

MOTION PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

Currently, the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) is experiencing a significant backlog of service requests to conduct maintenance and repairs of street lights throughout the City. Currently, it can take multiple weeks before BSL is able to deploy crews to sites in need of service. Consequently, this has led to a growing backlog of sites that require immediate attention.

BSL has already been dealing with incidents of copper wire theft from City street lights. Since 2006, copper wire and power theft from City street lights has cost over \$10 million, and while BSL has dedicated staff and funding to prevent copper wire theft this issue is an ongoing problem in much of the City.

The current backlog of service requests is a matter of public safety. In order to address this public safety issue, Council needs to understand the full extent of the issues BSL is facing and understand what resources are needed in order to address the current backlog of service requests expeditiously.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be instructed to report on the current backlog of street lighting service requests, including the number of lights out, the number of locations with copper wire theft, and the current average repair time for both. Furthermore, BSL should report back with recommendations on what can be done to address the backlog, including additional crews and resources, redeployments, and other options to expedite service repairs moving forward.

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