

Work Session

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	February 17, 2016
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Discussion Item	Snow Event After Action Review
Background	<p>Snow Storm Jonas (also called “Snowzilla”) arrived in Takoma Park the afternoon of Friday, January 22 and dumped 18.5 inches of snow over the course of about 24 hours. Significant clean-up activities continued through the following Friday, January 29.</p> <p>City staff will report on the specifics of the storm; the level of effectiveness of the City’s response; and the level of response of others, including other agencies, businesses, institutions and residents. City staff have also discussed some steps that may be considered to be used in future storm events to facilitate a rapid return to normal.</p> <p>City staff have been compiling the costs of storm response. We will probably be able to be reimbursed for 75% of most additional expenses during the top 48-hour period, but the financial impact will still be large. Expenses will be over \$100,000 for Public Works alone; approximately \$50,000 is budgeted for storm expenses each year.</p> <p>One aspect of the storm that will be a topic of discussion is that this storm was the first test of the Council’s revised sidewalk clearing law, but, because of the depth of the snow, enforcement was suspended until January 28. Also new this year, was a concerted effort to share information through Storm Updates from the City Manager. This higher level of communication was well-received.</p> <p>Staff will be interested to hear from the Council and residents their views on how the storm was handled.</p>
Policy	Council Priorities: An Engaged, Responsive, Service-oriented Government; A Livable Community for All
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Attachments	none
Recommendation	Hear presentation
Special Consideration	