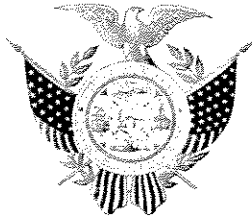


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June 12, 2006

Mr. Mark Nicolini
Budget and Management Director
City of Milwaukee
200 E. Wells St., Room 307
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Nicolini:

The following questions are in regard to our meeting held earlier today concerning File 060222, a substitute resolution reserving and appropriating up to \$750,000 from the 2006 Common Council Contingent Fund for the purpose of funding additional police recruit training. Understandably, recent events in the City of Milwaukee have brought together efforts to increase resources for both crime prevention and law enforcement activities.

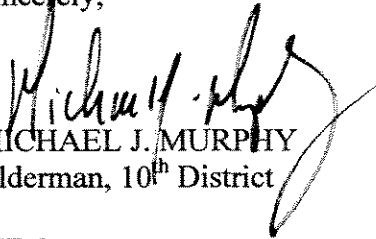
In the case of file 060222 appropriating up to \$750,000 from the 2006 Common Council contingent fund will result in adding 40 police officers at the end of this year. This will result in an estimated increase of \$2.8 million the police department's sizable \$206 million budget. As you stated in the Public Safety Committee hearing, "...this commitment to police resources will come at a cost to other city services", requiring tough decisions for the mayor as he proposes his 2007 budget.

As Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, I request that you elaborate further on the short and long-term implications of adopting file 060222 by addressing the concerns we discussed today and the following questions:

1. What services are you recommending to cut if the council and Mayor support this request?
2. Do you anticipate the city having to borrow money if this file is adopted, and if so, what is the anticipated borrowing date?
3. What liabilities do we currently face that may require use of the contingent fund for the remaining year?
4. If adopted by the full Common Council on June 20, what is the schedule for training and placing the police officers on the street?

I anticipate holding a special meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee to hear this file and look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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CC: Mayor Barrett
Common Council