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Subject: Agenda Questions

Good afternoon.

Council Member Robin Beltramini had a couple of questions on tonight's agenda. Below are her questions and staff's answers:

J-04a – Standard Purchasing Resolution 4 - MITN Purchasing Co-op Laser Ink & Toner Cartridges

When we are the lead agency on a bid, do we ever build into the contract a “bidding agency” rebate or incentive the way Ann Arbor did for the printing cartridges?

Response from Purchasing Director Susan Leirstein:

In the past Troy has not included a rebate clause in our extendable contracts (i.e., ice melt compounds and turn-out gear). There tends to be a lot of animosity between communities when there is no justification for the payback. In this case, Ann Arbor spent approximately 15 months testing toner cartridges due to very bad experiences with non-OEM cartridges. They are trying to recoup some of their spec development costs.

With limited staff, we continue to buy cooperatively and enjoy volume discounts. As MITN cooperative members, we each take our turn as the lead agency on various bid projects; so over time, no one agency does more than other.

N-02e - Permits Issued September 2010

In the Building Permit Issued summary, the revenue in the horizontal chart does not match the totals in the accompanying break out charts. Could someone please explain to me the discrepancy?

Attached is a short explanatory memo from SAFEbuilt Building Official Steve Burns, along with a corrected report.

This concludes the response to Council questions on the November 8, 2010 City Council agenda.

Regards,

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