers pulled petitions?

Thanks.

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:25 PM
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Steve Kunselman (3rd ward).

No one has filed yet.

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To: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Subject: RE: A2D2 - 3/6

I won't know for a couple of weeks

From: Barber, Janet (Barth)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:59 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: A2D2 - 3/6

Marcia -

We'd like to change the start time for the 3/6 A2D2 meeting from 8:30 to 9:00. Could you be available for a 9:00 start time?



Jan Barber
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Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:27 PM
To: McCormick, Sue
Subject: RE: Lost call

Thanks for the call Sue

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

From: McCormick, Sue
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:06 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Lost call

Hi! Sorry I lost you and couldn't get you back.

I think the delay and contact has served us all well. Barb Fuller is planning to attend tthis evening. The Township seems supportive of the EA process we will embark on.

See you later.

Sue

Wolford, Louise

From: Lloyd, Mark
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:28 PM
To: Anglin, Mike
Cc: 'mikeanglin07@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Walgreens

Hi Mike,

Thank you for the information. First of all, the project is not scheduled to come before the City Council until March. As a result of the CPC action on this matter, the applicant is in the process of preparing modified plans to address several site plan issues. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation is one of the primary issues to be addressed. Other issues include site/building aesthetics, materials and landscaping. We will pay particular attention to the vehicular/pedestrian site circulation. You are welcome to view the plans once we receive them (approximately two weeks). If you have any other question, please contact me at your convenience.

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**note new phone number*

From: Anglin, Mike
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 12:14 PM
To: Lloyd, Mark
Cc: 'mikeanglin07@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Walgreens

Hello Mark,

I receive this information from a resident in Ward 5. I recall from watching the Planning Commissions on this site and having some personal information about the same that there was little discussion about design. I would like you to take a look at this information and let me know is it too late to influence the site plan and recommendations?

I recall that there was a discussion to the effect that this area is one of the "gateways to the community" and as such there should be particular attention given.

Thanks Mike Anglin

From: michael anglin [mailto:mikeanglin07@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:00 AM
To: Anglin, Mike
Subject: Fwd: Walgreens

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From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sat, Jan 31, 2009 at 4:30 PM
Subject: Walgreens
To: "Anglin, Mike" <MAnglin@a2gov.org>, "Anglin, Mike" <mikeanglin07@gmail.com>

Hello Mike

Give me a call when you can.

Thanks

Mike

[REDACTED]

--
Mike Anglin
Councilman 5th Ward
Ann Arbor
549 South First Street

741-9786(home)

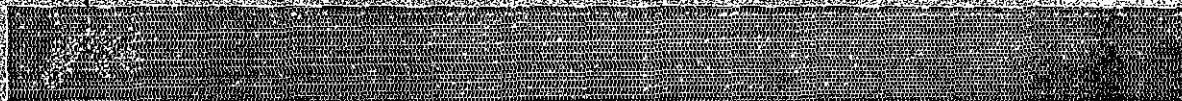
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From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:28 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Briere, Sabra; Dempkowski, Angela A; Derezinski, Tony; Fraser, Roger; Greden, Leigh; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Postema, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Schopieray, Christine; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Subject: Council Packet
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John Hieftje

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:31 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

But it costs an extra \$5-8 million, plus interest! I think 600 new spaces, plus the new 1st/Washington spaces, will be plenty to last us for 20 years. Build what we need, not what we want. That's why we pared back the PD/Courts bldg!

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:43 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

I would still rather maximize the spaces we build. When will we ever build more? We lose 193 spaces just building the damn deck already....

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

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:09 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

You know I support more parking-- I drafted the library lot resolution! But that enforcement thing is tricky...

FYI, looks like a majority supports the Hohnke-Hewitt compromise that goes under Fifth Avenue -- which means you get your ramp -- but does not go all the way to William. But the Site plan would be approved to include the William piece, meaning a future developer could easily add that parking if they see fit. A win-win.

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 1:25 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

This is a fine example of the fact that not only do we need more parking downtown, but that we need to address enforcement issues as well.

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

From: Stu Sokolowski [mailto:████████████████████]
6/17/2009

Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 12:43 PM

To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezsinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike

Subject: Very Perturbed at Parking Ticket

Dear Mayor Hieftje

My wife Heather visited Ann Arbor on Friday with our son and some classmates from Franklin Road Christian School (FRCS) in Novi to see the Sphinx concert at Hill Auditorium (I believe) in the early afternoon. *After dropping the children off at the auditorium, she spent THE NEXT 1 HOUR looking for a place to park. She went through parking garages, up and down streets, and even stopped a meter person to ask for help who told her "you won't find a parking spot now."*

By the time she did find a spot and walk the considerable distance to the event, she was seated in time to see the LAST PERSON PERFORM. Then, when she returns to her car, there was a parking ticket attached. She put enough money in the meter to cover the time but was confused about which meter was actually hers. Since I wasn't there and didn't see the actual spot, I think she may have put \$ in a meter that wasn't hers. To make matters worse, when she called to complain, everything is automated. YOU CAN'T EVEN SPEAK TO A PERSON. On top of that, there is a \$3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE to pay your ticket! What's convenient about that?

Clearly, Ann Arbor does not have enough parking spots. What is being done about that? If you want people to visit and have an enjoyable time in your city, there should be enough places for the to park.

Second, charging a CONVENIENCE FEE to pay for a parking ticket is RIDICULOUS!!! That is the height of government insensitivity. There's no one you can even talk to. Just pay the piper or the amount owed will keep growing.

Well, we paid the \$10 fee and the 3.50 CONVENIENCE FEE this morning, but this event has left a very bad impression on us of Ann Arbor and its city government. We leave Ann Arbor feeling that it's government is very impersonal and autocratic.

If you care to look into this matter, the citation # is: 5040021705. The ticket was given by Officer Casabianca, ID # 826.

Thank you for your time.

-- Stu

Stuart J. Sokolowski
2081 Pauls Way
Commerce Twp., MI 48390
[REDACTED]

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Hohnke, Carsten

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:33 PM

To: Taylor, Christopher

Hey, you had good campaign lit!

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Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:34 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: CIP

Thanks I'll look for this in the next week or so.

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 1:13 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: CIP

I just saw Mark's note that the printing is being done this week.

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2009 8:13 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: CIP

Roger,
Could you please provide a hard copy of the CIP to me?
Thanks,
Marcia

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:34 PM
To: 'Hohnke, Carsten'
Subject: RE:

U know it, baby!

Christopher Taylor

Councilmember (Third Ward)

Mobile: 734-604-8770

Work: 734-213-3605

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Cc: 'Greden, Leigh R.'; Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: Blah..blah..blah..

I feel like I should be reading everything she writes with a ruler...

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

From: Linda Lombardini [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:30 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: Blah..blah..blah...

Linda
████████████████████

This message is sent from my phone. Please forgive all typos & grammos.

Wolford, Louise

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Virginia Simon

830 W. Washington
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6/17/2009

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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:43 PM
To: Miller, Jayne
Subject: Remind me...

Which issue do we need one rep from each Ward? Area Height Placement? A2D2? I can't remember.

Wolford, Louise

From: Hohnke, Carsten
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:44 PM
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My joy ... (tell Rapundalo not to mention this guys name tonight ...)

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Thank you Joan!! How I miss your humor, and your great perspective. :(Margie

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To: Hohnke, Carsten

Cc: Greden, Leigh

Subject: John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd,...

Sincerely,

Stephen

Stephen Rapundalo
Councilmember - Ward 2
City of Ann Arbor
Mobile: (734) 476-0648
srapundalo@a2gov.org

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:48 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: An urban economist's opinion of the S. Fifth Ave Parking Structure project

Well done!

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 6:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Briere, Sabra; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: An urban economist's opinion of the S. Fifth Ave Parking Structure project

Dear Mr. Albouy,

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us regarding the proposed new parking structure on S. Fifth Ave. I am also a downtown resident who enjoys the experience of walking through town, seeing people on the sidewalks and enjoying all that this city has to offer. I believe that we share some of the same ideas for a healthy and vibrant Ann Arbor. However, I support the concept of a large underground structure at this central Ann Arbor location. Some of my reasons are listed here:

- Parking usage by patrons has been increasing nearly every month for several years running.
- The waiting list for parking permits has approximately 1000 names on it.
- Building underground at this location preserves the site for future development that would most likely demand parking.
- Being centrally located, the structure can service patrons of both the State Street and Main Street Districts.
- Once built, the City should begin to divest itself of the surface parking lots it owns and operates, reducing the visual impact of so many parked cars.
- The City has an opportunity to upgrade the utilities while building this structure and prepare two large parcels for development in the city's core and increasing their value in the process.
- The adjacent library has seen a continued and sustained increase in programming and patron usage or as they say "door swings". In the design for their new building, they are planning for a 400 seat auditorium.

If you would like to see more information on the proposed structure as well as the most recent parking study, the links are as follows:

http://a2dda.org/resources/data_reports/
http://www.a2dda.org/current_projects/s_fifth_ave_parking_structure_project/

Thanks again for taking the time to write to us.

Sincerely,

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

From: David Albouy [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:12 PM
6/17/2009

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Subject: An urban economist's opinion of the S. Fifth Ave Parking Structure project

Dear Council Members,

I am a downtown resident and a professor of urban economics at the University of Michigan who specializes in urban quality-of-life issues. I would like to express to you why I think the S. Fifth Ave Parking Structure would be a bad use of this very valuable land.

Personally, I have to admit that I currently live next to the site (at 322 S. Division). I spoke with the head engineer of the project, Adrian Iraola, and he told me that the noise, and especially the shaking, will make it basically impossible for me to live there (he said to "tie down the china"). Excavation is apparently much more of a nuisance than construction. Fortunately, I am a renter, and I can move (although I love that location), but I fear for others in the area as well.

More generally, while I strongly support downtown development, and while I prefer an underground structure to an aboveground structure, I do not think that this structure would be of much value to downtown Ann Arbor. Something else on that site would be far more valuable.

The new 5th Ave structure would be located in the middle of four parking structures - 4th and William, 4th and Washington, Liberty Square and Maynard - all within two blocks. Most of these structures have vacancies much of the time. I have a view of the Library Lot and see that it almost always has some vacant spots, even at the low rate that is charged. There is simply no need for additional parking at 5th Ave, and additional spaces will mostly just take away parking from other lots, so that parking revenues are unlikely to rise. Any increase in overall downtown parking will likely come at the expense of less walking, which won't make downtown any more attractive.

The land would be better used, and would ultimately generate greater revenue, for some other purpose. Residential rents in downtown Ann Arbor are high because it is one of the nicest places to live in Michigan: people want to live in a convenient, walkable downtown. Furthermore, downtown residents make downtown more interesting to non-residents, lower overall congestion in the city, and have a smaller environmental footprint than residents in less dense areas. Street-level commerce (such as a grocery store or a laundromat) would serve downtown and south-of-downtown residents, as well as library-goers. Library-goers and shoppers can use the Maynard or 4th & William structures: having them walk a block or two would make downtown more, not less, interesting. Parking rates could be raised slightly in these structures if availability becomes a problem (although they would still be far lower than in most nice downtowns), and then these revenues could be used to build a new structure when the time comes. Moreover, in the long run, additional residential and commercial space will make the quality of life downtown even better, leading to even higher property values - the most telling sign that downtown development is working.

In colloquial economic terms, building the underground structure now is putting the cart before the horse. Currently, the demand to park downtown is not strong enough to make this structure worthwhile. Right now, development policies should aim at increasing the demand to go downtown in the first place. The parking-first approach to downtown development is akin to discredited theories of supply-side or "voodoo" economics and is anathema to most urban planners. Most bustling cities, and I've lived in a few, don't have nearly as much available parking per square foot as downtown Ann Arbor. A fellow professor and longtime Ann Arbor resident, Jim Adams, has called the visual unsightliness of so much downtown parking as the "Michigan Disease." People go downtown to see people, not cars.

With its economy based on information, education, and health, and its quality-of-life based on culture, street-life, and interesting people, Ann Arbor is the most promising city in Michigan. Making it better benefits not only local residents, but potential residents all over the country who may want to live here. Do something with the Library Lot and do it soon, but do not use it for more parking. I would much rather move for a project that will actually make Ann Arbor a nicer place to live.

Thank you for reading and considering my views. Please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions.

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Yours truly,

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Wolford, Louise

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From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:52 PM
To: Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Courthouse Square Detioration

Courthouse Square is a privately owned and managed building that we periodically inspect under the housing codes. We also have done many special inspections based on individual complaints. I suspect that some of the residents may be using Section 8 vouchers to subsidize rents, but otherwise we have no direct involvement with the site.

Roger
734-794-6110

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:00 PM
To: Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A
Subject: RE: Courthouse Square Detioration

Dear Sandi,

From my previous inquiries, I've received the very strong impression that the City is not involved in the management of this building.

I thought I'd shared that correspondence with you -- including that from Paul Jensen. I'll find it.

I'm very open to meeting to see what can be done.

I too would like to know more.

Sabra Briere
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From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 2:41 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Briere, Sabra
Subject: FW: Courthouse Square Detioration

How much is the city involved in the management of this building, if at all? Are we subsidizing any of the units? Any details will be appreciated.

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

From: s. a. long [mailto:]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 10:57 AM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezsinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Greden, Leigh; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike

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Cc: DDA; housingbureau@umich.edu; info@mainstreetannarbor.org

Subject: Courthouse Square Detioration

The recent drunken stabbing at Courthouse Square is only the tip of the iceberg.

Many of the ever decreasing number of long-term tenants are planning to leave because they can no longer tolerate conditions in this building. Originally intended to house independent and stable seniors of moderate income, the management and apparently the city officials have changed it's purpose to a holding tank for too many addicts, alcoholics and mentally unstable tenants with nowhere else to go for placement. There is a total failure to screen incoming tenants. If these people applied to the homeless shelter they would be screened for intoxication and provided many support services to help them to live with others, and their behavior would be closely monitored.

At Courthouse Square people with severe problems are given leases and then left to fend for themselves. They invite associates into the building to roam freely through the halls, sleep on the lounge furniture, and sometimes behave in a threatening manner. (Memorably, not long ago, a tenant was drunk and passed out in the main lobby in front of the elevators on a Sunday afternoon when many are receiving visits from their children and grandchildren.) These undesirable residents and their friends urinate in the elevators, throw up on the floors, freely use filthy language in public areas, go off their meds, and often are drunk or high in the elevators and lobby at all hours of the day and night. Residents, some of whom are frail and elderly, are left to protect themselves especially when the office is closed at night and on weekends.

Complaints go nowhere. In the past, prospective tenants were carefully screened and undesirable people were evicted but no longer.

This situation has already driven away many of the more stable residents. Many more will follow as a result of the most recent drunken incident. Many are being pressured hard to move by their children who fear for their parents safety. We don't want to go. Courthouse was an ideal location for seniors allowing them to be independent and take advantage of all the city has to offer. We were supposed to be an asset bringing people and business to downtown merchants. Now we are a source of trouble.

Please know that our complaints are not directed at tenants with low income, differing ethnicity or race, or those who are challenged by mental illness. But people who live at Courthouse need to be able to take care of themselves, observe reasonable rules of behavior, and respect themselves and their neighbors. Those who need it should be closely supervised and evicted if they cannot manage their behavior.

It may be too late to turn the situation around. The bad publicity and increasingly bad reputation of Courthouse Square makes recruitment of stable applicants difficult if not impossible. In addition, there is NO marketing to the community. Management used to run an ad in the Ann Arbor News and reach out to community groups, churches, and other possible sources of applicants. Now none of this happens. And we don't participate in Senior Housing Day Open House or other efforts to recruit.

In addition, Centrum is not maintaining the building. Upholstery is filthy. Panels are missing from the cover over parking. Windows, which early on were washed annually, have not been touched in years. Walls need painting. Wallpaper is peeling. Maintenance staff have to spend much of their time readying apartments for new occupants due to high turnover so cannot attend to other pressing needs.

All this leads us to think that a change in the Courthouse Square mission has been decided without consultation or public discussion. Did the DDA or downtown merchants and residents agree to a new purpose for this building? Where are the seniors to go if this is no longer a safe environment. Why has there been no intervention by the Senior Housing Bureau staff or other city officials.

It is very disappointing that Courthouse Square is becoming unfit to live in and a liability to the downtown area. Will you please help us or at least let us know that there will be no help forthcoming.

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Wolford, Louise

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To: Greden, Leigh
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From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:58 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: Re: Remind me...

Area, height & placement

Jayne Miller

On Feb 2, 2009, at 7:42 PM, "Greden, Leigh" <LGreden@a2gov.org> wrote:

Which issue do we need one rep from each Ward? Area Height Placement? A2D2? I can't remember.

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:03 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
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Wölford, Louise

From: Naud, Matthew
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:03 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Saturday's meeting on the removal of Argo Dam

Just haven't had time to scan and get things typed

I have no elves this year (grad students)

Will let you know when they go up.

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

From: "Briere, Sabra" <SBriere@a2gov.org>
To: "Naud, Matthew" <MNaud@a2gov.org>
Cc: "Teall, Margie" <MTeall@a2gov.org>
Sent: 2/2/09 7:21 PM
Subject: Saturday's meeting on the removal of Argo Dam

Dear Matt,

I didn't have an opportunity to attend the meeting either Wednesday or Saturday. I'll be there on Thursday. I enjoyed the notes from the Tuesday meeting, but didn't see any notes from the Saturday meeting. Can you send those to all of us, please?

Sabra

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:04 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: AH&P membership

Jayne is creating a public process for Area, Height, and Placement. There will be one citizen appt'd from each Ward. She needs guidance on how to select those people. Do you want to appoint them? Ask the Councilmembers from each Ward to collaboratively pick the person?

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:05 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: PD/Cts

Thanks.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:02 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: RE: PD/Cts

Contingencies: Ask for use of contingencies to be reviewed by Building Committee to continue our due diligence.

Phase 2: I used the wrong term by referring to Phase 2. It's really the "alternate" (i.e., public meeting space). Confirm it's dead.

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From: Higgins, Marcia

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:09 PM

To: Greden, Leigh

Subject: John is our local Ed Begley jr.

Wolford, Louise

From: Hohnke, Carsten
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:13 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd,...

Nice! Just remember ... for every one of your Floyds, I've got a Kang ...

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:47 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd, John Floyd,...

Sincerely,

Stephen

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Wolford, Louise

From: Smith, Sandi
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:15 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: 5th/Div planning

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

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From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:15 PM
To: 'Joan Lowenstein'; Greden, Leigh; Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Taylor, Christopher (Council); chonke@a2gov.org
Subject: RE: Police/Courts Building

don't you a Martha Stewart show on TiVo to watch?

Sincerely,

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From: Joan Lowenstein [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 7:43 PM
To: Greden, Leigh; Rapundalo, Stephen; Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Taylor, Christopher (Council); chonke@a2gov.org
Subject: Police/Courts Building

I know you won't heed the frightened pleas of the unhappy former candidates who came to speak against the building, but I thought I'd add some ammunition for you. An article in this past weekend's NYTimes magazine outlines the "Big Fix" for the Obama stimulus plan. The key is GOVERNMENT SPENDING, that is, there should be MORE of it. We have not invested enough in infrastructure and now the government is the only entity that can do so and stimulate the economy. This is because only governments now are able to borrow money at low rates (as the City has been able to do). The article goes so far as to say even having people dig ditches and then cover them back up will stimulate the economy! The bottom line is that we have to do our part to stimulate the economy when the private sector is basically dormant. This economic stimulation will result, ultimately, in more tax revenue, although you have to be able to look to the future to realize this. Lesko, Floyd, Nelson, Sidney & Kaplan are turtles who want to bring their heads into their shells (this could be impossible for Pat Lesko . . .) and hope the recession will go away. It won't.

Stay the course, Councilmembers!

In solidarity,

Joan

Joan Lowenstein
502 Burson Place
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:35 PM
To: Smith, Sandi
Subject: RE: 5th/Div planning

DDA staffing would help, and there should be DDA membership on the committee. But I think it needs to be a City process, for political reasons. It's City owned land, and HIGHLY controversial.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:42 PM
To: Bergren, Mike
Subject: FW: DTE update

Hi Mike- Any updates on this? Thanks.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 12:39 PM
To: Bergren, Mike
Cc: Hohnke, Carsten; McCormick, Sue; Fraser, Roger
Subject: DTE update

Hi Mike- The students are excited about working with DTE to install LEDs in the triangle area. Any updates from DTE on costs and timing? Thanks. -Leigh

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:44 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: EDC

I thought you were going to hold on Ranzini's re-appt to EDC.....

Wolford, Louise

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:53 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: Courts/Police Council Item Questions
Importance: High
Attachments: ClarkCC.pdf; QEADes.pdf

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

From: Fraser, Roger
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 5:06 PM
To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Wheeler, William; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Dempkowski, Angela A; Crawford, Tom; Jones, Barnett; McCormick, Sue; Miller, Jayne; Wilkerson, Robyn
Subject: Courts/Police Council Item Questions
Importance: High

Council:

Emails distributed today raised several issues relating to the Courts/Police building contract on tonight's agenda. Staff has assembled a "Q&A" in response to those questions, which is below.

Roger
734-794-6110
rfraser@a2gov.org

Here is the text of my proposed answers to the questions in the various e-mails we've received. Tom and Sue also contributed.

Q- Construction Manager wasn't selected through competitive bidding.

A- Attached are the memo and resolution provided to Council on April 7, 2008 for the hiring of Clark Construction Co. as Construction Manager. At the top of page two it describes the quality based selection process used. Further down the page is a chart with three firm names and three columns of numbers. Please note that the formatting of this PDF is slightly askew, and that the first column is Clark Construction Co., the second is Granger Construction Co., and the third is Skanska USA Building Inc. The architect, Quinn Evans Architects, was initially selected pursuant the City's professional services selection procedures in 2004. At that time five firms were evaluated by a review committee. In 2004 and 2005 Quinn Evans performed a number of tasks for the City as location and scoping decisions were being made and was subsequently retained as a professional services provider under the exemption to competitive bidding provided in Sec. 1:315 of the Code in 2007. Please see second attachment.

Q- Clark is not using proper competitive bidding to solicit bids from subcontractors.

A- Clark IS using proper competitive bidding to solicit bids from subcontractors. Clark takes the bids and awards the subcontracts with input from the City. For transparency purposes, we required that these subcontractor bids be treated as if they were City bids - being publically advertised through the City, received in City Hall, opened publically, and read

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aloud. The successful subs also have to comply with Chapters 112 and 23 (Human Rights and Living Wage approvals), per their contracts with Clark.

Q- Project funding includes \$3 million from the sale of First and Washington. Has the developer secured financing and, if so, are there conditions like pre-leasing? If the sale does not close, what is the source of funds to replace this \$3 million?

A- The project is working to get financing at this time. There are no pre-lease provisions for the private developer since the City is not financing or guaranteeing the apartments. If the 1st/Washington project does not obtain financing, the City could decide to complete the new building but delay some renovations in Larcom. Alternatively, if delay was not desired, General Fund balance could be utilized to fund the Larcom renovations until First & Washington did get financing.

Q- The last plans shown the public included 12,020 square feet of undetailed space in Larcom for HR, public services and customer service, now housed in 16,000 sq feet at city center building. Have detailed drawings been completed for the first and sixth floor of Larcom showing how these departments will be accommodated in less space?

A- The Design Team has completed detailed layouts of all areas considered for renovation in the Larcom Building as part of this project. These are based upon the approved building Program Report and have been developed with the input of City staff including users of each area. The total existing area for Building & Planning and Customer Service Center is approximately 13,300 DGSF [departmental gross square feet]. The program calls for 12,400 DGSF for these areas. The proposed plan provides 11,030 DGSF. All net program areas have been met. The differences are due to greater efficiency in layout resulting from reduced departmental circulation and sharing spaces for conferencing, break areas, and public waiting. The existing area for Human Resources & Public Services Administration (City Center, 7th Flr) is approximately 9,660 DGSF and the proposed on the Larcom 6th floor is approximately 7,900 DGSF. All net program requirements have been met and the difference can be attributed to greater efficiency in layout and proper sizing of offices and work stations per program requirements. Sharing of conference and break areas with other city staff has also contributed to the reduction.

Q- What is the source of funds to operate the new building? The leases for the space at city center building and the county building include utilities and operating costs. An appendix dated 8/28/06 to a Quinn Evans report estimated the annual operating costs for an energy efficient 90,000 sq foot building at about \$334,000. This does not include additional costs for court security. It costs about \$450,000 per year to operate the Wheeler center. Is there a new source of revenue to cover these operating costs or will the courts and police be asked to make budget cuts?

A- The operating costs would primarily come from the General Fund. The General Fund budget is approx. \$85 million per year. If the facility is completed within the existing timing plan, any increase in operating costs would not be incurred until FY 2012. The operating costs mentioned above represent approx. 0.5% of the total budget. While revenue and expense estimates cannot be forecast to that level of accuracy this far in advance, we expect to plan for this in the FY2012 budget, strategizing in advance to avoid layoffs or other service impacts.

Q- The cost schedule in the proposed contract with Clark Construction indicates that furnishings are not included in owner costs. Prior cost schedules included furnishings as part of owner costs. Is the plan to use existing furnishings? If not, what is the estimated cost of furniture and what is the source of funds to pay for it?

A- The plan is to use existing furnishings. If any additional items are found to be needed, they will either be paid from available contingency funds or from departmental operating budgets.

Q- Comparing the cost summary in the proposed Clark contract with the bid tabulations posted on the city's purchasing page, it appears Clark selected Spence Brothers for the foundations and Great Lakes Mechanical for mechanical/plumbing. These were not the low bids. The proposed contract total for elevators was also more than the low bid. Since the contractors were pre-qualified, what is the basis for rejecting the low bid?

A- The selected bids were the lowest responsible bids. Granger Construction's bid form had a clarification on their form that added \$48,000 to their base bid, an amount that Spence Brothers had included - as they should have - per the bid documents. This made Spence the true lowest responsible bidder. The mechanical bidder did not bid the project correctly. As the drawings were only 50% complete the bidder was expected to include costs for items not shown on the drawings but which an experienced bidder would know were needed to complete the intent of the design. Upon post bid evaluation, it was discovered that the low bidder needed to add numerous items to its base bid. Because it was a public

opening and the low bidder knew the bid prices of the second bidder, it was determined that we could not allow the low bidder to add any money to its bid. The low bidder was offered the total mechanical project at his base bid but he did not want the project for his base bid cost. None of the three bidders on the elevator contract submitted complete bids. They each bid their standard elevator, ignoring certain of our specs. Consequently, the elevator bid (of the low bidder) was inflated to include specified requirements indicated in the bid documents but not included in their bid per their attached qualification letter. The elevator finishes cab detail did not meet specifications, security gates were excluded, and elevator operation for construction was not included in the bid.

Q- Drawings not final.

A- This is an intentional part of the Construction Manager process. By bringing in a construction manager and bidding early (without 100% complete plans), overall cost and time are saved. Clark does not get additional compensation when final drawings are completed except through approved use of contingency.

Bill.

Bill Wheeler

Please note new phone no.:

(734) 794-6000 X43114



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Resolution to Approve Construction Manager Agreement for Courthouse and Police Facility Project (\$2,369,323.00) (RFP No. 702)

..Memorandum

Attached for your review and approval please find a resolution to approve a construction manager agreement with Clark Construction Co. in the amount of \$2,369,323.00 for the Courthouse and Police Facility project.

The project includes 103,000 sq. ft. of new space for the 15th District Court and the Ann Arbor Police. Also part of the project are new elevators for the Larcom Bldg., rehabilitation of the basement of Larcom for new police locker rooms, and remodeling of the first floor for Customer Service, Planning and Development, and Community Services Administration. Extensive sustainable and green building features are employed including zero storm water discharge from the site and LEED certification. The project is included in the current Capital Improvements Plan with an "Urgent" priority.

Because the budget is fixed and timing is critical, we have chosen to use the "construction manager at risk" form of project delivery. The construction manager joins the owner-architect team in the design period and provides its construction expertise during both the design development and construction documents phases. Areas where the construction manager adds value include constructability issues, value engineering, life cycle cost analyses, cost estimating, scheduling, and site logistics.

The construction manager also assists the architect in preparing several bid packages. These will include one for foundations and structural steel, one for excavation and site work, and one for the building. This process allows for early ordering of structural steel, which has a long lead time, and an early start on the site work, both of which can be usefully begun before building plans are finalized. This allows the project to be completed sooner than with the traditional design-bid-build process. The various subcontractor bids are handled by the construction manager following standard city procedures, including public bid openings and awards to the lowest responsible bidders. The probable start of actual construction is February, 2009 with completion in January, 2011.

Because of the construction manager's extensive involvement in design, it is in a position to provide us with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) during the construction document phase. We expect to establish this GMP in September, 2008. At that point it accepts the performance risk of getting the job done and the price risk of doing it for the guaranteed maximum. The construction manager also has to provide the standard bonds to us - a performance bond and a labor and material bond - as we require on all projects.

We used the quality based selection process to choose Clark Construction Co. A request for qualifications was sent to six regional firms who had expressed interest in the work or were known to be proficient in construction management. A committee consisting of Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator, William R. Wheeler, P.E., Major Projects Manager, Matthew Kulhanek, Fleet & Facilities Manager, Sumedh Bahl, P.E., Water Treatment Manager, and Kenneth Clein, AIA, Principal, Quinn Evans Architects carefully reviewed the qualifications statements and determined that Clark Construction Co., Skanska USA Building, Inc., and Granger Construction Co. were the most qualified based on experience of their personnel and company on similar projects, LEED/green experience, financial stability, safety record, and history of performing on time and in budget. These three were then invited to submit formal proposals to perform the work needed for this project. The committee reviewed those proposals, interviewed the three firms, and unanimously agreed that Clark Construction Co. offered the best combination of price and quality.

The construction manager is reimbursed for its labor and other direct costs, and receives a fee to cover overhead, bonds and insurance, and profit. Clark Construction's fee was the lowest at 2.9%. The other proposers' fees were 2.95% and 3.9%. Please see the following comparison table for more information on this:

	Skanska	Clark	Granger
Preconstruct. hrs (design phase)	1583*	1137	1226
Preconstruct. cost (hourly rates, not to exceed total)	\$ 95,000	\$ 84,200	\$ 123,300
Const. phase hrs	15,008	14,122	19,952
Const. phase cost at hourly rates, est. total	\$1,000,296	\$934,300	\$1,492,910
Professional Fee in \$ (%) based on \$39,380,000 const. cost	\$1,142,027 (2.9)	\$1,161,710 (2.95)	\$1,535,820 (3.9)**
Reimbursables, estimated	\$ 132,000	\$ 101,250	\$ 281,100
Total	\$2,369,323	\$2,281,460	\$3,433,130

* Note that Clark has considerably more hours committed to the design phase which should result in more

options for cost savings.

** Skanska quoted 2.1% but did not include the bonds and insurance as requested; these add 1.8%.

Clark Construction received Human Rights and Living Wage approval on March 20, 2008. Sufficient funds for this agreement are included in the Civic Center Fund budget.

..Staff

Prepared by: William R. Wheeler, P.E., Major Projects Manager
Reviewed by: Sue F. McCormick, Public Services Administrator
Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

..Body

Whereas, The approved Capital Improvements Plan includes the Courthouse and Police Facility Project (Project ID No. MF-CB-01-01) with an "Urgent" priority rating;

Whereas, It is necessary to employ a construction manager to assist in preconstruction design and construction the facility;

Whereas, Clark Construction Co. of Lansing, Michigan was selected to perform this work for \$2,369,323.00 based on the experience of its personnel, competitive fee structure, and quality of proposal;

Whereas, Sufficient funds for this are included in the Civic Center Fund budget (Fund 0008); and

Whereas, Clark Construction Co. received Human Rights and Living Wage approval on March 20, 2008;

Resolved, That a construction manager agreement in the amount of \$2,369,323.00 is authorized with Clark Construction Co. (RFP No. 702), plus a contingency of \$118,467.00 (5%) for any necessary changes authorized by the administrator;

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Resolved, That the City Administrator is authorized to take any administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:22 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Hohnke, Carsten; 'Joan Lowenstein'
Subject: RE: Why

"Yes we can."

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:19 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Hohnke, Carsten; 'Joan Lowenstein'
Subject: RE: Why

Come on Leigh, say it!! "We must act boldly and swiftly....!"

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doesn't she just tell us why she's going to vote no?

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:24 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Why

Thankee, ma'am! ☺

Christopher Taylor

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To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject:

"That person represents people in Ann Arbor." In the case of Mike Anglin... not for long...

R-6-1-07

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED
WITH PLANNING AND DESIGN OF A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE THE 15TH
DISTRICT COURT AND ANN ARBOR POLICE SERVICES

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor must find alternative space for the operations of the 15th District Court that can be functional by December 31, 2009;

Whereas, Ann Arbor's Police Services are located in inadequate facilities in the present Larcom Municipal Building;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council has considered several alternative locations and financial strategies for new space for both the 15th District Court and Police Services; and

Whereas, The planning for a new building and for the eventual redevelopment of the Ann Arbor Municipal Center must be thoughtfully done and include appropriate public processes;

RESOLVED, The long term interests of the City of Ann Arbor will be best served by the continued use of the Fifth and Huron location to be known in the future as the Ann Arbor Municipal Center; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is directed to immediately begin development of a site plan in conjunction with planning and design of a new building to serve the 15th District Court and Ann Arbor Police Services in the Ann Arbor Municipal Center; and

RESOLVED, That these additional directives are provided by City Council for the completion of this project within the time frame allowed:

- A. Preference shall be given to locating the Police/Courts building on the east side of the Larcom Building.
- B. The architectural services of Quinn-Evans were previously selected for this project and should continue to be used.
- C. The Downtown Development Authority is an essential partner in maximizing available parking at the Municipal Center site and will look for ways to work with the City to construct underground parking within this project.
- D. Public involvement must be adequately provided.
- E. Design for this project should reflect durability, functionality, fiscal prudence, flexibility, energy efficiency and compatibility with future redevelopment of the Municipal Center. This project will meet green building benchmarking standards.
- F. Specific financing strategies will be developed and approved as conceptual design for this project nears completion.

G. The City Administrator will submit a first phase budget and implementation strategy for this project for Council's consideration at the first meeting of City Council in February, 2007.

Sponsored by: Council Members Teall, Higgins, Lowenstein, Johnson, Woods, Greden and Rapundalo

Date: January 8, 2007

As Amended by City Council on January 8, 2007

**APPROVED
BY ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL**

January 8, 2007

**CITY CLERK
ANN ARBOR, MI**

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:01 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: I agree.

If you know about it yes... but it is all the stuff that we don't know about.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:58 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: I agree.

But that is exactly the kind of use of a contingency we should support.

Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:02 PM

To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Greden, Leigh

Subject: Contingencoes

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6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
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Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:05 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: FW: Ctiy expenses

Just wanted to bring you into the loop with Christopher.

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:32 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Great. Thanks.

It seems to me that reducing these fees to area nonprofits is a laudable goal. Whether Act 51 monies are defensibly allocable to this purpose, I don't know; but if they are and would not reduce other initiatives material, then I'm all for it.

Christopher

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

From: Teall, Margie
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:28 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Marcia and I will be meeting with Angela today at 5:00, before our Budget meeting. We'll let you know how that goes. Thanks.

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

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 3:12 PM
To: Teall, Margie
Cc: marktuck@umich.edu
Subject: RE: Ctiy expenses

Marcia mentioned this issue last night at caucus. Let's chat.

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

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 3:08 PM
To: Maura Thomson
Cc: startboard@umich.edu
Subject: Re: Ctiy expenses

O.K., Maura, why don't you fax the bill to me at 734-764-5312. I'm going to cc our steering committee as we have two city council members on board, who may know whether or not the city will waive our fees again as they have in years past. See you Thursday, thanks, --Mark

Quoting Maura Thomson <[REDACTED]>:

- > Hi Mark - I have just been notified by the City Attorney that all of
- > the permits MSAA has requested for 2009, Festifools included, are not
- > being released due to unpaid city related expenses. The reason these
- > expenses haven't been paid is that they are services MSAA requests, in
- > your case this we request on behalf of Festifools, to be paid out of
- > Community Events Funding. Unfortunately the Community Events Funding
- > committee has not yet allocated funds for 2008, atleast this is my
- > understanding. I have your Festifools bill for \$1389.66, barricade and
- > trash box costs, here in my office, of course I assumed this would be
- > taken care of by the Community Events Fund which is why I did not turn
- > it over to you immediately, I requested \$1300 to cover your City
- > related costs. I am trying to get guidance from the City
- > Administrators office and Council members but haven't had any luck
- > reaching anyone. I will continue to work on this and will keep you
- > posted. The City Attorney's advice is to pay the bills and if and when
- > funds are dispersed we would be reimbursed. MSAA did not factor any of
- > these costs into our 2008 or
- > 2009 budget for MSAA sponsored events, let alone any other events.
- > I'm not sure what we are going to do. Let me know if you would like me
- > to fax this bill to you. Sorry for the lousy news, see you Thursday!
- > Maura
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- > Maura Thomson
- > Executive Director
- > Main Street Area Association
- > (734)668-7112 ext. 22
- > Fax (734)668-7261
- > www.mainstreetannarbor.org

Wolford, Louise

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From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:30 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: i think i hit a nerve

Sincerely,

Stephen

Stephen Rapundalo
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srapundalo@a2gov.org

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:33 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Email

To which email should I send the umich website?

Wolford, Louise

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Subject: RE: .

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Wofford, Louise

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:34 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: .

I'll double check with Mayor.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:36 PM
To: Dempkowski, Angela A; Teall, Margie
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Community Evetns Resolution

Please prepare a resolution to disburse funds:

Rolling Sculpture Car Show 7/11/08 \$1,721.97
UA Block Party 8/11/08 \$1,225.89
Dancing in the Streets 8/31/09 \$1,106.06
Oktoberfest 9/12/08 \$651.74

What was the billing amount from the Thanskgivng Day trot on 11/27/08?

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

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Comcast.

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Yeah.

As I started talking I was thinking of some arguments people would make that services were affected & it took me a minute to think through it.

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Wolford, Louise

From: Crawford, Tom
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:43 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: antennae revenue

fyi - Sidney's comments.

In FY 2009 we have a balanced budget without antennae revenue going to cover expenses (it's paying for debt service). Your statement was correct.

6/17/2009

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:25 PM
To: Crawford, Tom
Subject: RE: antennae revenue

Thanks, Tom. I'm grateful for the backup!

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

From: Crawford, Tom
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 9:42 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
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Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:43 PM
To: Greden, Leigh
Subject: RE: AH&P membership

Selected collaboratively from each ward by the council members.

From: Greden, Leigh
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 8:04 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: AH&P membership

Jayne is creating a public process for Area, Height, and Placement. There will be one citizen appt'd from each Ward. She needs guidance on how to select those people. Do you want to appoint them? Ask the Councilmembers from each Ward to collaboratively pick the person?

Wolford, Louise

From: Hieftje, John
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:48 PM
To: Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Letter from Citizen

Attachments: 1_2009 bridge.pdf



1_2009 bridge.pdf
(49 KB)

Hi Roger:

What are the facts in this case? Please see the attachment.

Thanks

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

From: J. Fisher [mailto:jcfisher@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 9:16 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Letter from Citizen

Hello Mayor Hieftje,
Please see attached letter. Thanks in advance for your interest

Janet Fisher
jcfisher@umich.edu

January 31, 2009

Dear Mayor Hieftje,

One day last summer while walking my dog I was shocked to find a City work crew closing off access to a popular walkway in my neighborhood. The crew erected impassable barriers and put up "path closed" signs on either side of a bridge crossing a small creek that runs between Delaware and Morehead Courts, south of Scio Church Road and just east of South Seventh. When I asked what was going on the workers told me they didn't know and were just following orders to close the bridge.

Since then I've learned a bit more about the situation. Evidently someone requested that the City inspect the bridge for safety. This was done -- the inspectors felt there were in fact some safety concerns and ordered the closure. There was no public or neighborhood notification whatsoever either before the closure happened or since, nor has there been any opportunity for public comment. At the time I contacted both of my City Council Representatives (Marcia Higgins and Maggie Teall) for information but didn't get a reply, or even an acknowledgment of the inquiry, from either one of them. A few neighbors finally were able to get the above information after contacting Roger Fraser.

Mr. Fraser apparently indicated that the City would not repair the bridge so it could be re-opened. As I understand it he said the City has the authority to close the bridge but is not responsible for fixing it. This is because the City owns the bridge but not the structure it sits on. Mr. Fraser said that ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the supporting structure reside with the developer who built the subdivision and created the creek area, or possibly with homeowners living along the creek. And it is the underlying structure, rather than the bridge itself that inspectors found to be unsafe.

I may not have the details exactly right but that's the best I can do given that the City has not provided the neighborhood with any direct information.

It is extremely disappointing that the City would take this action without informing those most affected, let alone seeking their input. The closure of the bridge has hugely diminished quality of life not only for the immediate neighborhood but also for this entire portion of Ann Arbor. That may sound like a dramatic statement but it is not an exaggeration. The bridge pathway served as a key pedestrian and bicycle transportation link between the Old West Side, Pauline/Stadium area, Lawton, and Dicken neighborhoods and the Briarwood/South Main/Ann Arbor Saline Road commercial/residential corridor. It provided an informal meeting area for neighbors to greet one another and a place for kids to play. Since its closure the patterns and culture of the whole area have changed for the worse. Even the dogs are bereft at no longer being able to walk the familiar route.

The City should be ashamed of its abysmal handling of this situation and of the absurd position taken by Mr. Fraser. The bridge and surrounding neighborhood were built at least 25 years ago. The developer is likely long gone. In any case it is unreasonable to expect the developer, or a small number of current homeowners, to bear permanent responsibility for

the bridge support if the City did not impose a legally binding requirement for ongoing maintenance (and provisions for funding and carrying out such upkeep) as a condition of the original development permit. I'm writing to you because this ridiculous state of affairs is unlikely to be resolved unless someone in a leadership position takes an interest in finding a more realistic solution.

As a neighbor of the bridge I am admittedly biased but also as a citizen of a community that prides itself on being pedestrian and bicycle friendly I believe the City should step up and repair the bridge so it can be re-opened and used again. This is both an appropriate and high value use of taxpayer dollars. If the City cannot or will not take this action then it behooves officials to acknowledge that they are effectively closing down the bridge forever and to explain this decision in an open, public forum.

Clearly this is a complex situation but surely not an intractable one. I hope you are willing to step up as a leader and facilitate a resolution that will quickly restore this much loved community asset.

Thanks in advance for your attention,

Janet Fisher
1230 Morehead Court
Ann Arbor MI 48103

Wolford, Louise

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 11:56 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: Greden, Leigh
Subject: FW: A2D2

Hi Marcia,

As you know the folks in North Burns Park have had their eye on this for quite some time and Leigh and I would like to get in front of them from a 'community involvement' perspective as we enter the home stretch. We would like then to coordinate with you and the A2D2 Task Force (is it a "Task Force"?) so that we could hold a neighborhood meeting or two to listen to our folks and have a conversation in a focused way -- we want to create the perception (and reality!) of proactive solicitation of citizen input, leaving to the side of course the already massive community input that you have done! To that end, and to ensure that we work within the process rather than against or in parallel to it, when do you think that you all will have a 'ready for prime time' draft for consideration that we could circulate to our people to form the basis of the conversation?

Many thanks, and just holler if you want to chat this through.

Christopher

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

From: Miller, Jayne
Sent: Mon 2/2/2009 5:31 PM
To: Smith, Sandi; Hohnke, Carsten; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Derezinski, Tony
Cc: Rampson, Wendy; Barber, Janet (Barth); Fraser, Roger
Subject: A2D2

Staff will be presenting the proposed A2D2 zoning and downtown plan amendments at the Council work session on March 9th, with formal proposals coming before Council on March 16th. Since the A2D2 project has been underway for a number of years and, given the fact that you are new to Council, I would like to make myself and Wendy Rampson available to meet with you in advance of the March 9th working session to brief you on the history of A2D2, and in particular, what lead to the development of the proposed zoning and downtown plan amendments. I will ask Jan Barber to work with you to set up a time (or times, if necessary) to meet with you, if you would find such a meeting helpful.

Jayne Miller
Community Services Area Administrator
City of Ann Arbor
jmillera2gov.org
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734-994-8460 (fax)
www.a2gov.org

Please note my new phone number.