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Street lighting is a core service provided by the City that residents rely on to allow for visibility on the City's street network at night and enhance public safety. While traditional streetlights are the core of the City's street lighting system and the City has invested in innovative ways to safeguard and enhance its existing lights and is currently reviewing how it funds this street lighting system, the City should take a maximalist approach to street lighting, including the continued deployment of utilitarian lighting.

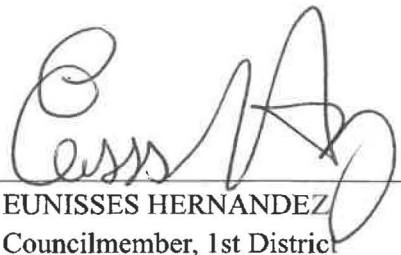
Utilitarian lights are streetlights attached to the Department of Water and Power's (DWP) power poles. These streetlights play an important role in illuminating the City as they can be installed in alleys or narrow streets where the installation of standard streetlights would be infeasible and can be deployed where more permanent streetlights have not been installed and may not be installed in the near future.

While the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) manages the City's primary streetlight system, utilitarian streetlights are installed, operated, and maintained by DWP. Although BSL historically has coordinated requests for these types of light installations, the 2025-26 Adopted Budget deleted the position within BSL's budget that managed utilitarian light requests and coordinated with DWP. The Bureau has also reported that existing City code limits their ability to work on utilitarian lighting as they are located on DWP infrastructure.

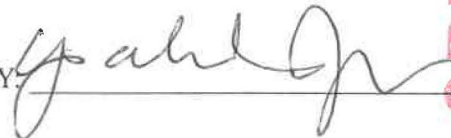
Utilitarian lighting provides the City with more flexibility in where it can install lighting, including in areas of the City where lighting may provide the most benefit in terms of public safety. The City should ensure that utilitarian lighting continues to be an option for lighting its street and alley networks.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Lighting and the Department of Water and Power, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report with recommendations to restore the utilitarian streetlight program, including the resources needed to resume this work and any code amendments or interagency agreements necessary to authorize the Bureau to perform this work.

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