

September 13, 2010

FILE NUMBER 100600

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: 2011 Special Assessment Rates

Dear Honorable Members:

On September 2, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 080034 setting forth minimum recovery ratios for special assessments. In addition, File Number 000974 directed that the assessment rates be adjusted as necessary to conform with the ratios.

For your information, we are proposing that the 2011 rates remain the same as 2010.

In compliance with the council directives, we will implement the 2011 special assessment rates upon acceptance of this file. Attached are the following five exhibits.

Exhibits "A" and "B" - Charts listing major assessable construction items, 2008-2010 bid costs including engineering and overhead, current and proposed special assessment rates.

Exhibit "C" - A chart indicating the affects of the proposed rate change against a typical lot for several types of improvements.

Exhibits "D" and "E" - Charts listing a 30-year history for various types of improvements, their rates and the proposed special assessment rates for 2011.

Exhibit "F" - Chart listing assessable items 2008-2010 for the Field Operations sidewalk repair/special request work independent of paving projects.

We will be pleased to meet with the committee and answer questions concerning the rate changes.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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