

LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

ITEM 26, FILE 040256
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File #040256 is a resolution authorizing the proper City officials to negotiate a lease with Columbia St. Mary's for the temporary relocation of the Columbia St. Mary's helipad onto Water Works property west of Lincoln Memorial Drive and north of Water Tower Road. (DPW-MWW)

Background

1. Columbia St. Mary's hospital is replacing its Lake Drive campus hospital facilities.
2. The campus reconstruction includes a helipad, located on the west side of Lake Drive, about 600 feet north of North Avenue. The helipad is used approximately 4 times per month, according to a hospital letter dated May 24, 2004.
3. The existing helipad must be temporarily relocated during construction.
4. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2009

Discussion

1. Columbia St. Mary's, the Federal Aviation Authority, and the regional Flight for Life Program studied several sites and have identified a greenspace site on Water Works property at 2275 North Lincoln Memorial Drive, as suitable for a temporary helipad.
2. In a letter dated May 24, 2004, St. Mary's Hospital indicated a desire to lease greenspace currently owned by the Milwaukee Water Works. The letter also states that:
 - After the permanent helipad has been constructed, Columbia St. Mary will remove the temporary helipad and have the site restored.
 - Columbia St. Mary will be responsible for all costs related to the temporary occupancy and those for restoring the site to its original condition.
 - To proceed with the helipad relocation, Columbia St. Mary has initiated the Board of Zoning Appeals process to apply for and receive variances to construct the helipad on the Water Works site.
3. MWW staff expects that, once drafted, the lease will end upon completion of the hospital construction project.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact will be contingent upon the terms of the lease, which was not part of the file at the time of this writing.

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