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PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

Every year the City issues over 10,000 permits for utility installation and repairs. Many of these permits for work in the public right-of-way, conducted by outside contractors, result in the removal and repaving of large sections of City streets. The City requires that this work be inspected to ensure adherence to traffic safety and quality control standards. In addition, permittees are required to notify the City prior to commencing work.

The Bureau of Contract Administration advises that despite these requirements, work occurs and street resurfacing is completed without the City being properly notified. An unfortunate consequence with failure to notify the City is that completed work is not inspected and is often below City standards. Low quality repairs that are not performed to City standards compromise the integrity of the City's streets.

Similar problems regarding sewer construction have been mitigated through increased bonding requirements and regulation of contractors. As such, the City should consider similar actions to improve its regulation of private utility work performed in the public right-of-way.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Contract Administration, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Engineering, be instructed to report to the Public Works Committee with recommendations to ensure that all street repairs are completed to City standards.

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