LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE **ITEM 3, FILE # 021337**

JANUARY 13, 2003 **MARK A. RAMION**

File # 021337 is a resolution appropriating additional funds, $15,555.56, from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Special Purpose Account for the purpose of payment of continuing services for outside legal counsel and for an expert witness in a case involving the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Background

1. This resolution appropriates additional funds, $15,555.56, from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Special Purpose Account for the purpose of payment of continuing services of outside legal counsel and for an expert witness in a case involving the Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA).

2. This file is in regard to BOZA opposition to the request by Wisconsin Correctional Services for a reasonable accommodation under the federal disabilities law in order to operate a mental health clinic at North 37th Street and West Wisconsin Avenue.

3. $20,000 has been previously appropriated from this SPA for outside counsel and expert witness services in this matter.

Discussion

1. The City Attorney is unable to represent the City of Milwaukee in this case as this office is representing BOZA.

2. The City Attorney believes that additional billing for services rendered will be forthcoming as well as billing related to legal services needed following the conclusion of the hearing.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total amount of this resolution is $15,555.56, to be expended from the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Special Purpose Account.

2. On January 10, 2003, the balance in the Outside Counsel/Expert Witness SPA was $191,500. Upon approval of this resolution, the 2002 balance in this SPA will be $175,944.

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