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TO: The Honorable City Council

FR: Antoine Bryant, Director – Planning and Development Department

RE: LPD Report on the Status of 2022-23 Budgetary Priorities

Please accept the following response to the two items flagged for PDD update in the Legislative Policy Division's January 10, 2024 Report on the Council's 2022-23 budget and financial priorities:

18) Regarding the Retail Corridor Study, District 7: How much has been spent to date on the study? What is the final cost of the study? Please briefly explain the amendment.

PDD is scheduling a meeting with Council Member Durhal to better understand this request, and the amendment referenced. Once specific needs are identified, a budget and plan of action can be developed.

91) Will PDD need the entire \$2 million for the masterplan update? If not, how will the remaining funds be utilized?

City Council approved the transfer of \$650,000 from this budget to HRD in 2023 to support Council priorities for additional housing. PDD has negotiated a contract for \$993,500 with Smith Group LLR to lead the Master Plan Study (#6005549); this contract has been submitted to Council and is currently pending approval. This contract relies on consultant expertise for technical components of the Master Plan update process and utilizes PDD staff to lead the engagement efforts. The remaining balance of \$352,000 has been earmarked for other planning study work.

I'm happy to discuss further, as desired.

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