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Budget amendment for DPW audit passes Common Council committee

Statement of Alderman Lamont Westmoreland
October 29, 2026

A multifaceted 2027 budget amendment that I authored was recommended for approval today by the Finance and Personnel Committee and will be taken up by the full Common Council on November 6 during the budget adoption meeting. The amendment provides \$100,000 to fund an independent, third-party audit of the Department of Public Works' Infrastructure Division and Operations Division.

The goal is straightforward: identify inefficiencies, evaluate existing processes and operations, and develop actionable recommendations to improve performance, maximize resources, and reduce costs. An independent review would give an objective assessment of where improvements can be made, how DPW can operate more efficiently, and where potential savings may exist. Just as importantly, streamlining processes and addressing operational challenges could help improve overall employee morale and create a more effective working environment.

This is an opportunity to take a proactive, data-driven approach to strengthening city operations and ensuring taxpayer dollars are being used as effectively as possible. Rather than simply asking departments to do more with less, we should be willing to examine *how* we do the work in the first place and identify opportunities to do it better.

I strongly believe this is a worthwhile investment in operational efficiency, accountability, and the long-term financial health of our city. This also is an opportunity to provide transparency to residents.

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