



Administrator's Report

The city's mission is to deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.

City Administrator's Report October 7, 2024 prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, mpraschan@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update **COVID-19 Test Kits**

The Federal Government recently announced a resumption of a program to provide free At-Home COVID-19 test kits to residential households. To receive an order of 4 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests, please visit www.COVIDTest.gov. If you have existing test kits that show "expired", you can also see a full list of extended expiration dates.

Thank you for making A2 Be Safe!

BICENTENNIAL NEWS

Happy Birthday Ann Arbor! Bicentennial (1824-2024). A bicentennial events calendar is available via <https://a2bicentennial.org/events>. Join our year-long celebration to honor Ann Arbor's bicentennial. There are many planned events scheduled to celebrate this historical (2024) milestone, many of which will be fun, educational, unifying and inclusive.



Current Bicentennial Celebration planning progress and opportunities for community involvement are available via www.a2gov.org/a200.

Learn more about more [projects underway and in need of community support](#) — new features to Bicentennial Park (formerly Southeast Area Park); a statue honoring Kathy Kozachenko, the first openly gay person elected to political office (Ann Arbor City Council) in the United States; and restoration of the James L. Crawford Elks Lodge, the fraternal organization founded in 1899 by Black men denied entry into existing fraternal groups.

You can find additional event and bicentennial information at www.a2bicentennial.org. Would you like to collaborate with A2 Bicentennial on your event or do you have an event to add to the calendar? Please email info@a2bicentennial.org.

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 [OSI online](#).

- **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,

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at:

https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIANNA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MIANNA_146

- **GET TO KNOW THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITY:** The Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility is an opt-in, supplemental municipally-owned energy utility that provides 100% renewable energy from local solar generation and battery storage systems and networked geothermal systems installed at participating homes and businesses in the City. For more information, visit our here: https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/NewsletterEvents/Documents/07_A2ZERO_Newslter_July2024.pdf
- Thank you to all the City staff who made **Green Fair** a big success! Your support of the event and the community is much appreciated.
- **City Wins \$3.1 Million to Help Neighborhood Decarbonization Work.** The City just received news that it won \$3.1 million to support our efforts to make the Bryant Neighborhood America's first carbon neutral existing neighborhood. More details will be coming soon but for now, huge congratulations to Joe Lange, Jordan Larson, and the other OSI staffers that made this award possible.
- **City's Winning National Charging Grant!** We are delighted to share that the City has won a national Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grant worth \$2.79 million to help expand EV charging access throughout the community. Congratulations to Simi Barr for his hard work on this grant ... and more details coming soon.
- **City's wins EPA Refrigerant Award.** Congratulations to Will Garcia for his work in securing a \$124,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support multiple businesses with transitioning away from high global warming potential refrigerants to much more sustainable systems. More details coming soon but for now, join us in congratulating Will!
- **Sustainable Lawn Care Learning Session.** Are you a homeowner, lawn care service provider, or property manager interested in learning more about electric lawn care, or sustainable lawn care in general? Join us on October 21st at Cobblestone Farm from 4:00pm to 6:00pm to see electric lawn care equipment in action and get your questions answered! Those interested in attending can [RSVP here](#). You can reach out to Carissa Ebling at cebbling@a2gov.org with any questions.
- **Commercial EV Charger Program.** Applications for the City of Ann Arbor's Commercial EV Charger Program are still open. With the goal of increasing the availability of publicly accessible EV chargers, the Commercial EV Charger Program provides an opportunity for commercial and multifamily property owners in Ann Arbor to receive up to four FREE level 2 EV chargers. To learn more about the program and view our application, visit osi.a2gov.org/evchargerprogram.
- **A²ZERO Rebates Still Available:** Thanks to incredible work of our IT department, we are pleased to announce the release of a new dashboard tracking how many home energy rebates have been distributed and are still available. In total, OSI anticipates distributing \$1.9 million in rebates, providing an estimated 1,300 sustainability-related rebates to residents across the city. At least 50% of the rebates will be for income qualified households. Please note that rebates will apply only to projects and purchases completed on or after July 1, 2024. More details, including our new dashboard, are available at osi.a2gov.org/rebates.
- The **A²ZERO Home Energy Advisor program** is now open for all Ann Arbor residents! The wait list has been addressed, and the portal is open. Sign up for your free home assessment, and individualized decarbonization plan for your home. Bring all your questions – upstairs is hot? bills are high? water heater needs replacing soon? Learn more and sign up at <https://a2zerohea.org/>
- **Launch of Commercial EV Charger Program:** OSI is pleased to announce that applications for the City of Ann Arbor's Commercial EV Charger Program are now live! With the goal of increasing the availability of publicly accessible EV chargers, the Commercial EV Charger Program provides an opportunity for commercial and

multifamily property owners in Ann Arbor to receive up to four FREE level 2 EV chargers. To learn more about the program and view our application, visit osi.a2gov.org/evchargerprogram.

- **Check out Green Light:** A new series from CTN and OSI that digs into sustainability in Ann Arbor with the residents who are envisioning, creating, and establishing a sustainable and equitable future for our community. Check out our episodes at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw6eY79a9rp8VTqYvxRst5C0qs8U7dwXE>



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 September 2024 for purchases over \$5,000.

PREVIEWS

October 7 Council Meeting will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (11). There are 11 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (4). Public Hearings are listed below and under Second Reading.

- A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve the 300-312 E. Huron Redevelopment Brownfield Plan

Ordinances – First Reading (4).

- An Ordinance to Add a New Section 9.155.1 of Chapter 112 (Non-Discrimination) of Title IX of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.66 Acres from Ann Arbor Township designation (TWP District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3474 Huron River Drive Rezoning (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 8 Yeas and 0 Nays)
- An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:120A of Chapter 9 (City Seal and Flag) of Title I of City Code
- An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:17 (Code Violation Citations) of Chapter 1 of Title I and Section 8:458 of Chapter 104 (Energy and Water Benchmarking) of Title VIII.

Ordinances – Second Reading (3).

- A Public Hearing and an Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.16.3 and 5.17.7 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Transit Corridor Additional Standards, Parking Structures) CPC Recommendation: Approval (8 yes, 0 no) (ORD-24-19)
- A Public Hearing and an Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.18, 5.22, 5.29 and 5.37 of Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code) of Title V of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor (Height Exceptions, Stormwater Reviews, Development Approvals, Finished Grade) CPC Recommendation: Approval (8 yes, 0 no) (ORD-24-20)
- A Public Hearing and an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 102 (Home Energy Rating Disclosure) of Title VII (ORD-24-23)

Prepare for Nov. 5 General Election. If you still need to register to vote, and if you still need to register to vote in Ann Arbor (residents who've recently moved to the city, students, recently eligible voters, for example), you may do so now, in two different ways:

In person at the Ann Arbor City Clerk's Office, second floor of Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron St. The city clerk's office is open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. daily.

Online at the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#).

Registered voters still needing to apply for an absentee ballot can request an absentee ballot online at the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#); by printing out and submitting an application; or in person at the Ann Arbor City Clerk's office. Visit a2gov.org/elections for details.

[Early voting](#) in the General Election will begin nine days before Election Day (on Saturday, Oct. 26) and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 3.

For your complete guide to voting information and resources, visit the Ann Arbor [elections website](#), or reach out to the city clerk's office with any questions at 734.794.6140 or cityclerk@a2gov.org.

Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Millage to Appear on Nov. 5 General Election Ballot. The 2025–2044 Park Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage renewal proposal is set to appear on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot, asking Ann Arbor voters to decide whether to continue supporting the Ann Arbor park system. If passed, the renewed millage would continue funding park system enhancements, repairs and restoration for the next 20 years. The millage renewal proposal remains for 1.10 mills and does not pose an increase; the rate would remain the same as the millage that is expiring this year. Visit [parks online](#) for answers to frequently asked questions, to learn about projects and activities funded through the current and past millages and much more. Additional questions — or interest in scheduling a parks and recreation informational presentation for your neighborhood or community organization this summer or fall — can be directed to parks@a2gov.org.

Natural Area Preservation Events. Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation is gearing up for a busy fall with many events planned in October. Join NAP for volunteer workdays, including events to celebrate World Habitat Day and Migratory Birds Day. NAP events are a great way to make a difference — as a group or individual — alongside other community members and to enjoy and learn about nature. Please see the news release, below and online at <https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=1095>, for details.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Purchasing Manager
DATE: 9/30/2024
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for September 2024

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for September 2024 for purchases over \$5,000. Any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out.

cc: Kimberly Buselmeier, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Sara Higgins, Director of Operations

Sole/Best Source for September 2024

Unit	Amount	Vendor	Item	Description	Type
15th District Court	\$ 30,000.00	University Translators	TRANSLATION SERVICES.96175	INTERPRETER SERVICES FY25	Best Source
WWTP	\$ 238,700.00	D3W Industries	CHEMICALS, BULK (NOT OTHERWISE ITEMIZED).19036	ODOR CONTROL CHEMICAL (YEAR 3)	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 19,800.00	All American Arena Products	*AP Invoice	BUHR PARK - OUTDOOR RINK	Best Source
Clerks	\$ 5,445.00	Hart Intercivic	*AP Invoice	CLERK-BATTERIES FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT	Sole Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 17,416.29	Certasite, LLC	FIRE EQUIPMENT PUMPS AND PUMP PARTS.72027	CITY HALL - FIRE PUMP REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	Best Source
Public Works	\$ 6,500.00	Etch LTD	TRACK EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING PEDOMETERS)	PUBLIC-FACING FLEET TRACKING SYSTEM	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 20,794.00	Trojan Technologies	*AP Invoice	UV SYSTEM PARTS AND SERVICES	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 8,245.87	Rink Systems	*AP Invoice	VETS RINK - REPLACE DASHER BOARDS	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 7,375.00	Xylem Water Solutions	*AP Invoice	SURFACE WASH	Sole Source
Fleet & Facilities	\$ 21,283.57	Bob's Body Shop	AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK AND BUS PARTS AND EQUIPMENT.99809	POLICE CAR 0046 REPAIRS	Best Source
Fire	\$ 24,638.00	West Shore Services	*AP Invoice	DEFENSE SIREN UPDATES - REPLACE CABINETS PER QUOTE 5648	Sole Source
Sustainability	\$ 24,296.31	Messenger Printing Services	*AP Invoice	SUSTAINABLE ENERGY UTILITY MAILERS	Best Source