

**MOTION**

*Open for Business Initiative*

The permitting and construction of restaurants and other small businesses is a function conducted by the City's Department of Building and Safety. In addition, the Planning Department provides guidance as to the appropriate land use and zoning for businesses.

Both departments play critical roles in assisting small businesses commence operations; which in turn generate valuable economic opportunities and taxes for the City.

Small businesses occasionally face challenges initiating water and power service after they have obtained appropriate clearances from the Department of Building and Safety and the Planning Department. As time is of the essence for being "Open for Business", it is important that all departments can coordinate on sign offs and delivery of service so as not to delay the opening of new businesses.

Better coordination between these departments and the Department of Water and Power would benefit small businesses and thereby facilitate economic opportunities.

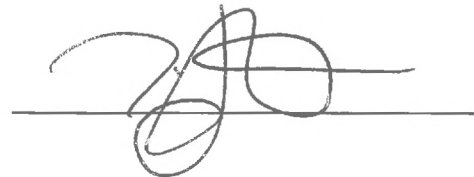
**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Department of Water and Power report to the Council in 30 days on the feasibility of dedicating staff to work with the Department of Building and Safety and the Planning Department to expedite water and power service for small businesses upon receiving appropriate clearances to commence operations.

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