

Responses to Council Questions and Comments

3/11/2024

City's Item #3: Resolution Authorizing the Position Allocation of One Permit Technician

- Question: For clarity, the staffing of this department is all in-house? The physical restructuring of the building I assume is being done with this additional person having office space and working on site so makes sense to add this person with completion of the office space. How does the need for this position compare with the need for more maintenance personnel?
 - Response: In short, our City has more needs than we have funding for. Over time, we will be able to get to many—and hopefully, all of these. But it will take time. The position is funded by permit revenue and not General Fund. We have very little capacity to add more General Fund positions, so we will need to be strategic about 1) what are the highest priorities for staffing, 2) what can be done using contractor and consultants (all depts utilize contractors and consultants;), 3) which positions can serve multiple needs citywide or can benefit staff capacity.