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To: Mayor and City Council
Cc: Phillip L. Nelson; John M Lamerato; Brian P Murphy; Lori G Bluhm
Subject: March 23 Agenda Questions from David Eisenbacher

Attached are questions from Council Member Eisenbacher and responses from staff. A hard copy will also be placed on the table.

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Item E-3 Software for fire vehicles. The term "ATM" was not clearly defined. I found it to mean Advance Tactical Mapping on Motorola's website. The resolution would appear to be more clear if we used the complete name instead of the acronym ATM. Will there be any sharing of the software and database with the police department?

[Following is a response from the Fire Department:](#)

One of the reasons we are moving toward this software is that it will allow both the Fire and Police Departments to use the same mapping layers.

The Clerk's Office is amending the resolution so that the company name is spelled out.

Item E-7 a) Notary fees. Is there an opportunity for Troy residents and Troy property owners to be covered with one no charge Notary Service? I request this because of the number of land acquisitions and temporary uses that the city requests when expanding our roads.

[Following is a response from City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew:](#)

The proposed ordinance amendment would provide a "no fee" assessment for the scenario indicated in two different ways. There is currently (and in the proposed amendment), no charge for notary service tied to City business. Additionally, the current ordinance and proposed amendment provides a "no charge" provision for City residents and City property owners for their first notary act.

Item E-7 e) Amend chapter 93. Page 311 of the agenda. The word blight is included in the definition of emergency. I checked the city code and found it is also included in Chapter 8 in the definition of emergency found there. I have a

hard time understanding how blight is a problem that would fall under the criteria of Emergency or Imminent Threat. Isn't it a slow acting problem that is generally not life threatening? I also could not find a definition of blight in the city code.

Following is a response from Building Director Mark Stimac:

The question in Mr. Eisenbacher's e-mail references Item E-7e on the agenda (revisions to Chapter 93), but the page in question (311) is actually item E-7d. The page referenced is the proposed final language of Chapter 82 A of the City Code regarding the inspection of Multiple-Family Residential Dwellings.

In answer to the question, the specific reference to "blight" being defined as part of an emergency situation is part of the current text of Chapter 82-A. Mr. Stimac would not object to the elimination of the word "blight" in Section 7(6) as part of the adoption of the proposed language of Chapter 82-A of the City Code, if were Council's wish to do so.

Item F-4 b) Calcium Chloride purchase. I am concerned that we have only one available supplier of this widely used commodity item. What can be done in the future to provide more sources of calcium chloride and hopefully reduced pricing?

Following is a response provided by Purchasing Director Susan Leirstein:

Dow Chemical is the sole manufacturer in Michigan of liquid calcium chloride. There are only a few suppliers who will deliver the product to Troy; South Huron is one of them. Suburban Oil was awarded a contract at one time, but failed to meet insurance requirements. Several years ago, Michigan Chloride Sales would bid this contract, but once our gravel roads were less than 15 miles, the contract wasn't large enough to justify the trip from St. Louis, Michigan. Other products have been considered, but they aren't available at a reduced cost.