



CITY OF ANN ARBOR 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 September 8, 2026, prepared for City Council. Kindly forward questions, comments, or suggestions for input to mdohoney@a2gov.org, mwalton@a2gov.org, or shiggins@a2gov.org.

SAFETY NOTES

Safety Update *Emergency Preparedness*

September is National Preparedness Month, and it is a great time to make sure that you and your loved ones are prepared for an emergency. This could include events such as severe weather, power outages, floods, and other emergencies. Taking a few proactive steps can make a big difference to you, your family, and your home.

- Make an emergency plan. You can visit www.read.gov/plan to get started. Have an evacuation plan and discuss it with the other members of your household. Make sure you are signed up for emergency alerts. You can sign up for alerts by visiting <https://www.a2gov.org/alerts>.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle and keep sufficient emergency supplies at home. This should include several days of food and water as well as flashlights, a first aid kit, batteries, and necessary medications.
- Have important phone numbers written down or memorized.
- Keep important documents in a fire-proof safe.

For more information on preparedness, please visit <https://www.ready.gov> and thank you for making **A2 Safe!**

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATIONS

Sustainability & Innovations Corner Catch up on the latest information submitted from the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI). For further details, including registration links, visit [OSI online](#).

- **OSI Launches Community Conversation on Offsets:** OSI just launched a multi-month engagement process around carbon offsets – a key component of meeting the community's 2030 carbon neutrality goals. A new Engage Ann Arbor page, a public website, public input survey, and a series of public meetings were announced as part of the launch of this multi-month engagement effort. Details about this work, including links to all surveys and public forums, can be found at osi.a2gov.org/offsets.
- **OSI Park Work Day | September 11, 3 – 5 PM | Ward Park.** Show some love to a city park! Join the City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations and the Ann Arbor Parks Volunteer Program for a volunteer workday focused on caring for Ward Park's playground area. To keep the play area safe, we'll

be spreading a fresh layer of play-safe woodchips under and around the equipment using wheelbarrows, pitchforks, and rakes. This task makes a big difference in safety and helps the playground look well cared for. No prior experience is necessary- staff will provide all tools, supplies, training, and guidance throughout the event.

- **COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP** | *September 17, 4 - 7 PM* | *City Hall*. Join our monthly A²ZERO clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month! You can take clothing without bringing anything or bring clothing without taking anything. Bring items with rips or holes and get them mended with All Hands Active! We especially need Halloween costumes, plus-sized clothing, and men's clothing.
- **GREEN FAIR 2026** | *September 18, 5 - 8 PM* | *Main Street*. Join us for Ann Arbor's annual street fair celebrating sustainability, community, and climate action. This year's event will feature dozens of exhibitors, live music, family friendly events, and much more. Stay tuned for more details!
- **MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY SCIENCE CAFE** | *September 23, 5:30 - 7:30 PM* | *Connor O'Neil's Irish Pub*. Get a head start to U-M's Climate Week with this solar-powered event! Take a behind-the-scenes peek at the latest research in thermal radiation in solar-heat and solar-fuel technologies, and learn about the policy and implementation behind local, renewable energy solutions.
- **AZZERO TREEducation SERIES: HISTORY OF TREES IN ANN ARBOR** | *September 25, 6 - 7:30 PM* | *Leslie Science and Nature Center*. Join OSI and the Leslie Science & Nature Center for our new A²ZERO TREEducation Series, fourth Fridays from August to November! This month, we will be focused on the history of trees in the Ann Arbor area - join us for a workshop where you'll learn about what forests in Southeast Michigan have looked like over the years, followed by a (weather permitting) guided walk showcasing some of the evidence of previous forests. Workshop begins at 6pm at the Leslie Science & Nature Center's Energy House.
- **ZERO WASTE FESTIVAL** | *September 27, 12 - 3:30 PM* | *Kiwanis*. Fall Festival is a place for local, Ann Arbor vendors to host fun, zero-waste activities to promote waste reduction in our community. The Office of Sustainability and Innovations will be there with information and fun activities about textile sustainability! This event is a part of Washtenaw Zero Waste Coalition's Trash Talk Tour. <https://trashtalktour.org/programs/trash-talk-tour>
- **CLIMATE WEEK AZZERO CLOTHING SWAP AND MENDING KITS** | *September 28, 12 PM* | *The Diag*. Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations and the University of Michigan Trash Club for an AZZERO Clothing Swap and mending kit creation during the University of Michigan Climate Week.



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 August 2026 for purchases over \$5,000.

PREVIEWS

September 8 Council Meeting will feature the following items of interest:

Consent Agenda (21). There are 21 items on the consent agenda.

Public Hearings (1).

- A Public Hearing and Resolution to Approve the 2958 Shady Lane Annexation, 5,227 Square Feet

Ordinances – Second Reading (none).

Ordinances – First Reading (2).

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 1.199 Acres from TWP (Township District) to O (Office District), 2080 South State Street Rezoning (CPC Recommendation: Approval – 9 Yeas and 0 Nays)
- An Ordinance to Add Title XI (Tenants Bill of Rights) and Chapter 150 (Tenants Right to Organize) of Title XI of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

OTHER

Ann Arbor Fire and Police Departments to hold Sept. 11 Memorial Service. The Ann Arbor Fire Department and Ann Arbor Police Department will host a memorial service Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and remember all who lost their lives that day.



The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in front of Fire Station No. 1, 111 N. Fifth Ave., and is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

The memorial service will honor all who died in the attacks, including the 343 New York City firefighters and 60 officers from the New York City Police Department and Port Authority Police Department who were killed in the line of duty.

Remarks will be given by Fire Chief Mike Kennedy, Police Chief Andre C. Anderson, City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr., Mayor Christopher Taylor and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell.

The event will be livestreamed on [the City of Ann Arbor Facebook page](#).

- WHAT: City of Ann Arbor 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial Service
- WHEN: Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at 9 a.m.
- WHO: Remarks will be given by:
 - Fire Chief Mike Kennedy
 - Police Chief Andre C. Anderson
 - City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr.
 - Mayor Christopher Taylor
 - U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell
- WHERE: Ann Arbor Fire Station No. 1, 111 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor

Maize and Blue Ambulance Rolled into Service in Ann Arbor Ahead of Michigan Football Home Opener. A new maize-and-blue ambulance with a design reminiscent of a University of Michigan football helmet joined the Ann Arbor Fire Department fleet just in time for the first Michigan home football game of the season, when visiting fans placed additional demands on public safety and emergency medical services.

The University of Michigan provided \$346,000 for the new 2026 Wheeled Coach Type III Ambulance, which was purchased through Emergency Vehicle Plus in Holland, Michigan.

While its distinctive maize-and-blue appearance gives a nod to the University of Michigan, the ambulance will serve an important public safety role throughout Ann Arbor. It will provide additional emergency medical transport capacity during periods of high demand, including major community events such as the Ann Arbor Art Fair and concerts at Michigan Stadium.

The additional ambulance will also help the Fire Department consistently have two ambulances available during Michigan home football weekends. Having a third vehicle in the fleet provides flexibility when one of the city's ambulances is undergoing maintenance.



“The maize and blue will certainly make this ambulance stand out, but what’s most important is the additional emergency response capacity it provides our community,” said Ann Arbor Fire Chief Mike Kennedy. “We appreciate the University of Michigan funding this ambulance and helping us ensure we have reliable resources available during football weekends and other times of increased demand.”

The ambulance has been licensed by the State of Michigan and officially entered service Thursday, Sept. 3, operating out of Ann Arbor Fire Station 1 downtown.

Stay Informed During Busy Road Construction Season. Ann Arbor’s 2026 construction season is one of the busiest in recent memory, especially in Ann Arbor’s core. A month-by-month planning map, updates, as well as closure information, are published on www.a2gov.org/roads. For the safety of all, please reduce speeds and drive cautiously through or around the area. The city thanks all in advance for their patience.

As always, regular email updates about road construction will be sent to “Road and Lane Closure” [subscribers](#).



MEMORANDUM

TO: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator
FROM: Colin Spencer, Procurement and Risk Manager
DATE: 8/31/2026
SUBJECT: Sole/Best Source Data for August 2026

Pursuant to changes made to Chapter 14, 1:316 on 7/15/19 by Council, attached is the Sole/Best Source data for August 2026 for purchases over \$5,000. Any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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

Sole/Best Source for August 2026

Unit	Amount	Vendor/Source	Item	Description	Type
Fire	\$ 12,587.40	Graph-X Signs & Designs	*AP Invoice	RESCUE 1-3 GRAPHICS PER QUOTE 14447	Best Source
WWTP	\$ 29,000.00	Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED).96258	CONSULTANT SERVICES W/IPP AND NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 80,000.00	Ann Arbor Spark	*AP Invoice	FY27 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	Best Source
IT	\$ 6,394.35	Refurbups.com, Inc.	BACK-UP SYSTEMS, BATTERY OPERATED (EMERGENCY).28504	UPS UNITS AND BATTERIES	Best Source
Systems Planning	\$ 15,000.00	4 Imprint	*AP Invoice	ANN ARBOR WATER OUTREACH MATERIALS FY27	Best Source
Sustainability	\$ 16,697.02	Chicobag	*AP Invoice	REUSABLE UTENSILS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 23,236.00	Michigan Trackchair	*AP Invoice	PARKS TRACKCHAIR	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 8,000.00	Donaldson Company	*AP Invoice	TORIT BIN VENT MAINTENANCE	Sole Source
Fire	\$ 6,506.00	Jess Crate Inc	*AP Invoice	NEW FIRE STATION RECLINERS PER QUOTE 29103 (QUANTITY 6)	Best Source
Fire	\$ 13,750.00	West Shore Services	*AP Invoice	DEFENSE SIREN ANNUAL INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE	Sole Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 16,260.00	Solomon Diving	*AP Invoice	B2B TRAIL - CULVERT INSPECTION	Best Source
City Admin	\$ 45,000.00	Home of New Vision	*AP Invoice	DEFLECTION PROGRAM-SUPPORTIVE CONNECTIONS	Best Source
IT	\$ 44,566.42	Turnkey Network Solutions	*AP Invoice	FIBER CUT - UNIVERSITY & THAYER (BILL CONTRACTOR)	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 14,185.00	Waterloo Tent & Tarp Co.	*AP Invoice	FULLER POOL - SHADE SAILS	Best Source
IT	\$ 82,962.10	Center for Internet Security	*AP Invoice	ALBERT SECURITY MONITORING 8-12-2026 THRU 8-11-2029	Best Source
Financial Services	\$ 23,500.00	Maximus US Services	*AP Invoice	MSC STUDY FOR FY28	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 12,000.00	Corrigan Oil	*AP Invoice	FUEL	Best Source
Water Treatment	\$ 14,740.00	Xylem Water Solutions	*AP Invoice	SURFACE WASH	Sole Source
WWTP	\$ 27,191.00	Howden USA	SPECIAL PARTS (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED).55975	BLOWER #1 COUPLING REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT	Sole Source
Mayor & Council	\$ 13,605.00	Inland Press	*AP Invoice	COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS	Best Source
Parks & Rec	\$ 18,188.00	Sunbolt	*AP Invoice	SOLAR POWERED PICNIC TABLES	Best Source
Fire	\$ 9,180.00	Stryker	*AP Invoice	PEDIATRIC RESTRAINTS FOR RESCUES PER QUOTE 11361584	Sole Source

Sole/Best Source for August 2026

Unit	Amount	Vendor/Source	Item	Description	Type
Building & Rental	\$ 10,000.00	All American Screen Printing	*AP Invoice	EMPLOYEE SWAG	Best Source
Financial Services	\$ 9,990.00	UKG Kronos Systems	*AP Invoice	TELESTAFF SERVICES - CLOUD SERVER	Best Source