City Administrator’s Report July 6, 2023 prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, jfournier@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update Michigan’s New Distracted Driving Law

Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently signed into law a bill that makes it illegal to hold and use a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. Texting while driving is already illegal in Michigan and this new law, which took effect on June 30, 2023, will further combat distracted driving which is recognized as a leading cause or crashes. The law prohibits persons from using a cell phone while driving unless it’s being used via a hands-free program or device. For more information, please visit the State of Michigan’s website. The City of Ann Arbor has had a distracted driving policy in place for our workforce since 2014 prohibiting cell phone use while driving. Remember to keep your phones down and heads up while driving.

A2 Be Safe!

BICENTENNIAL NEWS

Ann Arbor Bicentennial (1824-2024). Planning is underway for Ann Arbor’s 200th birthday, to be celebrated throughout the entirety of 2024, with a myriad of events that will be fun, educational, unifying, and inclusive. To kick off this planning year, the Bicentennial Coordinating Committee quickly identified the need to develop a special logo to commemorate the year-long celebration, one that can be used by the community and event organizers to establish consistency and be a recognizable symbol of our collective efforts. More information is available via https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=948. The Bicentennial logo will be shared with event organizers and others who wish to use it on their promotional materials. Logo requests can be directed to info@a2bicentennial.org. We encourage you to co-brand your events.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATIONS

Sustainability & Innovations Corner. Catch up on the latest from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). For more information, including registration links, visit https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Newsletter-Events/Pages/default.aspx.

- Energy Options Analysis – OSI and 5Lakes Energy are in the final phases of data analysis for the Energy Options Analysis. It is anticipated that first drafts will be available late summer.
- A2ZERO Ambassadors. Applications for the next cohort of A2ZERO Ambassadors opened on June 4th (and close on July 19th). Learn more about the program and apply at:
https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Sustainability-Me/Families-Individuals/Pages/Get-Involved.aspx. Contact Bryce Frohlich at bfrohlich@a2gov.org with any questions.

- **Sustainable Heating Feedback.** A central part of the city's A2ZERO goal is becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and that means implementing clean, renewable energy choices to heat homes and businesses. If you have ideas on what this work could look like, please send your thoughts to franchisefeedback@a2gov.org. And learn more on the City's heating website.

- **Subscribe to the OSI Newsletter.** If you haven’t already, please subscribe to monthly, detailed newsletter highlighting some of the sustainability-related activities unfolding in the community. If you aren’t already, please subscribe at: https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIANNA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIANNA_146

- **Ann Arbor Solar Stories** takes place the first Thursday of each month, 7–8 p.m. This one-hour, online event is hosted by the GLREA where the community can hear from Ann Arborites who have gone solar and have a chance to ask them all your questions! Register for "Thursday Night Energy Events" to receive meeting links. Register in advance at https://www.2glrea.org/events-1/thursday-night-energy-events. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information to join the meeting.

- Save the Date – 2nd Annual Electrification Expo on August 11th from 5pm-9pm at the Ann Arbor Farmer’s Market.

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**COUNCIL PRIORITIES/INITIATIVES**

**Ordinance Chapter 14, 1:316 Sole/Best Source Data.** Pursuant to changes approved by City Council on July 15, 2019, to Chapter 14, 1:316, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for June 2023 for purchases over $3,000.

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**PREVIEWS**

The **July 6 Council Meeting** will feature the following items of interest:

**Consent Agenda (20).** There are items on the consent agenda.

**Public Hearings (2).** Public hearings are listed under second readings.

**Ordinances – Second Readings (2).**

- A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Add Chapter 124 (Initiation of Traffic Stops) of Title IX (Police Regulations) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-23-20)

- A Public Hearing and An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:1 and Add Section 2:13 to Chapter 26 (Solid Waste Management) of Title II (Utilities and Services) of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (ORD-23-21)

**Ordinances – First Readings.** None.

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**OTHER**

**Celebrate with July NAP Events in the Ann Arbor Parks.** City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation (NAP) works to protect and restore Ann Arbor’s natural areas and to foster an environmental ethic within the community. This involves conducting plant and animal inventories, ecological monitoring, and stewardship projects in Ann Arbor parks. These tasks are performed by both staff and volunteers. NAP is sharing community events planned for July 2023.
To attend a workday, participants are encouraged to preregister using VolunteerHub at https://cityofannarbor.volunteerhub.com/lp/nap; registration links to each event in VolunteerHub are also provided with each description.

Volunteers are asked to wear long pants, tall socks, and closed-toe shoes to NAP workdays. Tools and know-how provided. All minors should be accompanied by a guardian. More information: https://nap.a2gov.org/WhatToWear (PDF).

Ann Arbor Receives State Funding for Multiple City Projects. The City of Ann Arbor has been awarded $7.3 million in state funds that will be allocated to the following four city projects.

State funding allocations:

- $5 million for Wheeler Center Solar Park project.
- $1 million for a splash pad at the Bicentennial Park.
- $500,000 for the city's unarmed crisis response program.
- $800,000 for the Ann Arbor Housing Commission.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Purchasing Manager
DATE: 6/30/2023
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for June 2023

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for June 2023 for purchases over $3,000. Any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

cc: Marti Praschan, Chief Financial Officer
Sara Higgins, Director of Operations
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