Reply to Common Council File No. 030100

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 030100 contains a resolution authorizing the release of a portion the 2002 appropriation for the City Attorney's Office – Five Additional Offices capital improvement project. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the 2002 shared revenue payments resulting from former Governor McCallum's state budget reduction proposal, this \$40,000 was "held" as part of Common Council Resolution 011615 adopted on April 23, 2002. Ultimately, the state retained 2002 shared revenue payments at their original levels.

The City Attorney has requested this funding release in order to complete the addition of two enclosed attorney offices on the south end of the City Hall 8th floor. The original project was scaled back considerably. Space to accommodate the placement of four paralegals has been constructed with \$73,000 of the original \$100,000 released. The \$40,000 to be released by this resolution combined with the remaining \$27,000 balance will construct two new attorney offices and reconfigure existing open panel work area systems.

The project 2002 appropriation was originally \$352,000. Resolution 011615 "held" \$252,000 of this appropriation. With the \$40,000 release under consideration in file 030100, the project will total \$140,000, well under the original appropriation amount.

Should this file be approved, \$2.6 million in 2002 capital project appropriations will remain on hold per Council Resolution 011615.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FILE 030100 TO RELEASE \$40,000 OF THE 2002 CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE – FIVE ADDITIONAL OFFICES PROJECT FROM "HOLD" STATUS IMPOSED BY RESOLUTION 011615.

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