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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO23-0046

Agency Briefing – Department of Public Works

Committee: Finance and Performance
Chaired by: Councilman John T. Bullock
Hearing Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023
Time (Beginning): 3:10 PM
Time (Ending): 4:05 PM
Location: Council Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 30 in-person
Approximately 05 virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

John T. Bullock Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Eric T. Costello Danielle McCray

Table with 3 columns: Question, yes, no, n/a. Rows include Bill Synopsis in the file?, Attendance sheet in the file?, Agency reports read?, Video or audio-digitally recorded?, Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?, Evidence of notification to property owners?, and Final vote taken at this hearing?.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Richard Luna, Department of Public Works (DPW)
Deepti Modha, Department of Public Works
Craig Jeter, Department of Public Works
LaToya Curtis, Department of Public Works

Major Issues Discussed – TO BE UPDATED

1. Representatives from DPW gave a PowerPoint Presentation. *A copy is on file.* The Presentation consisted of the following topics:
 - General Fund: 3-year comparison
 - Fiscal Year 2024 – First Quarter Statement of Expenditures
 - Vacancy and Overtime Data
 - Solid Waste Updates
 - Water and Wastewater Updates
 - Water 4 All Update
 - Promise Pay
 - Fleet Update
2. Committee/council members asked questions, made comments, and stated concerns. Some highlights of same were:
 - Wastewater Collection
 - Sediment
 - What is happening with the target versus the actual?
 - What is the timeframe for completion?
 - Water Billing / Delinquent Accounts
 - Talk about this! Where is the Department with this issue?
 - Water 4 All Program
 - Some applicants were approved; some disapproved!
 - What are some of the reasons for the disapprovals?
 - Have received a lot of complaints about the Program (about not being eligible)!
Talk about this!
 - One time payment versus monthly payments – talk about this!
 - Enterprise Funding
 - How much income was received from Baltimore County?
 - Have we been paid and how was the payment received? **Answer: Per Mr. Luna, will research and submit findings.**
 - And are we getting what we were supposed to receive?
 - Delivery of Trucks/Trucks
 - The fourteen (14) trucks that the delivery was delayed – when will the trucks be delivered?
 - How many trucks to you have in stock? **Answer: 105 but only 63 are available and 70 are needed each day to be efficient!**
 - Out of the 105 truck how many are over six (6) years old? **Answer: Will research and report back.**
 - Once a vehicle and/or truck is delivered, how long does it take to be placed into use? **Requested by member McCray: Submit this information in writing.**
 - Have DPW made any additional requests for getting trucks?
 - Do you know how many trucks should be ordered on an annual basis?
 - Weekly Recycling
 - When does it begin again?
 - Will you start before March 2024?

- What happened to all those trucks that were available to pick up weekly recyclables?
 - Question: Are you saying you have fifty (50) trucks on hand but need seventy (70)?
 - Street Cleaning/Sweeping
 - Talk about this! Where are we with this service?
 - The Mechanical Street Sweepers, do you have GPS installed on those vehicles?
Answer: Yes
 - How many mechanical street sweepers do you need available on a daily basis?
Answer: At minimum, thirty (30)
 - Budget Amendment
 - The budget amendment for \$300,000; what is it for?
 - Vacancies and Overtime
 - What happen and/or occurred that reduced your overtime? Talk about this!
 - Talk about your turnover rate!
 - Utility Funds – Enterprise
 - Three Funds
 - Water
 - Sewer
 - Stormwater
 - Shared Costs – talk about this!
 - What percentage is returned to the General Fund for use?
 - Why only six (6) percent?
 - **Requested by member Costello: Provide updated information about the Enterprise Utility Fund by the end of November 2023.**
3. No one signed up to testify.
4. Chairman Bullock asked the Department representatives, “Is there anything coming up in the future that we need to be prepared for?” No response! Hearing was called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested? Yes No

If yes, describe.

1. See #2 above – highlighted in “red and yellow.”

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File
OCS Electronic File

Date: November 28, 2023



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Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*

CHECK HERE TO TESTIFY



First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard	Luna	Interim Director, DPW					
Paul	Sayan	Acting Bureau Head / Water Wastewater					
Deepthi	Modha	Chief Admin Officer DPW					
Rijin	Lee	CFO, DPW					
Darnell	Ingram	Gen. Counsel, DPW					
LaToya	Curtis	Acting Chief					
Craig	Jeter	Acting Chief Bur. Head Solid Waste					

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Tim	Wolfe	Chief, DEC, DPW					
Mike	Hallmen	Chief, Wastewater facilities					
Yvonne	Moore-Jackson	Dep. Bureau Head, Solid Waste					

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Finance and Performance Committee

Thursday, November 16, 2023

3:00 PM Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 4 - John T. Bullock, Chair Eric T. Costello, Chair Danielle N. McCray, and Chair Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Absent 1 - Chair Phylcia Porter

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO23-0046

Agency Briefing - Department of Public Works (DPW)

For the purpose of calling on pertinent agency representatives of the Department of Public Works to brief the City Council at minimum on a quarterly basis, on how the Department's FY 23 actual expenditures compare to prior years and to provide FY 24 quarterly budget projections. The presentation is to include a status report on: Overtime Expenses: current fiscal year compared to last fiscal year; Vacancies: current fiscal year compared to last fiscal year; Equipment/Departmental Needs: Such as equipment, training, and ext. current fiscal year compared to last fiscal year, efforts to improve Delinquent/Outstanding collections, status of Capital Projects underway and updates on any other projected challenges of the Department.

Hearing recessed; to reconvene at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT