



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Crystal Perkins, Director, GSD  
**FROM:** Scott Benson, City Council District 3

**CC:** Hon. Fred Durhal, Chair, Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee  
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk  
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

**VIA:** Council President Mary Sheffield

**DATE:** 22 March 2023

**RE:** GENERAL SERVICES BUDGET QUESTIONS

Please provide answers to the following questions related to the budget and department operations:

1. What is the plan to change our fleet to more environmentally friendly vehicles, given the continued purchase of gas-only powered vehicles by various departments?
2. When will a director be hired for the Office of Sustainability? How many staff people will be in this office, considering the need for more than one person in similar offices across the country?
3. When will the department begin cleaning up the berms and highways around the city?
4. Please explain the Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program. Why is this in your budget? Is the \$700,000 grant money or is it coming from another place?
5. What are your plans for the Northwest Activity Center, considering the potential decrease in community access due to increased rental fees, non-renewal of current tenants, and the growth of the Goal Line Program?
6. What is the plan for general repairs and facilities maintenance of the 36th District Court? How will the budget increase of \$1,360,277 (B47-13) for 36th Court be used?
7. What is the department doing to increase child involvement in recreation programs?
8. (B47-14) Please provide details on Appropriation 3400 Solid Waste. What is the cause of the \$4.2 million reduction in this appropriation?
9. What is the timeline for the completion of Farwell Recreation Center?
10. How much money is allocated for the Recreation Department After School Program?
11. (B47-12) What is the rationale for the \$6,964,900 reduction in Recreation Operations this budget year?
12. How long will Northwest Activity Center serve as the COVID hub for the city?

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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