

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

MARCH 17, 2004 AGENDA

ITEM 10, FILE 031278

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File # 031278 is a resolution authorizing carryover of certain fund balances from 2003 to 2004 in accordance with Section 65.07(1)(p), Wisconsin State Statutes.

Background

1. Section 65.07(1)(p), Wis. Stats., provides that the common council of a municipality may, by resolution, authorize the carrying over of unexpended funds which have been appropriated to a department for additional periods not to exceed 3 years from the year in which they were appropriated.
2. This file is an annual resolution authorizing the unexpended departmental funds carryover in conformity with the referenced state statute.

Discussion

1. The requested departmental carryover from 2003 to 2004 is \$31,873,347.
2. The City of Milwaukee Budget Office is recommending that \$31,823,163 in unexpended 2003 departmental funds be carried over to 2004. The most significant carryover amount is \$9,652,985 for the Wages Supplement Fund. The greater percentage of these funds will be needed for employee salaries that are currently being funded at 2003 rates. (D.C 48, MPSO, non –represented) The resolution also authorizes the carryover of the \$3 million 2003 contribution to the ERS reserve fund and approximately \$3.3 million for various Employee Health Care Benefits sub-accounts.
3. The recommended amount for carryover is approximately \$3.7 million less than the \$35.5 million carried over from 2002 to 2003.

Fiscal Impact

The recommended carryover of funds, \$31,823,163, from 2003 to 2004 will permit the completion or achievement of authorized and funded programs, projects and equipment purchases.

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