



2008/2009 Budget Workshop

Proposed Dynamic Core Area and
Vibrant Neighborhoods Service:
Combined OCI and Environmental Services -
Neighborhood Inspection & Enforcement



SAP Summary

◆ Service Enhancement Goals

- Less confusion for citizens
- After transition, training & implementation period, more effective and efficient inspection/code enforcement
 - Smaller geographically-assigned inspection areas
 - One Neighborhood Inspector to handle all neighborhood code issues (minimum housing, dangerous building, residential zoning/land use, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, junk, bulky waste, tall weeds and grass)
 - Greater opportunity for inspectors to know and build partnerships with neighborhoods within their smaller areas
 - Easier access to neighborhood code enforcement for WPD & other Depts. – opportunity to enhance interdepartmental relationships

SAP Summary - Budget

- ◆ Transfer - approx. \$920,000 annual E.S. budget for property premise condition code enforcement and abatement (junk, abandoned vehicles, bulky waste, tall weeds & grass) to OCI Neighborhood Inspection, *effective 1/1/08*
 - One E.S. supervisor
 - Six E.S. inspectors
 - One office support staff
 - Equipment, commodities and professional service fee budgets
 - Contractual budget for lot cleanups & weed mowing
 - Contractual budget for temporary spring to fall weed enforcement staff



SAP Summary: Funding Sources

- ◆ Annual funding sources:
 - Approx. \$755,000 from General Fund
 - Approx. \$165,000 from Federal CDBG funds
(supports 3 of 6 current E.S. inspector positions)
- ◆ OCI Special Revenue Fund will be tracked and accounted for separately from above, per Council Resolution R-95-560



Transition Challenges



- ◆ Some minor ordinance changes will be required
- ◆ Currently, required skill sets for E.S. and OCI inspectors are different: cross-training required
- ◆ Office space needs: transition to permanent office assignments in NCHs, coordination of key support functions (notice printing & mailing, file maintenance, file storage & location)
- ◆ Abatement contracting and management processes, policies & procedures (esp. vehicle towing)
- ◆ Effective communication of new “one-call”, single neighborhood code enforcement service



Piloting Transition



- ◆ Supervisor position – “Combined” position has been advertised & closed; candidate selection process scheduled for late July - August ‘07
- ◆ If approved, could start a “pilot” transition & cross-training program in fall ‘07 with 1 or 2 CDBG-funded (or other) E.S. inspectors
- ◆ Can begin permanent relocation of several current OCI inspectors to NCHs, beginning 9/07
- ◆ Begin abatement management process training transition in pilot inspection areas in fall ‘07

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