

February 17, 2014

Rocky Marcoux, Commissioner
Department of City Development
809 North Broadway, 2nd Floor

Dear Rocky:

At the February 11 Common Council meeting, I introduced File Number 131534, a communication from the Department of City Development relating to the current stock of City-owned commercial property. This file has been assigned to the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee. Please come to the Committee meeting prepared to respond to the following:

1. How many improved commercial properties does the City currently own? How many commercially-zoned vacant lots are currently in the City's inventory?
2. Does the City (DCD) market these properties on a regular basis? If so, what marketing strategies are used?
3. Please assess DCD's performance in terms of selling City-owned commercial properties.
4. What strategies is the department considering to improve the number and pace of commercial property sales?

As part of this communication, I would also request that your department prepare a table listing, by aldermanic district, all City-owned commercial properties. For each property on the list, the table should include the property address, lot size, building size, year the structure was built, year the property was acquired by the City, last assessed value of the property, most recent land use, and current listing price. Please submit this table to each Common Council member, as well as to File Number 131534.

Finally, I would ask that DCD prepare a citywide map of City-owned commercial properties showing aldermanic district boundaries. Again, please provide copies of this map to all Council members, as well as to the file.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving the requested information and your responses at the ZND meeting.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Witkowski
Alderman, 13th District