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City Releases Budget Information Following IG Request

During the City Council hearings on the City's 2012 Budget in October and November 2011, City Departments submitted information to the City Council based on Aldermanic questions of the departments made prior to and during the hearings. The material includes each commissioner's opening statement during the budget hearings and detailed information regarding departmental operations.

Following a request from the Inspector General, the City has now posted this information for review online – which, prior to the IGO request, had not been made widely available to the public.

As part of the City of Chicago Inspector General's Office's (IGO) Open Chicago initiative, Inspector General Joseph Ferguson requested City department heads either provide the IGO with copies of all documents submitted to the City Council as part of the 2012 City Council Department budget hearings or provide this information onto their public websites.

The City informed the IGO today that these documents are now online via the City's Office of Budget and Management's [website](#).

Some of the information now online includes:

- How the closure of 3 police districts impacted police district staffing (pg. 63 of the [Police Department material](#))
- How much revenue the City's leased parking meters generated in 2010 (pg. 19 of the [Finance Department material](#))
- An estimate of how much the City will save through the implementation of grid-based garbage collection (pg. 41 of the [Streets and Sanitation material](#))

View a copy of the IGO's original request [here](#).

Open Chicago is designed to increase the understanding of City government for all stakeholders (city residents, the media, and members of the City Council), and to promote efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in the City's operations that can come only from accountability achieved through meaningful public scrutiny

The Open Chicago recommendation can be found online at the IGO website: www.chicagoinspectorgeneral.org

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