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Honorable Chairman Ervin,

In advance of the budget hearing scheduled for the Department of Streets and Sanitation on October 20, 2023, I kindly request answers to the following questions through the chair.

The Overnight Winter Parking ban has been unpopular with residents in the past, especially the first night it is effective when many cars are towed. Is this a policy the Department has re-considered recently, especially given improved weather tracking technology, climate change, and the fact that many other arterial streets have the 2 inch snow parking ban instead?

Does the Department still contract with United Road Towing, Inc for the winter overnight parking ban? If so, is it possible to provide a copy of the contract and a breakdown of the revenue generated by the overnight winter parking ban for the city compared to revenue for the towing company?

Comparably, how is the 2 inch snow parking ban enforced? Is it effective compared to the overnight parking ban?

The FY24 budget for “Contractual Services – For Professional and Technical Services and Other Third Party Benefit Agreements” on pg. 266, increased by \$2.5M from 2023 to 2024 (an increase of \$2,513,274.00). What is the reason for this substantial increase? Can the Department share a list of its contracts for all professional/technical services and other third-party agreements? There is also a new “Publications and Reproduction – Outside Services. To Be Expended with the Prior Approval of Graphic Services” line item created within Contractual Services for \$150,000. What is this for?

Very truly yours,



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Alderman Daniel La Spata  
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