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MOTION

Clean streets are vital to a healthy City. It is important that the City take a closer look at the opportunity to achieve efficiency gains by transferring street cleaning from the Bureau of Street Services to the Bureau of Sanitation.

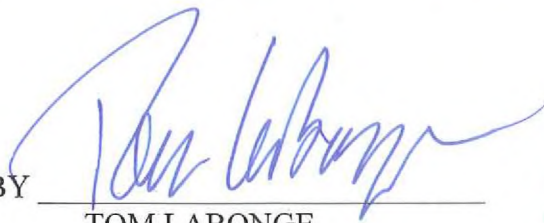
The City's Bureau of Street Services (BSS), in addition to being responsible for maintaining and repairing the physical condition of the streets, is also responsible for cleaning over 7,000 miles of public thoroughfares and alleys throughout the City. In order to clean the streets and keep trash and debris out of the gutters, BSS is responsible for cleaning up illegally dumped debris, and providing clean-up after parades and special events.

The City's Bureau of Sanitation (Sanitation) is dedicated to preserving the public health and the environment. To achieve this goal Sanitation operates and continually upgrades one of the world's largest sewer systems; collects almost 7,000 tons of curbside trash and recycling per day; and complies with storm water abatement regulations to reduce water pollution and to improve the environment. Additionally, Sanitation has affixed catch basins to the City's storm drains to collect trash and debris riot collected by BSS's street sweepers.

As a result of the City's goals to protect the environment and the health of its residents from hazardous materials, toxic chemicals, trash and multiple forms of urban runoff, it is imperative that BSS and Sanitation collaboratively seek best solutions to ensure street cleaning is conducted efficiently and effectively.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO, in consultation with the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, and the Board of Public Works, be instructed to prepare a report on the feasibility of transferring the function of street cleaning from the Bureau of Street Services into the Bureau of Sanitation, including workload, staffing, fiscal impacts, and other relevant factors in order to maximize the City's efficiencies.

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