

Reply to Common Council File No. 150700
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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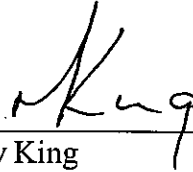
Common Council File 150700 contains a proposed Substitute B resolution appropriating \$385,000 from the 2015 Common Council Contingent Fund to the Damages and Claims Special Purpose Account relating to various settlements and litigation expenses.

This proposed Substitute B resolution reserves and appropriates \$385,000 from the 2015 Common Council Contingent Fund for the purpose of meeting financial obligations related to the defense of claims and litigation brought against the city upon allegations of constitutional violations associated with law enforcement activities. Additional costs for outside counsel, trial and trial preparation are anticipated in tax assessment appeals and related litigation.

Currently, the Damages and Claims SPA faces larger claims arising from vehicle accidents and injuries: one for \$120,000 which will require expenditure before year end, and an additional \$100,000 for small claims pending payment in non-litigation payments. It should be noted that small claims paid in the first six months of 2015 totaled nearly \$200,000 more than paid in the comparable period of 2014.

The City Attorney will require, at least, an additional \$385,000 for the Damages and Claims to meet 2015 obligations.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER 150700



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