

City of Detroit

CITY COUNCIL

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DISTRICT 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: John W. Praymack, Director, Detroit Public Lighting Department
FROM: City Council President Mary Sheffield
DATE: March 24, 2023
RE: Public Lighting Department Budget Questions FY23-24

1. As said in their mission statement, the Public Lighting Department works with TMC Alliance and DTE Energy to provide reliable power to customers through the City's distribution system. Please share how PLD can assist in ensuring more reliable power service and fewer outages in the next year.
2. Your budget plan shows that the Public Lighting Department will decrease from two administrative employees to one. Is one full-time employee sufficient to meet the needs of the Department? Please share the findings that supported this decision and the job duties of the remaining employee.
3. How are conduit leasing and substation sale revenues used? Why are the revenues from use of assets slated to decrease annually over the next 5 years?
4. My office often receives calls from residents that feel unsafe on their blocks because of a lack of lighting. One of your goals is to provide well-lit streets as defined using photometric analysis. Can you explain this analysis? Please share what makes it a reliable tool for lighting evaluation.
5. There is a proposed expenditure increase of \$1,095,000.00 for professional & contractual services. Please explain this increase of over 50 percent.

6. How does the Public Lighting Department determine which City conduits and substations to lease and which to rent?
7. Your metrics show that you respond to 99% of streetlight outages within one week, but a response doesn't necessarily ensure completion of service. If it differs from the metrics provided, please share metrics on the average timeframe from the time of a report made to completion of service.