

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 22, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #23: ORNAMENTAL STREET TRASH CAN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

This memorandum is in response to Councilman Krupicka's question regarding the replacement of ornamental street trash cans throughout the City. The monies currently budgeted in FY 2007 and FY 2008 total \$353,000. This amount will enable staff to complete the Citywide replacement program. This is in addition to \$117,000 that has been spent in FY 2006 to replace cans on King Street between the waterfront and the Metro Station, all of Washington Street, and Duke Street from the western City limit to Ballenger Street.

Currently, the plan calls for completing Duke Street from Ballenger Street to the waterfront in FY 2007, replacing all old cans on Mount Vernon Avenue, and starting the Citywide replacement program, working from the outer boundaries toward Old Town. The Citywide replacement program is scheduled for completion in FY 2008.

In order to meet the lower alternative budget target in FY 2007, \$118,000 is proposed for deferral to FY 2008. If this option is chosen, staff would be able to complete the Duke Street and Mount Vernon Avenue portions of the program as currently scheduled. The Citywide replacements, however, would not begin until FY 2008.

Council approved plans for new development are required to provide ornamental trash cans according to their special use permits. The only other current source of funding are all City CIP funds specifically for the trash can replacement program as described above.

A single can, including delivery, costs \$1,000. These cans are estimated to have a useful life of 40 to 50 years. The existing street cans that are being replaced with the ornamental cans are over 40 years old.