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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilwoman Ivy R. Taylor

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SUBJECT: Streetlight Policy Review

DATE: December 19, 2013

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully ask for your support in directing the City staff to review current streetlight policies and to develop policy recommendations that include pedestrian-level streetlights for City owned right of ways and City owned property. The purpose of this review is to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety in our communities, create more walkable neighborhoods and develop a clear, consistent process for the installation of pedestrian level lighting.

Analysis and recommendations should include the following:

1. Review of current streetlight policies
2. Best practices for streetlights as they relate to height, fixture & bulb type, spacing and energy conservation
3. Inventory of all pedestrian level streetlights
4. Identification of pedestrian lighting high priority areas
5. Possible funding sources & implementation timeline
6. Recommendation for pedestrian street lighting for private development

Background

Over the past several years the City of San Antonio has actively promoted alternative modes of transportation. The City has developed and is currently implementing the Bike Master Plan and has further encouraged bike ridership through the installation of several B-Cycle stations in the downtown area. In addition, the City has committed \$40 million to help support VIA Metropolitan Transit in their effort to develop a streetcar system in San Antonio.

As we look to increase bike and bus ridership, support health, achieve economic development goals, and find new ways to support environmental sustainability it is important to review the infrastructure in place for pedestrians. A robust policy and strong plan for pedestrian level streetlights can provide several benefits to our city. Pedestrian level streetlights will improve access to bus stops and bike paths by allowing pedestrians to more safely navigate sidewalks

and pathways. Pedestrian level streetlights can support neighborhood businesses and business districts by providing safe access in early morning and late evening hours and will encourage walking as part of an active lifestyle.

Currently, Article V, Division 2, Sec 35-506 Transportation and Street Design in the Unified Development Code states, "Streetlights shall be installed by CPS Energy at all public street intersections with other public streets, at the end of cul-de-sacs longer than two hundred (200) feet, crosswalks, at safety lane intersections with public streets, midblock areas placed such that streetlights are a minimum of three hundred (300) feet apart for residential streets with houses fronting, or service areas as determined by CPS Energy. Luminaries for the City of San Antonio are standard 100-watt cobra head fixtures for residential streets and 240-watt cobra head fixtures for non-residential streets." According to City staff, the purpose of streetlights is for vehicle traffic only.

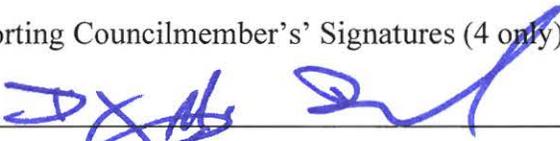
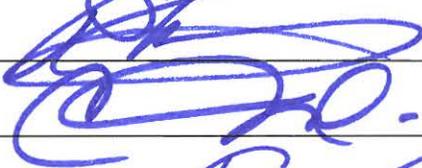
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