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**ROBERT J. BAUMAN**  
ALDERMAN, 4TH DISTRICT

PDC/MJE/WAB: Prepare requested snow information and discuss with JJM/JPP.

January 26, 2005

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Honorable Jeffrey Mantes  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Works  
841 N. Broadway St  
Milwaukee, WI. 53202

**RE: Snow Plowing/Street Lighting**

Dear Commissioner Mantes:

I am writing to invite you to address the Public Improvements Committee regarding several matters at its next regular meeting on February 9, 2005. First, I have attached a letter signed by all members of the council requesting that you address street light outages.

In addition, I am requesting that you also address the most recent snow plowing operation. For example, we would like to know how much equipment was employed, how many man hours, including overtime hours, were incurred, the approximate cost of this snow operation and where we stand with respect to the remaining budget for snow removal.

Finally, I would like you to be prepared to address street light burn times since I am preparing a resolution on this subject that will be ready for introduction on February 1, 2005 and will also be heard before the Public Improvements Committee on February 9.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bauman  
Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> District

cc: Common Council

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January 24, 2005

J. POLENSKE: Update street light data as JPP discussed with CAW. See CPW when data is ready.

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Jeffery Mantes  
Commissioner  
Department of Public Works  
8141 N. Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

You are cordially invited to the next Public Improvements Committee on February 9, 2005 to answer questions on chronic street light outages of concern to Common Council members.

The Committee would like you to explain DPW's policy and procedures on handling street light outages, the number of crews dedicated to street lights during the day and night for maintenance, repair and replacement, what problems cause the outages, the response time for maintenance and repair, the number of complaints received, a list of the current outages and how long they have been out, the resources needed to decrease the problem, and the department's plan to react quickly to the street light outages.

Through the Street Lighting Program, the City is responsible for providing residents with secure neighborhoods through a safe and reliable lighting system. Due to chronic street outages, neighborhood residents repeatedly complain to their Common Council members, and, when the outages are not repaired in a timely fashion, the residents who have identified the problem become dissatisfied by the City's inaction and apparent lack of concern about this "quality of life" issue for public safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Common Council Members

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