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Memo

To: Councilman Michael J. Correia, Chairman, Committee on Public Works

From: Russell P. Knight, Director of Public Works

Date: January 11, 2016

Re: **January 11, 2016 Agenda Items**

Agenda Item No.	Question & Request	Department Response
1.	Please provide the name and contact numbers for each inspector assigned to each ward.	We have reorganized the process for managing Snow Inspectors. Bill Bombard is responsible for managing the Sector Managers who are working with and directing the Snow Inspectors. The person to call if you have a question or request about snow removal in your ward is to contact Bill Bombard.
2.	Please provide copies of the ward maps given to the inspectors and the plow operators.	Provided 1 copy of each ward map to committee.
3.	How many trucks are assigned to each ward? What type of trucks? What size?	Depends on the size of the storm forecast. It will be a combination of 10 wheelers, 6 wheelers, landscapers and pickup trucks.
4.	Please provide the number of vendors, names and type of truck.	List provided. We have 90 vendor trucks signed up this year. The vendor trucks will have magnetic signs to identify them as working for the City. But the #, type, and vendors called in will vary based on the storm and equipment that we need to hire.
5.	Will there be GPS in all trucks, including vendors?	Yes.

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6.	How do we stay in contact with the vendors?	The vendors will be managed through the ready room. If you have a question about the vendors, you can call Leo Perrotta, who manages the vendors.
7.	What type of vehicles do the inspectors drive? Can they get onto secondary streets with these vehicles?	We have mix of front wheel and all-wheel drive vehicles. For most storms, I would say yes, but that will depend on the amount of snow.
8.	Who inspects the vendor's trucks and their documentation? Should we have traffic police there during inspections to verify the information?	The Garage Supervisor. I don't believe that is necessary. This year we will also have them looked over by the inspectors and someone will verify their equipment is working when they come to the Highway garage to reload.
9.	Why were 75% of the vendors last year small pick-up trucks, and will it be different this year?	There are different theories, but it may be that there just isn't as many vendors to go around. This year we are at 28% large trucks, 16% landscapers, and 56% pickups.
10.	Is there an emergency number for constituents to call for unplowed streets?	The number to call is the Snow Hotline 680-8080 or 421-2489 (MCCS) if there is a question about snow plowing.
11.	How many salt/sand locations are there? Where are the locations?	The main location is 20 Ernest St, but in the case of large storms, there will be three. Ernest St, Route 6, and the North Burial Ground.
12.	How much salt/sand do we currently have on hand, and will it be enough to finish out the winter season?	Approximately 1500 tons of salt and 1600 tons of sand/salt mix at Ernest St. The Highway Garage is at capacity. We don't know if this is enough for the season, but we have POs in place with vendors to get us through the winter.

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