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MEMORANDUM

To: Common Council Members
From: Kathleen Brengosz, Fiscal Planning Specialist, x3926
Date: November 21, 2024
Subject: Summary of Mayoral Veto to the 2025 Adopted Budget

In a letter to the Common Council dated November 19, 2024, the Mayor vetoed line items in the 2025 Adopted Budget and offered proposed substitute actions.

Amendment 1F (Omnibus)

The Mayor vetoed select line items from Amendment 1F. Vetoed line items from the amendment include all of the salary, operating account lines in the Common Council-City Clerk's Office. The veto includes the Hip Hop Week and Community Collaborative Commission Special Funds along with the Economic Development Committee Fund and MKE Excellence Fund SPAs. The Mayor also vetoed \$2 million of cash funding for the High Impact Paving Program and \$1.9 million of funding in the Damages & Claims SPA. The Mayor's veto does not affect funding for the Youth Council Special Fund, the Healthy Food Establishment Special Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Capital Account, the Down Payment Assistance Program, the Wages Supplement SPA or any of the adjustments made to departmental personnel cost adjustments.

The Mayor's proposed substitute action for Amendment 1F would restore all vetoed lines to the amounts originally proposed for 2025, with the exception of the High Impact Paving Program, which would be increased by \$1,770,855.

Sustaining the Mayor's veto and adopting the proposed substitute action would reduce the Common Council-City Clerk's budget by over \$500,000. The General Office Supplies account, which pays for paper, food, subscriptions and postal/ mailing services, would see a reduction of \$27,500 from the 2024 Budget. The reduction to the IT Services account will delay the roll-out of Salesforce software to all aldermanic districts. The reduction to the Other Services account will reduce available funding for travel by approximately 50% compared to 2024. The reduction to the Equipment account will delay the purchase of a new printer for issuing Municipal IDs and an HD camera for Channel 25. Activities funded by the Common Council-City Clerk's Special Funds and Special Purpose Accounts will be curtailed. There will also be a reduction in funded staffing in the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Affairs Division.

Amendment 40B

The Mayor vetoed line items from Amendment 40B. The Mayor’s veto removes \$10 million of general obligation borrowing from the High Impact Paving Program. The Mayor’s veto does not affect the footnote regarding the development of a long-term sustainable strategy to address the growing backlog of streets in poor condition.

The Mayor’s proposed substitute action for Amendment 40B would restore \$6 million of general obligation borrowing to the High Impact Paving Program, which is the amount originally proposed for 2025.

Vote Count

The following chart is a summary of the vote count and sponsor names of the amendments the Common Council approved on November 8, 2024, for which the Mayor has submitted a veto and proposed substitute action.

Vote Count for Amendments Vetoed by the Mayor

Amendment	Vote Count (Aye – No)	Sponsor(s)	Votes In Favor	Votes Opposed
1F	14-0	Dimitrijevic Spiker Chambers Burgelis Moore Coggs Perez Stamper Zamarripa	All	None
40B	8-6	Burgelis Jackson Bauman Chambers	Chambers Westmoreland Jackson Taylor Burgelis Perez Dimitrijevic Stamper	Pratt Bauman Coggs Zamarripa, Moore Spiker

Overriding the Veto

The Council may override a Mayoral veto with a 2/3 concurrence of all members of the Council (10 votes). Overriding the Mayoral veto has the effect of adopting the amendments as approved by the Common Council on November 8, 2024. If you wish to override the Mayor’s veto, you vote “Yes.”

Sustaining a Veto

If you wish to sustain the Mayor’s veto, you vote “No.”

Substitute Action

The Mayor has proposed substitute action for the vetoed amendments. The Mayor's substitute action may be put before the Common council for consideration upon the motion of a member of the Council.

Common Council members may offer alternatives to the Mayor's proposed substitute action. Please contact the Legislative Reference Bureau at your earliest convenience if you wish to propose a substitute amendment that is different from the Mayor's proposed substitute.

The attached chart is a summary of the intent of the vetoed amendments, the effect of sustaining the Mayor's veto, and the effect of the Mayor's proposed substitute amendment.

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Attachment: Attachment A – LRB Summary of Mayoral Vetoes to the 2025 Adopted Budget