

LRB – RESEARCH & ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 44, FILE 060879
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File #060839 is a resolution authorizing additional funds for the Foundation Drain Disconnection Project.

Background

1. The 2005 budget for the Sewer Maintenance Fund included funding and borrowing authority in the amount of \$1,206,000 for four flow reduction projects, including \$505,000 for a Foundation Drain Disconnection Pilot Project (CCFN 041349 adopted 2/22/2005).
2. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and City of Milwaukee share equally in the project costs pursuant to an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement authorized by Common Council Resolution No. 050268 adopted July 6, 2005 which also removed \$250,000 borrowing authority from the original \$505,000 budget.
3. Originally, the pilot project was to target homes built before 1954 in one area of the Lincoln Creek watershed. Homeowners must voluntarily consent to have foundation footing drains disconnected from sanitary sewers. Many did not wish to participate, therefore the target boundary has changed to include the Northlawn Veterans Permanent Housing Complex.

Discussion

1. The project was low bid at \$554,770 on September 20, 2006.
2. Additional funding is needed to award the Project; said additional funding will not increase the borrowing above the original amount approved in the 2005 budget.
3. File No. 060879 authorizes the Sewer Maintenance Fund parent account (SM498050000) to transfer \$200,000 additional funding to the Project account number SM498050001 for the foundation drain disconnection project.
4. If adopted, the project funding for the city's share increases from \$255,000 up to \$455,000.

Fiscal Impact

Adopting this file does not impact the tax levy. Debt service is to be paid using Sewer Maintenance Fund enterprise fund revenues.

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