

MOTION

The City Charter requires the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) to submit a preliminary budget to the City Council regarding the Department of Water and Power (DWP) each fiscal year. According to the City Charter, the preliminary budget must be submitted no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for informational purposes.

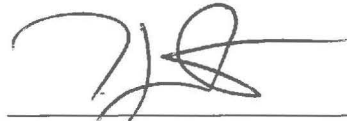
Charter Amendment J, approved by the voters in March 2011, established this requirement since the City relies on DWP budgetary information to prepare its own budget; and to provide greater transparency of Department activities.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the DWP presented its preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the Board. The presentation outlined the Department's proposed capital and operations and maintenance expenditure plan for both the Power System and Water System.

In order to comply with the requirements of Charter Amendment J, the Department should submit and present its preliminary budget to the City Council for review. In this manner, the transparency objectives of Charter Amendment J can be met and City residents can be better informed of Department activities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to submit and present its preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to the City Council for review, prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, consistent with the requirements of Charter Amendment J.

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