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**CHAIR:**  
Finance & Personnel Committee  
Employees' Retirement System Investment Committee  
Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board  
Milwaukee Arts Board

**MEMBER:**  
Steering & Rules Committee  
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development  
Deferred Compensation Plan Board

To: The Honorable, Members of the Common Council

Re: Budget Amendment Deadline

The Finance and Personnel Committee will consider and vote on amendments to the 2014 Proposed Executive Budget on Friday, October 25. This meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and be held in Room 301-B. ***Please note that the amendment meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, October 24, has been cancelled.*** I have asked for this change in response to long-standing concerns from Council Members that they do not have sufficient time to consider and submit amendments; more about this below.

In light of State-mandated property tax levy limits and the Expenditure Restraint Program, I encourage you to submit "balanced amendments" relating to expenditures, i.e., amendments to implement additional tax levy spending for City services should be offset by reductions to other services or funding levels.

All council members are invited and encouraged to present their amendments to the budget at these meetings. All amendments pertaining to a department will be heard at the same time. Departments will be considered in alphabetical order (see attached list). Amendments sponsored by the Finance and Personnel chair will be heard first, then amendments sponsored by the Vice-Chair, and then other members of the Committee in order of seniority. The remaining members of the Council will then have their amendments considered in order of seniority.

Following past practice, amendments from Common Council members who are not members of the Committee will only be heard if offered by a member of the Committee. Amendments not offered by a committee member may be submitted for introduction under the 24-hour rule described below.

Article IV, Section 9, of the *Milwaukee Common Council Procedure and Rules*, provides that budget amendments which have been submitted to the Finance and Personnel Committee for their consideration, but which are not recommended by the Committee for adoption, may subsequently be presented to the full council, if submitted to the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the budget adoption meeting (which will be held on November 1, 2013). If not submitted to the City Clerk at

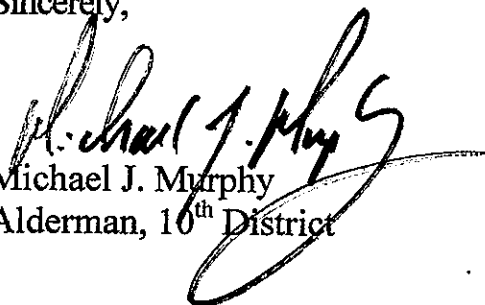
least 24 hours prior to the budget adoption meeting, such an amendment may only be considered at the meeting if two-thirds of the Council (10 members) vote to consider it. Amendments which were not presented to the Committee may also be presented to the full Council at the budget adoption meeting, if two-thirds of the Council votes to consider them.

As in the past, the Division of Budget and Management will prepare the technical portion of each budget amendment document. The staff of the Legislative Reference Bureau will prepare the related fiscal impact narrative for each amendment. Please contact Legislative Reference Bureau Manager Richard Pfaff (x2267), Research Supervisor Ted Medhin (x8681), or Legislative Fiscal Analyst Jim Carroll (x8679) to discuss any requests for amendments. They will be working as a team to coordinate all these requests. As always, all information will remain confidential.

**Please be advised that it is unlikely that amendment requests received after 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013, will be heard October 25, so in consideration of all the staff involved, please plan ahead.**

Wherever possible, I would ask that members consider co-sponsoring amendments which share a common intent, rather than sponsor them separately. Members will not be listed as co-sponsors unless there is complete certainty regarding their intentions. Members can always be added as co-sponsors at the Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Murphy  
Alderman, 10<sup>th</sup> District

**2013 Budget Amendment Council Member Seniority List**

Ald. Murphy

Ald. Kovac

Ald. Dudzik

Ald. Hamilton

Ald. Coggs

Ald. Hines

Ald. Bohl

Ald. Donovan

Ald. Wade

Ald. Davis

Ald. Witkowski

Ald. Bauman

Ald. Puente

Ald. Zielinski

Ald. Perez

**Alphabetical List of Departments for 2013 Budget Review Process**

Administration, Department of  
Assessor's Office  
City Attorney  
City Development, Department of  
City Treasurer  
Common Council – City Clerk  
Comptroller  
Deferred Compensation  
Employee Relations, Department of  
Election Commission  
Employees' Retirement System  
Fire and Police Commission  
Fire Department  
Grant and Aid Fund  
Health Department  
Library  
Mayor  
Municipal Court  
Neighborhood Services, Department of  
Police Department  
Port  
Public Works  
Special Purpose Accounts

Capital Items Not With Departments

City Debt

Contingent Fund

Please Note: Amendments for specific SPA's and capital improvements will be considered with their appropriate departments whenever possible.