

LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS

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ITEM 7, FILE 001155

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #001155 is a substitute resolution appropriating funds from the 2001 Special Purpose Account - Reimbursable Services Advance Fund.

Background

The resolution pertains to two departments, the Fire Department and the Department of Administration's Milwaukee Printing & Records Section (MPR).

Fire Department

1. On September 22, 2000, the Common Council approved an agreement (File #000192) between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the City to have tunnel rescue services provided by the Milwaukee Fire Department's Heavy Urban Rescue Team (HURT). Under the agreement, MMSD agrees to reimburse the City up to \$652,220 for costs related to tunnel rescue services. MMSD reimbursement is for items such as equipment, training, incentive pay and the costs of annual physicals.
2. The agreement is for one year and shall be renewable for additional one-year terms subject to the renegotiation of the terms and conditions.
3. MMSD is currently engaged in a 5 to 10 year project to construct a number of connecting tunnels to the deep tunnel. MMSD is required by Federal regulations to contract for tunnel rescue services. The City entered into previous agreements with MMSD to provide similar services from 1985 to 1995.
4. The Fire Department received reimbursements from MMSD in 2000 and is receiving reimbursements in 2001. In order for the Fire Department to expend funds receive the reimbursement, the Common Council has to approve the appropriation authority for each year. On November 8, 2000, the Common Council adopted File # 000296 that provided appropriating authority for the 2000 reimbursement from MMSD.

Department of Administration.

1. The appropriation resolution that accompanied the adoption of the 2001 Budget included only the appropriation authority for MPR's salaries and benefits. It did not include the appropriation authority for the reimbursement of printing and record related services.

Discussion

1. The resolution allows the Fire Department to receive reimbursement and expend \$340,000 for providing deep tunnel rescue services to the MMSD in 2001.
2. The resolution allows MPR to expend and be reimbursed \$290,000 for printing and record related services in 2001.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$340,000 by the Fire Department for providing deep tunnel rescue services to MMSD. MMSD will reimburse the Department for these services. The resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$290,000 by MPR for printing record related services. MPR is reimbursed for these services by other City departments.

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