**LPD Questions about Towing Operations Budget**

**04/30/2020**

1. **Please provide the total budget for Police towing operations, including general fund and special revenue fund.**

*Response: The special revenue fund has total budgeted revenues for Fiscal Year 2021 of $2,005,000 and total appropriations are $2,005,000. General Fund has total budgeted revenues of $775,000 in FY 2021 from the Towing Admin Fees.*

1. **How many police officers and administrative personnel under Police's general fund budget are assigned to the Police towing operation?**

*Response: There are no general fund budgeted police officers or administrative personnel assigned exclusively to police towing operations. DPD tow trucks are driven by civilian vehicle operators. Pursuant to the local ordinance, at least one sworn member is required to remain at DPD’s motor vehicle storage facilities. Officers and civilian staffing from various units help administrate towing operations -- both DPD and private sector. All members involved in towing have job assignments and duties apart from DPD towing operations.*

1. **Please provide a cost center report on appropriation 20599 Towing Operations (the special revenue fund) to show what the $2 M in revenue is covering in terms of expenditures.**

*Response: See attached PDF file named: “Towing Operations FY 19-20 vs. FY 21 Request”*

1. **Page B37-46 shows there are 4 Garage Attendants and 20 Vehicle Operator 1 positions budgeted in appropriation 20599. If Council were to cut those positions by half, would that mean that only $1 M in revenue could be collected from the Towing Operations program?**

*Response: If positions were reduced in appropriation 20599, DPD’s towing operations would adjust accordingly.*

1. **Please provide year-to-date in this current fiscal year 2020 the amount of Towing Operations revenue that has been generated. Please provide an Oracle screen shot showing this.**

*Response: As of April 15, 2020, DPD has posted $982,583.*

*For an Oracle Screen shot see attached file named: “Towing Revenue actual FY 2019-20”*

1. **How much has been spent from appropriation 20599 on contractual dollars for outside towing companies? Are these Detroit based towing companies? Please provide the name of the companies of these outside towing companies that have been hired through this appropriation. What percentage of the revenue that's collected in this appropriation is depended on these towing contractors?**

*Response: For the current FY 2019-20, we have paid $93,495 to outside towing companies. All permitted towers are Detroit-based companies. The following is a list of tow companies paid through this appropriation:*

**Towing vendors paid in FY 19-20**

7 D's Towing & Storage, Inc.

ABA Impound Inc.

AC Towing

BBK Towing & Recovery, Inc.

Bobby's TCB Towing Service

City Auto Storage, LLC

Detroit Auto Recovery

Elite Towing

H&B Land Inc.

J & C Recovery, Inc.

LIJBS Enterprises

Michigan Auto Recovery

New Executive Towing

Red's Towing Service

Troy's Towing Inc.

V & F Towing Company

Wayne's Service Tow Company

*In appropriation 20599, the DPD does not depend on towing companies for revenue.*

1. **What is your basis that Towing Operations capture about 25% of the towing market in Detroit?**

*Response: DPD does not capture 25% of the towing market in Detroit. At this time, the Department only handles approximately 25% of government-initiated tows. DPD does not compete nor participate in the private towing market. DPD instituted its towing operation based on its desire to eliminate corruption and create a transparent, self-sustaining, and efficient internal towing system that comports with best practices. DPD developed its policy based on the legislation enacted in 2018 and its desire to preserve the City’s rights to tow and store vehicles.*