



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2015
TO: Mayor & Alderman
FROM: Shawn Hamilton, City Manager

RE: **FY16 Budget Requests from Alderman**

At any point during the process, Alderman have been encouraged to forward any FY16 Budget consideration requests to Chairman Knight or myself, to be considered at a future budget meeting.

After the 2/3/2015 Budget Workshop, I received 2 request for consideration:

Shubert – request consideration for funding to reconstitute the Holiday Lights Program. Funding for this program was discontinued years ago. This work was completed by an outside contractor. The approximate expense, based upon the last time this work was completed, was a range of \$40,000 - \$50,000. There is not adequate PW staff, equipment, or materials currently to complete this program. Some of the work of this program could be completed through overtime of PW staff. When the program was cut years ago, volunteers, part of the Holiday Lights Coalition, completed the lighting in and around town. Recently, due to reduced volunteer participation, the Chamber of Commerce sent a request to local businesses asking them to light the areas in front of their stores, and PW staff placed the lights at City buildings.

Maloney – request consideration for additional funding for Pest Control to address issues with rats in the City. There is no funding in the budget for this program, but the City does budget for other animal nuisance programs. A request was made during the FY14 budget process to increase the budget to address skunks in and around the City. The original budget was \$8,000 but a budget transfer was approved to raise the budget to \$9,000. The FY15 budget for pest control is \$8,000. The FY16 budget is \$8,000. It is estimated that \$3,000 would be needed for this program, including overtime allocation for inspectors.

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