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The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions posed by members of City Council during Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (PPR)'s FY19 Budget Hearing.

1. **Councilman Greenlee:** What is the overall cost for the increase in wages for seasonal workers?

The FY19 Proposed Budget includes \$1,020,078 to ensure compliance with the Living Wage Ordinance. Approximately 1,000 seasonal workers will receive an increase in their hourly salary. Effective July 2018, all seasonal workers will move from \$10.88 per hour to \$12.20 per hour. Lifeguards will receive an increase to maintain a competitive salary with a range of \$13.65-\$15.92 per hour.

2. **Councilwoman Reynolds Brown:** How much is spent on straight time for special events and how much on OT for special events? Please provide multiple years and broken down by [council] district.

Special events overtime is tracked by event, day and activity. Large special events are primarily held on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Council District 5, while the smaller special events occur in all council districts. Of the largest events for FY18 YTD, the total overtime cost is approximately \$313,675 with 27% spent on skilled trades work (electrical, plumbing, etc.). Approximately 25% of skilled trades' straight time is used to prepare for large special events. The Special Events Overtime summary chart below represents special events overtime since FY16.

Large Citywide Events YTD FY18	Total OT Spend
Made in America	\$ 41,959
Mummers	\$ 62,567
Welcome America	\$ 34,934
Oval	\$ 48,380
Phila Marathon	\$ 99,255
Eagles Parade	\$ 26,580
	\$ 313,675



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Special Events OT	
FY18 (Through 3/2018)	\$ 529,908
FY17	\$ 864,549
FY16	\$ 634,365

- Councilwoman Reynolds Brown:** Please provide the Active Shooter Training schedule.

Active Shooter Training provides staff with the best practices to implement if they encounter a scenario in their work location where an individual is actively attempting to cause harm with a deadly weapon. The training is offered annually to all recreation program staff. The most recent active shooter training was held November 2017. We plan to offer the training to all staff beginning in FY19 and will provide a calendar once the trainings are scheduled.

- Councilwoman Reynolds Brown (on behalf of Councilwoman Sanchez):** Please provide detail of the contractors working on the Urban Reforestation Project, whether they are local and how many of their employees are Philadelphia residents. Please also include the total size of this project.

Horticulture Center Forest Restoration Project Schedule, contractors, tasks and costs

The Horticulture Center Forest Restoration and Protection project includes three distinct Project Areas identified as Lansdowne Glen (12.8 acres); Montgomery Creek (10.7 acres) and Michaux Grove (5.9 acres), totaling approximately 29.4 acres in size. The project sites each abut the Horticulture Center and grounds. The current project will demonstrate to our many visitors that carefully planned restoration can transform a degraded forest into a diverse and functional ecosystem. The total project cost is \$391,902 broken down as follows. The project was open bid with the following ranges: 10-15% MBE AND/OR 5-10% WBE. The contractor has met and exceeded the prescribed ranges.

Initial Contract

January – May 2018

All Seasons Landscaping (**Prime**)

Fell and chip invasive trees, shrubs, and vines; remove defunct fencing; mow brush; seed
\$44,882

Aston, PA



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Knight Brothers, Inc.

Fell and chip invasive trees, shrubs, and vines; remove hazard and storm-felled trees; mow brush

\$134,990

Aston, PA

Athena (WBE)

Hauling

\$5,000

Philadelphia, PA

Zizza Highway Services, Inc. (WBE)

Fell/Cut invasive trees, shrubs and vines

\$17,290 (Note: Final payment was \$19,200 which exceeded initial contract value)

Chadds Ford, PA

Apex (MBE)

Fuel

\$39,190

NJ

July – August 2018

Weeds, Inc

Herbicide invasive vegetation

\$28,640

Aston, PA

September 2018

Pro Fence, LLC

Install deer exclusion fences (3 fences) around 20-21 acres

\$120,000

Shippensburg, PA

Please feel free to contact me at Kathryn.Ott.Lovell@Phila.gov or 215-683-3666 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K Ott Lovell".

Kathryn Ott Lovell

Commissioner