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FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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resolution approving components of a 2008 Budget Adjustment Plan.

Background

As a result of the extreme winter weather, heavy rainfall and the increase in energy prices, certain city departments have provided service levels and made expenditures above those authorized in the 2008 City budget.

Discussion

This resolution authorizes several components of a 2008 Budget Adjustments Plan. These components are:

1. Maintenance of vacancies and avoidance of operational costs.
This component includes the following:
 - Delay Fire Recruit Class until 2009 - \$528,000
 - Delay Police Recruit Class one pay period -\$83,980
 - Hold certain Health Department positions vacant - \$160,079
 - Hold certain DPW positions vacant & reduce ISD and OPS equipment purchases- \$160,416
 - Maintain 1.0 FTE vacancy in Budget Office - \$45,481
 - Hold Enterprise Information Manager position vacant - \$67,071
2. Application of approximately \$2 million from two Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grants which the city is expected to receive for 2008 in a manner consistent with achieving 2008 budget balance
3. Application of all 2008 Local Snow and Ice Removal Cost Recovery Charge revenues, upon adoption of ensuing Common Council files, to the operating shortfall in the Department of Public Works that has resulted from extraordinary costs for snow and ice operations.
4. Shows the Common Council's intention to act, if conditions warrant, on the appropriation of additional anticipated 2008 revenues resulting from an increase in private contract revenues for City collection of solid waste (File # 080016) to reduce the operating shortfall in the Department of Public Works.

Fiscal Impact

The budget office estimates the various departments' maintenance of vacancies and avoidance of operational costs will total approximately \$1.2 Million.

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