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To: Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At Large
From: Crystal Perkins, Director, General Services Department
Date: 3/31/2025
Re: Responses to 2025-2026 GSD Budget Analysis

Please find below responses to your questions sent on 3/27/2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the General Services Department.

- 1. The community has repeatedly requested a therapeutic aquatics center. Are there any plans or feasibility studies underway to support the creation of this facility in FY 2026 or beyond?**

The department currently offers therapeutic pool services for residents at existing City pools. We have underwater bicycles which is a type of hydrotherapy equipment at most of our locations and certified aquatics specialist to guide therapeutic sessions. At this time there are no plans for a new facility dedicated solely to therapeutic aquatics.

- 2. What is the status of ARPA- and one-time General Fund-funded positions within GSD? How many are still active, and how will these be managed or transitioned?**

The General Services Department has made preparations to transition all 65 remaining ARPA positions to either Blight or General Fund categories. The ARPA funded positions working in the Blight Remediation Division will be covered by funding received to continue our Freeway Maintenance Program.

- 3. Graffiti removal funding increased by over 90%, while DLBA maintenance dropped significantly. What's the reasoning behind this shift, and how will service levels be maintained?**

These changes do not represent a shift in funding but rather a decrease in DLBA maintenance due to one-time FY 2025 funding for the 3D Tree Program not carried over to FY 2026 and an increase in graffiti removal funding due a 3 FTE increase and salary/wage inflation.

- 4. Yesterday, I was at Straight Gate Church with Bishop Merrit. Are you familiar with the park and center they are building for the community on Grand River near Livernois?**

Yes, I have some high-level knowledge of the park and center that the Straight Gate Church is building under the leadership of Bishop Merrit.

- 5. When will the Coleman A. Young Recreation Center be open for the community's usage?**



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The Construction and Demolition Department will turn the building back over to GSD within the next two weeks. Our timeline to have the building open for community use is May 10, 2025.