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Subject: FW: Agenda Responses - Sept. 6 - Clarification on CA-10

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Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Fire Chief Collins below is a clarification regarding the response that was provided to the Sept. 6 CA-10 agenda question.

CA-10 – Resolution to Appropriate Funds for and Approve an Agreement with Morris & McDaniel Management Consultants for Fire Services Promotional Testing Services (\$75,000) (8 Votes Required)

Question: Both of these items use fund balance (General Fund for CA-10 and Fleet fund for CA-11). For CA-10, was there not any budget earmarked for testing or are we conducting more promotional tests than anticipated? (Councilmember Lumm)

Response: Funds were available in the FY 2016 fire budget for promotional testing. However, and owing to ongoing labor negotiations regarding this matter, we were not able to accomplish the testing in 2016. Consequently, at the end of the budget year, the budgeted funds were reverted back to fund balance until we were able to move forward on this topic. Staff is now simply asking to have the funds reinstated to our budget now that we know what the testing methodologies will be.

Clarification: In my response to question CA-10 provided on Sept. 6, I erred in indicating that these funds were rolled over from FY 2016 to 2017. Tom Crawford reminded me that the funds were not returned to fund balance; the available funds Fire had set aside for the promotions within its approved budget had been spent by the department for training, etc., near the end of FY2016 because it had determined that the promotions were not going forward at that time. Consequently, we were requesting new dollars from fund balance for the promotional process. Please note that the approved resolution is correct. My explanation and response to the specific question was incorrect. I apologize for the misinformation. Thank you for the supporting this important item for the Fire Department. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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Petrak, Dave; Heatley, Alison

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Attached are staff responses to September 6 Council Agenda questions. Please note that the referenced attachments are at the end of the document.

Thanks,

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