

Reply to Common Council File No. 040056

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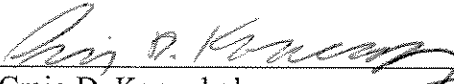
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Common Council File No. 040056 is a resolution authorizing the release of borrowing authority established in the 2004 budget for the Milwaukee Police Department's Trunked Radio Communications. This file is required because a footnote in the 2004 budget requires Common Council action prior to the release of funds.

The Trunked Radio Communications project will allow police and fire personnel to more efficiently utilize existing radio channels and frequencies, particularly in emergency situations. Specifically, the \$5 million in 2004 capital authority will be used for Phase II of the project - the construction of three tower sites. To date, \$4,535,659.61 has been expended from a combination of grant and capital borrowing authority for Phase I of the project. While existing authority exists, it is dedicated to the completion of Phase I. Monies expended for Phase I are on track to meet budget authorizations. With respect to Phase II, a review was conducted by this office to determine the appropriate amount to be released at this time. It was determined that the release of the full \$5 million of 2004 borrowing authority will provide the department sufficient flexibility in implementing Phase II. With respect to both phases of the project, this office has reviewed existing and projected project costs in order to meet the requirements outlined in the Comptroller's audit of the 3rd District Police Station.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FILE 040056 TO RELEASE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED IN THE 2004 BUDGET.


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