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Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 1:00 PM

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Cc: Heather Taylor <HTaylor@Venicegov.com>; Judy Gamel <JGamel@Venicegov.com>

Subject: RE: Street lights

Lorraine,

Thank you and please express my thanks to PW for the detailed answer.

Heather, please place this email on the next available agenda for council discussion.

Lorraine, please add the entire stretch of Jacaranda from Center Road to Venice Ave - all street lights out.

Thanks,

John

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On Mon, Mar 14, 2016 at 6:20 AM -0700, "Lorraine Anderson" <LAnderson@Venicegov.com> wrote:

Mayor, here is information I received from Public Works:

The City owns over 600 decorative street lights which we maintain and pay FPL for the electricity, located along Business 41, in downtown Venice and a few other locations. They are suffering from neglected maintenance for many years prior to 2013. Most of the issues we see involve rewiring or replacement of fixture components. It is more than just bulbs burning out. Manpower has been an issue since one of our electricians retired on October 15, 2015 and it took 4 months to fill the position. We only had one electrician for those 4 months to handle all electrical issues city wide, where we normally have two. The filling of the positions took 4 months despite the fact that we filled the first position with an internal candidate (our other electrician) and promoted another employee to the second electrician position.

In the past two weeks we were able to repair six street lights one week and nine the second week. The second electrician was on vacation that first week. The electricians are called on to perform all other electrical work in city buildings (City Hall, Police Station, 3 Fire Stations, Police and Fire Training Facilities, Triangle Inn, Centennial and South Jetty restrooms), Fishing Pier lights, four fountains and ten traffic signals. In addition to this work, in the past 60 days we have been able to replace all missing street lights in the circus bridge area using contract labor. These lights were removed because poles had rusted through and had to be removed for safety reasons.

As for the FPL lights on East Venice Avenue, the standard cobra style lights along other streets such as East Venice, Capri Isles, Bypass 41, Pinebrook, Edmondson and Laurel are maintained by FPL. When these lights are out we contact their city liaison to request they be repaired. They seem to be experiencing similar issues with reliability of equipment as many of our requests are taking weeks to

fulfill. FPL has been notified of these issue and has been in touch with updates but have not yet completed repairs.

As for the issues on the east side of the Jacaranda roundabout on Venice Ave (all lights not on), and the crosswalk button to cross East Venice Ave on the west side of Jacaranda, these are both the county's jurisdiction, and I have contacted the county call center with the concerns and requested an update.

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Ed,
First, I don't know if you are ready for this type of email to go to Lorraine (or someone else) or if you are still taking it. I really don't think you hired a talented PIO to funnel problems, but that's up to you. I'll keep sending it to you until you give us written instructions to the contrary.

I turned in the street light at Nokomis and Tampa directly over a very busy cross walk for Venice Theater. I was told you are waiting for replacement lights, but that was at least a week ago already. If the lights haven't come in, I suggest you instruct PW to take lights from a lamp not by a cross walk and swap the lights. The current situation makes a dangerous intersection even more dangerous.

The are over 70 burned out lights from Tampa Ave. to the Circus bridge - really looks bad.

All street light on the south side of East Venice Ave from the bypass to Cherry are still out. I have turned this in twice before and it has been months now since the first time.

All stree lights on the south side of E.Venice Ave from Capri Isles east for at least two blocks are out.

The east side of the Jacaranda round about on Venice Ave - all lights not on.

I tried the cross walk button to cross East Venice Ave on the west side of Jacaranda at 5 a.m. this past Tuesday. The cross walk sign never came on, maybe from dark until 5 a.m. is too long of a time for solar to work, but it should probably be checked out.

Thanks,
John

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