

February 2, 2018

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To the Public Safety and Health Committee

Subject: 2012-2017 Uncollectable Knockdown Totals
Street Lighting and Traffic Signals

Dear Honorable Members:

At the January 6, 2018 meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee, committee members requested a report on the costs incurred but not recovered by the Department of Public Works Electrical Services for street lighting, traffic sign, and traffic signal damages, or “knockdowns”, as well as the trend in the costs that are charged to the Department’s capital funds. These costs are generally not recovered due to hit and run crashes. However, some are due to the striking driver not having insurance and after all attempts to collect are unsuccessful.

For your information, we have prepared the attached summary of these costs that has been charged to our capital funds for the years 2012 through 2017 as of January 8, 2018. We anticipate that the 2017 numbers will be finalized by the end of February. Our data indicates that the number of incidents involving street lighting and traffic equipment has increased during this time and the costs increased over 50%, or \$346,139, between 2012 and 2016 which is the last full year of data available.

Please feel free to contact me at (414) 286-2400 if you have any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

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Attachment

c: Mr. Ghassan Korban
Mr. Joseph Blakeman