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MAYOR PROCEEDS WITH COMMERCIAL WATER METER REVIEW

In the coming weeks, the City will conduct a review of all commercial water meter accounts and investigate meter installations over the past three years. “We have been working on preparations for this study for some time now,” states Mayor DeMaria, “we have meters in our commercial sector that are outdated and we need to make sure our commercial and industrial sector are up to date.” The City Council recently approved a transfer allowing the Mayor to solicit outside agencies to complete the study.

The Mayor has often noted the need for the city to closely monitor the commercial sector as some local businesses do not have city meters, or the meter has not been replaced by the city. Recently the Board of Aldermen asked for the Mayor’s position in monitoring commercial meters, “This is great timing on this issue,” said the Mayor, “I’m happy to see the City Council agrees, and I’m looking forward to working together on a comprehensive plan.”

To ensure the city gains the most from the study, interested consultants will have to review past and current billing records, estimate any previous losses the city may have incurred, and provide an estimate to implement a new citywide meter replacement system. “This study will give us some hard numbers to analyze,” states Mayor DeMaria “we’ll need to weigh the costs of replacing our entire commercial water metering system against all potential future revenue.” If the city needs to pursue an overhaul of the commercial metering system, the Mayor anticipates working with State and MWRA officials to find funding resources for any future project.

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