



HEARING NOTES

Resolution: 22-0103R

Investigational Hearing - Sewage Backup - Expedited Reimbursement and Direct Assistance Program Feasibility Study

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology
Chaired by: Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: October 12, 2022
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 11:55 AM
Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing
Total Attendance: Approximately 45 people
Committee Members in Attendance:
Danielle McCray Phylicia Porter James Torrence

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:			
Seconded by:			
Final Vote:			

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Mohamed Rahman, Department of Public Works
Jeaneen Maxwell, Department of Public Works
Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman McCray called the hearing to order and discussed the need to assist people who have experienced sewage backups into their homes.
2. Councilman Burnett discussed the findings in the Department of Public Works' (DPW) feasibility study and why the city should expand and improve the reimbursement and direct assistance programs.
3. Mohamed Rahman presented on the causes of building backups, the number of building backups that have occurred in the city in recent years, and the findings and recommendations from DPW's feasibility study (presentation in file). Representatives for other agencies summarized the written reports.
4. Agency representatives responded to council member questions.
5. Members of the public testified about their personal experiences dealing with sewage backups, recommended improvements for the reimbursement and direct assistance programs, and argued that there is no legal basis for restricting the assistance programs to wet weather backups.
6. Chairwoman McCray explained that the committee will reconvene in the future and recessed the hearing.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes **No**

If yes, describe.

The committee will reconvene in the future for additional information and discussion on the resolution.

Committee Vote:

D. McCray:
J. Bullock:
M. Conway:
R. Dorsey:
P. Porter:
J. Torrence:
I. Schleifer:



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: October 13, 2022

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