



Richmond City Council

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SUBJECT: Follow-up Questions from the April 1, 2013 Budget Review Session

Below are follow up items received from the April 1, 2013 Budget Review Session.

Department of Finance

1. Council requested specifics related to the Department's delinquent collection efforts including number of accounts in collections and information on monies owed and received.

Department of Public Works

1. Is the use of the proposed license plate reader technology in compliance with the Virginia Attorney General Cuccinelli's recent opinion which limits the use of police license-plate cameras?
2. Council requested a list by district of all proposed paving, sidewalk, and bridge projects.
3. Council would like the Administration to identify in which departments the sustainability positions are funded and where these positions are located.
4. Council requested additional information on the City's plan for offering additional recycling opportunities for apartment complexes larger than four units.
5. Please clarify if the object code for street lights (3605) includes new lights, maintenance of existing lights or both.

DCAO for Human Services

1. Council requested justification for the need to assign 2 FTEs to the Mayors Youth Academy as case workers.
2. Please explain the impact of the decrease of \$250,000 designated for a Day Reporting Center/Housing Assistance Center on the City's ability to provide homeless services.

Department of Social Services

1. Council requested the Department wide vacancy rate.

2. Please explain the shifts in personnel costs between cost centers for the Department of Social Services.
3. Council requested an update after the Department's meeting to discuss opportunities provided by the Affordable Care Act with the State next week.

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities

1. Council requested a breakdown of costs vs. savings related to the pending centralization of the administrative management offices of the Department. This breakdown should include costs versus savings for renting space.
2. Has the Department computed the costs to maintain the streets, sidewalks, and parking lots located within the parks? If so, please provide Council with this information.
3. FY13 budget included \$750K for Eastview Civic Center and \$250K spent on a feasibility study for the Center. What happened to the unspent dollars for that initiative?

Other Follow Up Items

1. Council requested updates throughout the year on all supporting initiatives described during the Focus Area presentation.
2. Council requested a copy of the Neighborhood Statistical Areas (NSA) map and demographic profiles for each NSA.
3. Council has requested justification as to how the four NSA priority areas (North 5, East 1, Old South 4, and Broad Rock 1) were chosen.
4. Are Police and Fire employees included in the 2% salary increases? Council requested a comparison of the cost of the 2% salary increase for Police and Fire vs. reinstating the step increases.

Council would like Administration's responses to these follow-up items by the close of business Friday, April 5, 2013.