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RE: Motion By Councilor Mercier – Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Install A Sign at the First Street Side of Hill Area Under Surveillance and Install Cameras to Identify and Fine People Who Are Dumping Trash There – Update

Motion By Councilor Cirillo – Req. The City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Contact MassDOT To Request The State's Inmate Labor Program Come To Lowell And Remove Litter Along Our State Owned Roads.

This memorandum provides an update to the motion response to Councilor Mercier regarding illegal dumping in Centerville along the First Street corridor and a response to Councilor Cirillo regarding the state inmate labor program and litter removal.

In an effort to better police the area to prevent illegal dumping, the City has taken several steps to enhance our enforcement. First, as mentioned in our first response to the Council, Development Services staff was going to increase our camera usage at the site. Our Sanitary Code Officer did have a successful hit on one of the dumped items. This allowed the City to work with the LPD to file a criminal complaint against the individual who dumped the item. The LPD is following up with this item at Lowell District Court.

In addition, the City has reached out to the MassDEP Environmental Task Force for their assistance in monitoring the site. After a very productive initial meeting with Development Services staff and the Task Force, MassDEP, with their expertise and access to new and better technology, will be initiating a higher level of surveillance of the sites along First Street. We will be continuing this surveillance with MassDEP through the spring, and will keep the City Council updated on the progress of this enforcement.

The LPD has installed new and more visible signage, and will install further signage along 1st St. to discourage dumping.

In addition to more thorough enforcement efforts, Assistant to the City Manager Alex Magee coordinated a site meeting with Councilor Mercier, Rep. Tom Golden's Chief of Staff Doreen Burgess, DPW Commissioner Ralph Snow, MassDOT staff including operations engineer Mark Kratman and maintenance engineer Peter Collette, Middlesex County Deputy Sheriff in charge of CWP program Randy Witts and LPD Centralville precinct staff. The focus of the meeting was to A) coordinate a cleanup effort in the near future both along the First Street corridor and Rte. 110,

and B) strategize with the various stakeholders on how to reduce dumping in the area moving forward. A cleanup effort has been scheduled with the Middlesex Sheriff's CWP program on May 30th and 31st, which should bring the area up to an acceptable condition. MassDOT and the City's DPW will assist by picking up the refuse and debris that the inmate crew is able to bag and bring to the street level for collection. Beyond the initial cleanup, MassDOT has indicated a willingness perform tree trimming and to put up a fence to discourage dumping from First St. down towards Rt. 110 below. These efforts, in addition to the enhanced enforcement by the LPD and DEP, will hopefully lead to less illegal dumping in the area.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions on this matter.

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