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Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
June 17, 2024

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Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Peter Pietrantonio, Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Holly Garcia.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Pietrantonio: That the Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals be invited and provide the Committee with the information for the last two years on how many variances & denials that they gave out.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney informed the Committee that Chair Gerace would be unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict with a ZBA meeting, however a list of all variances that were heard before the Zoning Board of Appeals was provided by ZBA Clerk Roberta Suppa. Councilor Pietrantonio thanked Ms. Suppa for the information and informed the Committee that he would review the material provided, but requested that the matter be referred back to Sponsor.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Pietrantonio: That the DPW Director be invited to this meeting to explain the maintenance of our City Traffic islands and parks.

A communication was received from Director of City Services Jerry Navarra who explained that the City went out to bid and new contract was awarded and it was determined that the vendor didn't have the manpower or skills required to maintain the number of locations. As such, a new contract was awarded to Ciro Carbone and Sons on May 15, 2024. Mr. Navarra noted that the new Vendor has been able to catch up on all of the parks and traffic islands and finished planting city parking lots and currently they will be mulching all park locations this week as well as weekly mowing and maintenance. He explained further that City Services receives a report on Friday mornings from the contractor outlining the following week's schedule and we notify them of any special events to make sure those locations are done as a priority. Mr. Navarra mentioned in his communication that DPW is responsible for the cutting, lining, and maintenance of all ballfields within the parks themselves, and for the Dog Park at 7 Acres. DPW is responsible for emptying all trash containers at the parks. Leaves and grass trimmings and their disposal are the responsibility of the Landscaping Contractor.

Councilor Pietrantonio requested that the matter be referred back to Sponsor.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Peter Pietrantonio: That the DPW provide an update on the port a potty that I ordered for the Northern Trail at Wellington Avenue.

A communication was received from Director of City Services Jerry Navarra who explained that Brian McCarthy, Business Manager for the City Services Department, confirmed for the resolution sponsor via email on May 23, 2024 that the portable facility was being delivered to the requested location on that date. Even though the request had been fulfilled, the resolution sponsor requested additional information from City Services that outlined the steps taken to satisfy this request. The initial order for this item was placed with the vendor, United Services, on May 6, 2024. An account manager from United Services visited City Services after this request was placed. Mr. McCarthy mentioned the outstanding request from May 6th to the account manager and also brought him to the exact site where the portable facility was to be placed. The account manager entered the location into an application that United Services uses with GPS coordinates for delivery location. On May 16th, Mr. McCarthy followed up with an email to the account manager from United Services because the portable facility had not been delivered. A delivery date by May 17th had been expected. When the unit was not delivered, Mr. McCarthy spoke again to the account manager during the week of May 20th and determined that the initial order had been canceled by United Services account manager when he entered the delivery location into their system; this action canceled the initial request inadvertently. United Services corrected their error and the portable facility was delivered on May 23, 2024. Councilor Pietrantonio noted that the date he initiated the request was on April 24, 2024 and Ms. Deveney confirmed that was indeed correct but explained that the communication from Mr. Navarra was outlining just the City Services dates on this request. Councilor Garcia asked who is responsible for cleaning the port a potty and Ms. Deveney responded that the vendor has a routine maintenance scheduled but suggested that if they were found to be in need of cleaning to contact 311. Councilor Pietrantonio requested that the matter be referred back to Sponsor.

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