

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: December 4, 2014

1. Ensleigh Street Lights Upgrade

Work will occur on December 9, 2014 to upgrade the 12 street lights in the Ensleigh neighborhood from the existing high pressure sodium fixtures to new LED fixtures. This is a small prototype project to examine use of LED fixtures for City of Bowie streets. The HOA has been notified of the scheduled work.

2. Electronics Recycling

The Solid Waste Division will be hosting an electronics recycling collection at the Public Works main facility (16500 Annapolis Road) on Saturday, December 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a one-time drop-off event in Bowie which was coordinated with Prince George's County. At all other times of the year, electronics can only be disposed of by bringing them to the Prince George's County Electronics Collection site at the Brown Station Landfill in Upper Marlboro on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

3. The City's Stormwater MS4 Permit - Progress Update

Information from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) continues to suggest that the City will have a draft of the updated MS4 permit by the end of December 2014. After a public comment period, MDE expects to have a finalized permit by the summer of 2015. In anticipation of the permit and to move forward with consultant recommendations on stormwater treatment retrofits and overall stormwater program recommendations, City staff has formed a stormwater work group. The first task was to prioritize the list of candidate sites to meet the permit's expected 20% stormwater treatment requirement. Staff is now preparing an RFP for design of the top sites. The stormwater work group continues to meet monthly to address overall stormwater program concerns identified by the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) in its 2013 report. In it, the EFC noted issues with interdepartmental communication with respect to stormwater issues (three departments are involved), the need for better documentation, tracking and follow-up of maintenance issues and resident complaints, as needed, and financing the program into the future (several options were given). We expect to address these issues over the next six months as the requirements of the stormwater permit are revealed.

4. Planning Board Action Regarding Sustainability Plan

At their meeting today, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted to APPROVE the City's request for the Park and Planning Commission to partially fund a Sustainability Plan for the City, beginning this fiscal year. Planning Board approval was required because the funding request exceeds the Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) program maximum limit for individual requests. The Planning Board agreed with the City's proposal to participate as a partner in the project (with the City funding 25% of project costs, which may be as high as \$150,000, while the Commission will fund 75% of the costs). Therefore, the maximum City cost would be \$37,500. Some of these costs will be in FY 2015 and some will be in FY 2016. When we have more certainty regarding these costs, we will put a budget amendment ordinance on a future agenda for your approval. The City will be contacted regarding a kickoff meeting within the next few weeks, and work on the project will start in early 2015.