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Survey This!

Did you miss it? Communication works best when it's two-way. Help me continue our conversation by telling me what you think. Take this opportunity by answering some easy survey questions.

As always, responses are anonymous.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22C55SZZY96>

*Really. Take the survey.
And thanks!*

The City Administrator

You may have heard that the City Administrator has resigned to take a new position with the Snyder administration in Lansing. I was appointed to the search committee for an interim City Administrator as well as recommending a process for selecting a new City Administrator. I'm both surprised and honored to serve.

I'd love to hear from you about the specific strengths you would like Council members to look for in a new City Administrator (the City is run by the Administrator, not by the Mayor and Council). Right now my short list includes: management experience as well as private sector experience; skills managing

Coffee wakes some of us up

For the last three weeks I've been holding office hours (7:30 to 9 on Mondays at the Northside Grill). I've talked with people about the Library Lot project, street resurfacing, union contracts (I'm not on that committee), and the weather. No one likes the weather. Recently I was joined by an AATA board member, who showed up for coffee and breakfast, and stayed to talk about the AATA budget. I just never know what will happen. When I have a quiet moment, I work on Council business -- and, of course, I eat breakfast. The Northside Grill should benefit, since I'm occupying their booth. They have French Roast and are polite. They put up with political talk early in the morning. If you see me there, please wave, and if you have time, please, join me for coffee and a chat.

people; decent financial oversight skills; strong communication skills; strong skills working with and negotiating with unions. A plus would be an ability to work with the Council and the community to develop a vision for Ann Arbor's future. The goal is to have someone in this position by late summer. Tell me what you think are valuable skills a candidate could bring to Ann Arbor -- and please, take the [survey!](#)

The Library Lot

The City Council will consider a resolution on Monday, April 4th to **Reject the Letter of Intent and conclude the selection process for the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 'Library Lot'**. A link to the resolution is [here](#).

The resolution as written may not be the resolution as passed. If you have concerns about this resolution, please let me know.

New On Argo

The City staff has provided an update on the project. For those of you wondering when construction will start, here's the story:

The permit for the project was submitted to the State on March 7th and is under review. The State has 90 days to complete the review and approve the project. At the same time, a project team consisting of City staff and the design/construction team are meeting every two weeks to monitor progress. At the last meeting of this team, a tentative schedule was discussed that would have construction start in June, with much of the project completed by late October. Because of the location of the construction, DTE has granted permission to the contractor to stage on and gain access through the MichCon site.

I keep hoping to take photos of the construction.

Further news is that the VA and City staff are meeting soon to continue discussions about Hydroelectric generation at City dams. You may remember that the VA was awaiting permission from Washington for those talks to continue -- that permission has been granted.

Hydroelectric generation is actually exciting news for this area, and I'm looking forward to hearing more about that project.

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