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To: Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, Detroit City Council District 4
From: Ron Brundidge, Director
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Date: March 17, 2023
Re: Responses to 2023-2024 Budget Analysis

Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 14, 2023, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget for the Department of Public Works.

1. Are there plans in the proposed budget to resurface more of the side streets within the neighborhoods?

Yes, this year DPW will pave 34 miles of residential streets. We will also pave 2.5 miles of Class C streets (identifiable by having no curbs), which are typically side streets throughout the city.

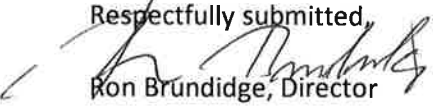
2. Will residents still be required to bundle tree and brush debris in order for it to be picked up, even though the debris is no more than 3-4 feet in length?

Residents must place tree debris in biodegradable bags or bundle them to ensure collection on the scheduled yard waste collection days. This expectation applies for tree debris, irrespective of the length.

3. DPW's budget says they only have 4 FTEs assigned to bulk collection. What's the scope of their work? Are they essentially acting as coordinators for the companies we contract with (GFL?)

The four (4) FTE positions that you reference are for the DPW employees that coordinate collection efforts with the two trash haulers (GFL and Waste Management). Our Solid Waste Division has 138 budgeted positions. Eighty (80) of these employees are available on a daily basis to be assigned to the removal of illegally dumped debris.

Respectfully submitted,


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