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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
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I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 10-0214R introduced by Council Members Conaway, Henry, Stokes, President Young, Council Members Kraft, Curran, Spector, Holton, Welch, Reisinger, and Clarke.

The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Director and the Human Resource Executive of the Department of Public Works to report to the City Council on recent personnel actions; on the number, titles, and classes of positions slated for layoff or abolishment driven by budgetary constraints; the number, titles, and classes of new positions and new hires projected to be filled in the upcoming fiscal year; and the number of new positions to be filled by persons slated for layoff or job abolishment.

The Board of Estimates Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 for the Department of Public Works includes the abolishment of positions to comply with budget constraints in the General Fund and in Motor Vehicle Revenues. These constraints affect the operations of the Bureau of Solid Waste and the Surface Water Management Division of the Bureau of Water and Wastewater. In addition, the Bureau of Water and Wastewater budget includes a reorganization plan to improve efficiency and service and to respond to falling revenues. The reorganization plan requires abolishment and creation of positions within the water and wastewater utilities and in the Surface Water Management Division.

Since the submittal of the Recommended Budget, several events have occurred:

- The Department began preparing for budget-driven layoffs by finding and placing potentially affected employees in available positions elsewhere in the Department, to minimize the number of required layoffs.
- As is always the case, the Department is working with the Department of Human Services and the Labor Commissioner to ensure that all appropriate procedures are followed throughout the layoff process.
- The Bureau of Water and Wastewater will delay implementing their reorganization plan, thus reducing the number of layoffs originally anticipated to occur July 1, 2011.



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The Council is considering and acting on a series of bills that, if approved, would provide additional revenue for the 2011 Fiscal Year Budget. The revenue raising measures are to help with restoration of positions and services, with the Departments of Police, Fire, and Recreation and Parks needs first in the queue. It is hoped that sufficient revenues will be identified to begin restoration of critical positions and services in Public Works. Absent new revenue, the Department will be forced to discontinue curbside bulk trash and Household Hazardous Waste collection days, reduce mechanical street sweeping services by 30%, remove hokey cleaning from 10 business districts, slow down the response to graffiti removal, discontinue the Middle Branch water cleaning contract, and disinvest in the waterways maintenance operations.

The Department of Public Works will attend the informational hearing scheduled for Friday, June 18 at 4 p.m. before the Labor Subcommittee in Council Chambers to provide an update on the personnel actions driven by the FY 2011 budget, and to answer questions posed by the Committee.


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