

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ITEM 23, FILE 041024

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File #041024 is a substitute resolution appropriating \$50,000 from the 2004 Common Council Contingent Fund for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of North 35th Street and West Hampton Ave.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution appropriates \$50,000 from the 2004 Common Council Contingent Fund to pay for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of North 35th Street and West Hampton Avenue. It also authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to install these signals.
2. The installation of the traffic signal at this intersection was not included in DPW-Infrastructure Services division 2004 or 2005 Budget. Funds for the installation are not available.
3. Residents in the surrounding area and users of 2 schools and social facilities located on N. 35th Street have requested that traffic signals be installed due to their concern about the children and other pedestrians in crossing W. Hampton Avenue when the school crossing guard is not on duty.
4. According to the division, this intersection has had a total of 8 accidents between 2001 and 2003 with one injury each year. The total number of accidents for 2004 is not available.

On April 19, 2004, an accident occurred which also involved a child while walking on the sidewalk. Since that accident, the division made the traffic signs more conspicuous, including school crossing signs with florescent lighting.

5. Other traffic signals in the area of W. Hampton Avenue include the intersections of N. Teutonia Ave., N. 32nd, N. 37th and N. Hopkins Ave.
6. As of November 12, 2004, the balance of the 2004 Common Council Contingent Fund is \$4,171,599. On November 23rd, the Common Council approved File #040975 for DER – Workers Compensation for expenditures up to \$510,000 from the 2004 Contingent Fund leaving a balance of approximately \$3,661,599.

Fiscal Impact

1. This resolution approves \$50,000 from the 2004 Common Council Contingent Fund for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of 35th and Hampton Avenue, leaving a balance of approximately \$3,651,599.

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