

FY 2018 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Department of Sanitation

Meeting Date 9/26/2016

AGENDA ITEM 1 : Staffing

What are the current and projected staffing levels in Manhattan, including the assignment of Enforcement agents? How do these staffing levels compare to staffing levels last year?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Please see agency handout for all responses.

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

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AGENDA ITEM 2 : Homeless Jobs

The FY 2017 Executive Plan included \$7.4 million for Subsidized Jobs for the Homeless. Please update us on this initiative, particularly with regard to Manhattan. Also, what is the projected expenditure in FY 2018?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Not yet at the headcount of 300 yet; at about 40 currently.

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AGENDA ITEM 3 : Solid Waste Reduction Budget

It is a goal of OneNYC to reduce the quantity of solid waste disposed by 90% by 2030. Please describe how the Department is working to meet this goal, particularly in Manhattan and has there been an increase in the budget to meet this goal?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Contractual relationships are key. Organics collection now reaches 700,000, including high-rises program. Buildings

must apply to ensure building participation. Also e-cycleNYC and re-fashionNYC,

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AGENDA ITEM 4 : Snow Removal

Please provide an update on the Snow Removal Program in Manhattan, including the deployment of vehicles, snow-melters, and Sanitation workers? Will funding be increased in FY 2018?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

Snow equipment personnel are practicing already. No significant change this year. Manhattan got additional salt spreaders based on critical mileage.

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AGENDA ITEM 5 : Recycling Baskets

DSNY has increased the number of recycling baskets in Manhattan. However, service has not had a corresponding increase. What is the funding in FY17 and projected for FY18 to increase service of recycling baskets? Please update us on the status of this initiative.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

DSNY does not have funding to expand this operation. Street recycling experiences misuse and contamination and has led to DSNY pulling them. DSNY has removed 271 out of 892 baskets due to excessive contamination.

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AGENDA ITEM 6 : Organics Recycling

Please update us on the status of the organics recycling program in Manhattan, including DSNY partnerships with NYCHA and DOE. Do you anticipate an increase in funding in FY 2018?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

All NYCHAs should have recycling bins outside. Continue to meet with residents. DSNY is tracking the number of bags

set out. All DOE schools in Manhattan are in organics collection. One school has been selected to participate in Zero Waste.

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AGENDA ITEM 7 : Graffiti

Please describe how the graffiti removal program operates in Manhattan, and how it is coordinated with EDC and CAU programs. What is the funding and are there anticipated changes in FY 2018?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

DSNY provides mainly administrative support for this program. EDC has purchased new vehicles and power-washing equipment. DSNY cannot comment on the budget part of this program.

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AGENDA ITEM 8 : Illegal Posters

The FY 2016 Preliminary Mayor's Management Report reports that the number of violations issued for illegal postering in the first four months of FY 2016 (272) was dramatically less than the number of violations issued during the same period in FY 2015 (7,288). Please explain the reason for this decrease and is it a result of funding or staff changes.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

It's a function of DSNY losing a court case. Agency must now send certified notice to illegal posting individuals and give them time to respond. "Donate your car" ones are the hardest (only cell phone number on poster). Political candidates do receive advance warning on illegal posting.

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AGENDA ITEM 9 : Dirty Sidewalks

The FY 2016 Preliminary Mayor's Management Report states that the number of violations issued for dirty sidewalks has increased dramatically in recent years. Is this the result of a change in Department policy or did the Department receive an increase in complaints? Have additional funds been allocated to DSNY enforcement resulting in this increase?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:**

DSNY now has more supervisors focused on cleaning issues and sidewalk complaints. Program appears to be working, but this is almost always the biggest complaint citywide.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 10 : E-cycling**

Please update us on the e-cycleNYC program in Manhattan? Will funds be allocated to expand this program in the future?

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

E-cycleNYC costs NYC nothing but for administrative. Manhattan has over 300,000 households enrolled. It has been hard recently for recycling businesses.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 11 : Adopt-A-Basket**

Please update us on the Adopt-A-Basket Program in Manhattan. How many baskets are currently enrolled in the program? Has that number changed since the last fiscal year? What type of outreach is the Department doing to increase enrollment in this program? What funding is there for outreach?

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

We have 890 Adopt-a-Basket bins now. Have been getting businesses on board and is effective. It has been an increase of 490 in the past year. Commissioner Garcia has set a goal, and supervisors have been conducting outreach to convince more businesses to participate.

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DSNY will provide a breakdown of "Adopt-a-Basket" receptacles by CB.

AGENDA ITEM 12 : Street Corner Litter Baskets

What funding is allocated in FY17 and FY18 to replace open-wire street corner baskets with rat proof baskets?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

No intention to eliminate wire baskets. "Big Belly" is expensive and challenging in management. There are more trucks out to collect before basket overflows. Homeless shelters are on organics collection, too! Proper use of wire baskets should not lead to overflow. Even high-end rat-proof baskets have been seen overflowing and having litter flowing into nooks and crannies. It is not always a good move in Manhattan to conduct repeat collections due to high population. Illegal dumping has been a huge problem. Enforcement crew has been out to ticket violators. DSNY can either add or remove baskets if necessary. Manhattan baskets are already receiving two to three services a day.

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AGENDA ITEM 13 : NOVAS

Please update us regarding expenditures to enhance the Notice of Violation System (NOVAS) in Manhattan.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

NOVAS is a citywide program. DSNY has \$2 million in expense fund to upgrade hand-held devices, as current ones are at the end of their useful life.

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AGENDA ITEM 14 : Funding for Translations

Please update us on resources and funding allocated for translations and outreach to non-English speaking communities.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

All translations are done by approved vendors and double-checked in-house.

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AGENDA ITEM 15 : Solar Compacters

Please update us on the installation of Bigbelly Solar Compacters in Manhattan. What is the funding and plan for the utilization of these compactors in Manhattan and specifically for street corner baskets? How will priority routes be chosen?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

All "Big Belly" baskets in Manhattan are BID purchases and BID maintenance. No plan to expand outside BID areas in Manhattan. "Big Belly" requires a lot of work to collect, as well as a master key to open and re-lock. "Big Belly" is partly a compactor, but the obstacle to it has been mainly graffiti. DSNY is working to put a layer of "skin" on the receptacle. It is also more costly, with more parts, to maintain. DSNY receives daily report on full "Big Belly" receptacles, but it is often too late by the time DSNY route arrives at the almost full receptacle.

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AGENDA ITEM 16 : Storm Resilience

Please update us on expenditures for superstorm Sandy flood-resiliency work in Manhattan

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

DSNY made design changes to two marine transfer stations on East River, as well as Pier 36 complex. Spring Street facility has flood barriers.

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AGENDA ITEM 17 : Technology

Please update us on funding for the upgrading of DSNY's information technology and telecommunications.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:

COMMENTS:

DSNY has \$30 million in capital and \$5 million in expenses budget. There is almost nothing DSNY does that has no IT component.

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AGENDA ITEM 18 : Garages

Please provide funding and plans for the rehabilitation and building of sanitation garages in Manhattan.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:**

Funded and allocated accordingly.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 19 : Mechanical Brooms**

What is the funding and allocation of mechanical brooms in Manhattan by district? Are there plans to increase the use of mechanical brooms?

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

No plan to change sweeping pattern. Will change or add route according to DOT plans to convert alternate side to metered parking.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 20 : Equipment Inventory**

What is the current inventory of vehicles and equipment in the Manhattan districts? Please provide an update of any equipment purchases made in FY 2016 and anticipated acquisitions in FY 2017 and FY 2018. Are these purchases for replacement vehicles or new vehicles? Please provide a break-down of equipment by community district.

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

DSNY has 264 dual-bin and over 70 rear-loading vehicles coming now. New snow equipment too. Resistance to garages mean inability to phase in new equipment.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 21 : Gansevoort**

Please update us on the demolition on the Gansevoort peninsula and development of the recycling MTS there?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

MEETING NOTES:**COMMENTS:**

DDC is conducting work and will be done in spring 2017.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 22 : Marine Transfer Stations**

Please provide details on plans and funding for the construction and/or conversion of all Manhattan Marine Transfer Stations (MTS).

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

The 59th Street facility is still a paper facility. Second ramp for 91st Street MTS is under design, expected completion in late 2017 to early 2018.

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 23 : Budget Priorities**

Which services and/or capital projects would DSNY recommend as priorities for the FY 2015 budget?

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:****COMMENTS:**

Like to have support for garage on 23rd Street. There is literally no room for CB 6, and CB 8 is far from the district base and more exposed to snow emergency events. There is never enough basket trucks! We all need wider sidewalks and streets!

NOTES:**AGENDA ITEM 24 : Budgeting Process**

Please explain any particular features of your budgeting process that CB's should take into account when formulating their requests.

AGENCY RESPONSE:**MEETING NOTES:**

COMMENTS:

All CMs receive significant funding for cleaning. It is on parallel track with DSNY budget. CMs should take into account of their CBs.

NOTES:**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

Gormley: Do we need to notify illegal posting individuals repeatedly?

Garcia: Flyers often different enough! Also, it is hard to track the violators down.

Bodine: Thanks for coordination on 23rd Street and "double parking" issues. Over 62% of NYCHAs are participating live in DSNY initiatives. Is there a list? Do you know the number allocated to CMs?

Garcia: It will still be a problem because we are still finding places to park our vehicles with Hudson Yards growing exponentially. Each CM receives about \$162,000 a year for sanitation initiatives in their districts.

Diller: CB 7 asks for Sunday basket collections year after year. It looks a mess around destinations if there is none.

Garcia: Sunday collection began in April 2016. Lots of Manhattan neighborhoods have Sunday collections, unlike the Outer Boroughs (who lost much of it). It is funded via overtime as Sunday is always double-time pay. Please continue to prioritize Sunday collection to allow it to continue.

Stetzer: Lower East Side schools are not doing recycling properly. Is there any mean to allow schools to do it properly? Is it funding issue? Or is it a custodian issue?

Garcia: DSNY cannot ticket school staff. Funding has been allocated to have staff to carry it out. It is an adult problem! DSNY has subcontract with GrowNYC on the program and also has outreach. DSNY is now having an RFP to put together video program to feed live set-out information to DOE.

Winfield: CB 11 is still having concerns over the garage. Is it going to be a new facility, or only a rehabilitation of the existing one?

Mescain-Archer: DSNY continues to refuse to relocate garage. You are planning after having found a site first. There are two garages within four blocks and no plan to consolidate garages--it is too much for East Harlem to handle.

Garcia: We must find space to fit existing and new operations first.