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October 14, 2010

To: The Honorable, Members of the Common Council

Re: Budget Amendment Deadline

The Finance and Personnel Committee will consider and vote on amendments to the 2011 Proposed Executive Budget on Thursday, October 28 and, if necessary, Friday, October 29. Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and be held in Room 301-B.

In light of State-mandated property tax levy limits and the Expenditure Restraint Program, I encourage you to submit "balanced amendments" relating to expenditures, i.e., amendments to implement additional tax levy spending for City services should be offset by reductions to other services or funding levels.

All council members are invited and encouraged to present their amendments to the budget at these meetings. All amendments pertaining to a department will be heard at the same time. Departments will be considered in alphabetical order (see attached list). Amendments sponsored by the Finance and Personnel chair will be heard first, then amendments sponsored by the Vice-Chair, and then other members of the Committee in order of seniority. The remaining members of the Council will then have their amendments considered in order of seniority.

Following past practice, amendments from Common Council members who are not members of the Committee will only be heard if offered by a member of the Committee. Amendments not offered by a committee member may be submitted for introduction under the 24-hour rule described below.

Article IV, Section 9, of the *Milwaukee Common Council Procedure and Rules*, provides that budget amendments which have been submitted to the Finance and Personnel Committee for their consideration, but which are not recommended by the Committee for adoption, may subsequently be presented to the full council, if submitted to the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the budget adoption meeting (which will be held on November 5, 2010). If not submitted to the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the budget adoption meeting, such an amendment may only be

considered at the meeting if two-thirds of the Council (10 members) vote to consider it. Amendments which were not presented to the Committee may also be presented to the full Council at the budget adoption meeting, if two-thirds of the Council votes to consider them.

As in the past, the Division of Budget and Management will prepare the technical portion of each budget amendment document. The staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau will prepare the related fiscal impact narrative for each amendment. Please contact Deputy City Clerk Jim Owczarski (x2998), Research Supervisor Ted Medhin (x8681), or Legislative Fiscal Analyst Jim Carroll (x8679) to discuss any requests for amendments. They will be working as a team to coordinate all these requests. As always, all information will remain confidential.

Please be advised that it is unlikely that amendment requests received after noon on Thursday, October 21, 2010, will be heard Thursday, October 28, so in consideration of all the staff involved, please plan ahead.

Wherever possible, I would ask that members consider co-sponsoring amendments which share a common intent, rather than sponsor them separately. Members will not be listed as co-sponsors unless there is complete certainty regarding their intents. Members can always be added as co-sponsors at the Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "J".

Michael J. Murphy

Chair, Finance & Personnel Committee

Alphabetical List of Departments for 2011 Budget Review Process

Administration, Department of
Assessor's Office
City Attorney
City Development, Department of
City Treasurer
Common Council – City Clerk
Comptroller
Deferred Compensation
Employee Relations, Department of
Election Commission
Employees' Retirement System
Fire and Police Commission
Fire Department
Grant and Aid Fund
Health Department
Library
Mayor
Municipal Court
Neighborhood Services, Department of
Police Department
Port
Public Works
Special Purpose Accounts
Capital Items Not With Departments
City Debt
Contingent Fund

Please Note: Amendments for specific SPA's and capital improvements will be considered with their appropriate departments whenever possible.

2011 Budget Amendment Council Member Seniority List

Ald. Murphy

Ald. Bauman

Ald. Dudzik

Ald. Coggs

Ald. Kovac

Ald. Hines

Ald. Witkowiak

Ald. Bohl

Ald. Donovan

Ald. Wade

Ald. Davis

Ald. Witkowski

Ald. Hamilton

Ald. Puente

Ald. Zielinski