



CITY OF CHICAGO



DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND SANITATION

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Pat Dowell
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Cole Stallard
Commissioner
Department of Streets and Sanitation

CC: Elizabeth Beatty
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: October 17, 2022

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID: 81-01 Garbage Processing Cost

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked how much it costs to process a ton of garbage at a City transfer,

On average the cost to process refuse is \$52.00 per ton.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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ID: 81-02 Transfer Station Costs

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked: How much does it cost to maintain a transfer station annually?

In 2021, the cost to maintain all three city owned transfer stations was approximately \$22.3M. We anticipate costs in 2022 to remain approximately the same as 2021.

Transfer Station Expenses	
Northwest	\$9.9M
Medill	\$6.5M
Lawndale	\$5.9M

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ID: 81-03 EPA Air Quality at Transfer Stations

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked: Do the transfer stations maintain current EPA quality control?

The Department of Streets and Sanitation works in conjunction with AIS and our operating partners to manage the transfer stations to maintain all current EPA standards.

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ID: 81-04 Budget for Transfer Station

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked for the budget for rehabbing or redoing the transfer stations in the next five years.

For 2023-2024, the Department of Assets, Information and Services (AIS) has budgeted \$1 million for 1633 W Medill and \$1 million for 34th Street.

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ID: 81-05

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked how many workmen compensation claims short term and long term do we have at the transfer stations.

The Department of Streets and Sanitation is not aware of any compensation claims short or long term at any of our transfer stations.

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ID: 81-06 Damages to City Property

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lopez and Alderman Moore asked if there are any pending lawsuits against the City pertaining to transfer stations?

The Department of Streets and Sanitation is not aware of any pending lawsuits pertaining to the transfer stations.

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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID: 81-08 Deputy Commissioner Salary

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked what the starting salary is for a deputy commissioner.

Deputy commissioner salaries for the Department start at \$132,780 annually.

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ID: 81-09 Overtime Per Division

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Mitchell asked the cost of overtime per division.

Between Jan 1, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the Department of Streets and Sanitation has spent \$15.7M on overtime.

Bureau	OT Total
Sanitation	\$7,877,714.71
Forestry	\$2,523,052.81
Street Operations	\$3,945,884.58
Traffic Services	\$1,144,465.96
Rodent	\$207,218.74
Administration	\$31,315.29
Grand Total	\$ 15,729,652.08

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ID: 81-10 Grid vs Ward Based Garbage Trucks

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Mitchell requested that the Department verify the number of trucks for a ward-based system vs grid garbage system.

Ward based garbage required 600 refuse trucks compared to 480 in the current grid-based garbage system. Ward based garbage would require a minimum increase of 120 new refuse trucks.

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ID: 81-11 Duty Disability

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Dowell asked for the average amount of time for duty disability.

Over the last 12 months the average employee on duty disability has remained on duty disability for 3 to 6 months.

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ID: 81-12 Graffiti Demand

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lee asked if demand for graffiti removal has increased year-over-year.

Graffiti removal complaints have decreased compared to last year. In 2022, the Department of Streets and Sanitation received 40,639 year-to-date work order complaints for graffiti removal. During the same period in 2021, DSS received 51,225 work order complaints for graffiti removal.

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ID: 81-13 Recycling Education

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked: How much are we spending on recycling efforts in English and other languages?

We have allocated up to \$100,000 for recycling outreach initiatives in English and other languages.

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ID: 81-14 Recycling Efforts

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked: What are the latest efforts to get the recycling above 10%?

Streets and Sanitation is using the 2021 Material Management study and its recommendations to strengthen internal operations including adding new positions to our Department's recycling section. The additional positions will be establishing new material management strategies with the goal of improving our diversion percentage above the 10% number.

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ID: 81-15 Multiunit Database

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked: What are we doing to enforce multi-unit recycling, and do we have a database?

Our department has collaborated with AIS, DOL, and BACP to better record the outcomes for recycling inspection requests and we have re-trained DSS field staff on how to properly communicate and enforce the recycling ordinance for high-density buildings. We are collaborating with CDOT, BACP, and CDPH to determine data those departments are currently collecting from private waste companies and how that can assist with enforcement of the recycling ordinance.

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ID: 81-16 Contractual Recycling

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked: What percentage of recycling carts are contaminated and how many missed pick-ups are there?

There were 101 recycling carts reported contaminated through September) -- a 92% reduction-- and 4,243 missed recycling pick-up requests, which is a 47% reduction from same time period in 2021.

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ID: 81-17 Tree Update

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked:

How many plantings have there been this year?

- The City of Chicago is currently at approximately 13,000 citywide and will continue to plant until the ground freezes. We are on track to meeting our goal of 15,000 trees for 2022.

How many ash trees are remaining?

- Roughly 40,000 ash trees remain in our city canopy.

What is the plan for ash treatment?

- We are in the process of issuing an RFP for emerald ash borer treatment.

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ID: 81-18 Starting Salary

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Harriston asked: What is the starting salary for a deputy commissioner?

Our deputy commissioner salary starts at \$132,780 annually.

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ID: 81-19 Compost Pilot

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Lee requested a status update on the composting pilot.

The department has leveraged a collaboration with the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC)'s Food Waste Matters Initiative and a local non-profit (NeighborSpace) to establish community garden composting that will accept certain kitchen scrap materials from surrounding residents. The agreement with NeighborSpace will also require on-site workshops, track metrics, and gauge the impacts in the community. There are six (6) communities that have received the compost containers and are currently implementing the operations:

1. Stockyard Garden
Community Area: New City
Address: 5136-58 S Carpenter St
2. El Paseo Garden
Community Area: Lower West Side
Address: 944 W 21st Street
3. Merchant Park Community Garden
Community Area: Irving Park
Address: 4200 W Addison St



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4. Hermitage Street Community Garden
Community Area: Englewood
Address: 5647 S Hermitage Ave

5. Fulton Street Flower and Vegetable Garden
Community Area: West Garfield Park
Address: 4427 W Fulton St

6. Montrose Metra Community Gardens
Community Area: North Center
Address: 4386 N Ravenswood Ave

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ID: 81-20 Transfer Station EPA

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Alderman Moore asked if the transfer stations maintain current EPA quality control.

The Department of Streets and Sanitation works in conjunction with AIS and our operating partners to manage the transfer stations to maintain all current EPA standards.

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ID: 81-22 Transfer Station Workers Compensation

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Moore asked: How many workmen compensation claims short term and long term do we have at the transfer stations?

The Department of Streets and Sanitation is not aware of any workers compensation claims, short or long term, related to any of our transfer stations.

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ID: 81-22 Transfer Station Lawsuits

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Moore asked: Are there any pending lawsuits against the City pertaining to the transfer station?

The Department of Streets and Sanitation is not aware of any pending lawsuits pertaining to the transfer stations.

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ID: 81-23 Request for information - 2023 Budget

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on 10/14/2022 to discuss the proposed 2023 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked:

1. Change of Headcount projected for 2023
 - a. 18 new positions
2. Number of funded vacancies
 - a. Drivers – 71
 - b. Laborers - 69
 - c. Other Staff – 72
3. Number of vacancies being cut?
 - a. (1) Coordinator of Special projects
4. Number of non-union employees to receive salary increases in 2023
 - a. We do not anticipate any non-union employees receiving an unscheduled raise in 2023
5. Description of outsourced services projected for 2023
 - a. Recycling (4 out of 6 zones)
 - b. Tree Stump Removal
 - c. Tree Planting
 - d. Weather Forecasting
 - e. Weed Cutting
 - f. Towing (some areas)



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6. List of savings and cost-efficiencies due to zero based budgeting
 - a. We reviewed our budget bureau by bureau to determine the needs of our staff and take into account any contract increases prior to requesting increases to our budget.

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