



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
CITY OF CHICAGO

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Pat Dowell
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Judith Frydland
Commissioner

CC: Tiffany Sostrin
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: November 8, 2019

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 67-01 Positions Eliminated

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 6, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked for a list of all the vacant positions that were eliminated included in our 2020 budget request.

Fund	Positions	# of Positions
Corporate	Staff Assistant	1
Corporate	Help Desk Technician	1
Corporate	Cooling Plant Inspector	1
Water	Staff Assistant	1
Water	Plumbing Inspector in Charge	1
Water	Plumbing Inspector	1
Vehicle	Administrative Assistant II	1
Sewer	Administrative Assistant III	1
Sewer	Civil Engineering III	1
Sewer	Civil Engineering IV	1
Sewer	Plumbing Inspector	1

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ID#: 67-02 Non-Union Wage Increases

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 6, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked for a list of all non-union pay raises included in our 2020 recommendations.

There were no non-union pay raises included in our 2020 recommendations.

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ID#: 67-03 Zero Based Budgeting

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked for a list of all savings from zero based budgeting, efficiencies and cost reductions included in our 2020 budget request.

The department continues to enhance the services we deliver to our customers without increases to our operating budget. Detailed below are some of the savings in our 2020 request.

1. Reduced 0143 funding for Court Reporting by \$750 – Cost Reductions
 - a. This funding is used for employee arbitration cases which the department has not had in the last three years.
2. Eliminated 0191 funding for Relocations of phone lines – Cost Reductions
 - a. The city conversion to the new phone system eliminates the need for funding.

3. Eliminated \$300,000 in fund 0931 for Tort and Non-Tort Judgements - Cost Reductions
 - a. The department has not spent more than 10% of the budget allocation in any given year.

4. Eliminated \$50,000 in fund 0989 for canceled voucher – Cost Reductions
 - a. These monies are a savings as a result of the reduction in the number of requests for refunds.

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