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Bright lights in the city: Entergy to retrofit street lights with LEDs

which will cover retrofitting all street lights in Ward 6, Fisher explained. Once installation of lights begins in Ward 6, Entergy will begin the design and engineering of phase two, which will cover Ward 4, with the remaining retrofitted in the order of Ward 3, Ward 1, Ward 5 and Ward 2. The project will take approximately one year to complete.

Ward 2 Alderman Jim Martin raised a question about the order of the lights being retrofitted in the city.

"I know somebody's got to be first and somebody's got to be last, but I was just kind of wondering how that phase order got decided on."

"We went from east to west, with the location of Jackson the chief consideration," Fisher responded, adding that they moved the route for retrofitting lights into kind of a circular motion, he said, demonstrating a circular motion with his hands.

Taken into consideration was not only the proximity to Jackson,

but also retrofitting the older, more densely populated neighborhoods and security considerations.

"The difference in the lighting provided by the new LED bulbs is very significant. A number of the new LED bulbs have been placed in several locations around the city, which show the result," Martin commented. "Focusing on this project and having complete citywide coverage greatly improves safety for drivers, homeowners and businesses."

Regarding the scheduled order for retrofitting lights in the city, Martin said: "I was disappointed that the Mayor directed Entergy on the areas scheduled for the conversion without any input from Alderpersons. However, the project is scheduled to be completed in a year, barring weather issues."

City officials are also evaluating other areas in the city that may need additional lighting and/or upgraded lighting. Board members suggested at the July 6 meeting that the City consider adding additional lighting in the City's parks.

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