

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: John L. Fitzwater
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: August 4, 2016

1. Solid Waste Division Equipment Replacement

The FY17 Budget allocates for the replacement of a skid steer loader utilized by the Solid Waste Division in the Public Works Department. Under a State of Maryland Department of General Services Contract, #MDDGS31025588 with American Rent All, an S530 T4 Bobcat skid steer loader can be acquired for \$31,704.73. The budget for this equipment is \$34,700. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to American Rent All for a total amount of \$31,704.73.

2. Northview Drive/Health Center Drive Signal Modification

The contractor modifying the signal configuration at the Northview/Health Center Drive intersection is scheduled to begin this work on Wednesday, August 17th starting at 10 a .m. City Police have been scheduled to direct motorists during this period. Thursday, August 18th will be used as a make-up day in case of adverse weather. This work should be completed in one day.

The signal modification work includes providing an exclusive phase for traffic leaving Town Center to have its own “phase” (without any conflict from the oncoming Health Center Drive traffic) and then the same for traffic leaving Health Center Drive. In addition, we will be adding an “exclusive/permissive” phase for the southbound Northview traffic that is turning left into Town Center from Route 197. Currently they can turn only on the green arrow which at peak periods can cause queuing back to the signal on Route 197. The “exclusive/permissive” would provide a green signal at first, then a yellow arrow, and then the steady red becomes a flashing red arrow, thus allowing left turns if there is no oncoming traffic.

Signage includes the installation of a sign on the mast arm mount which alerts motorist to the turning movement and the posting of a 48”x30” “yield on flashing red arrow after stop” sign prior to signal.

This work was previously communicated in the May 26th Status Report.

3. 2016 Chevrolet Truck Acquisition

The Adopted FY17 Budget allocates \$29,000 for the replacement of truck #23, a 2011 Ford Ranger Truck in the Recreation and Parks Division of Community Services. Staff has reviewed bids for this item and found a current Baltimore County Contract #P522846, which will be honored by Hertrich Fleet Services in Denton, MD for the purchase of a Chevrolet Colorado 4WD Truck for \$26,979. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Hertrich for a total amount of \$26,979.

4. BGE E-mail Access Option

As City Council is aware, BGE is performing four-year cycle routine tree trimming in Bowie over the next several months. In order to provide residents direct contact with BGE staff, BGE is providing access to its vegetation management team for tree trimming concerns that City residents may have. E-mail questions can be sent to BowieVegetationManagement@exeloncorp.com and the BGE Forester for this area will respond to citizen inquiries directly. We have advertised the availability of this e-mail address to City residents.

5. FEMA Reimbursement

The City is in receipt of \$263,714.16 from FEMA for the January snowstorm. City staff in the Public Works Department, Community Services Department, Finance Department and the Emergency Manager did an outstanding job in providing the appropriate information to FEMA to secure this reimbursement.