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October 12, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Re: **BUDGET AMENDMENTS, OCTOBER 22 DEADLINE**

Dear Council Members:

The Finance and Personnel Committee will consider and vote on **amendments** to the 2009 Proposed Executive Budget on **Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 301-B, City Hall.**

In light of State mandated property tax levy limits and the Expenditure Restraint Program, I encourage you to submit "balanced amendments" relating to expenditures; 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 (Operating & Maintenance, Capital and Special Purpose Accounts) 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 other members in order of seniority. **Amendments sponsored by other Common Council members will then be heard, first from the President and then other members in order of their seniority, according to the department's place on the list.**

Article IV, Section 9, Common Council Rules and Procedures, 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 6, 2009). 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 vote to consider them.

As in the past, the Division of Budget and Management – DOA will prepare the technical portion of each budget amendment document; the Legislative Reference Bureau will prepare the related fiscal impact narrative for each amendment. **Please contact Marianne Walsh, Research & Analysis Manager, ext. 8686 to discuss possible amendment requests. Ms. Walsh will transmit and coordinate all aldermanic amendment-drafting requests.** As always, all information will remain confidential.

It is unlikely that amendment requests received after 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, October 22, 2009 will be heard Thursday, October 29, so in consideration of the Budget Division staff and our LRB staff, please plan ahead.

It would be most conducive to productivity if members co-sponsor 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 intent. Members can always be added as co-sponsors at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting.

Sincerely,



Ald. Michael J. Murphy
Chair, Finance & Personnel Committee

cc: All City Departments
Marianne Walsh
Mark Nicolini
Dennis Yaccarino
David Schroeder
Patrick Curley
Leslie Silletti
Kimberly Montgomery

Attachments

2010 Budget Amendment Aldermanic Seniority List

Finance Committee Members First

Murphy
Bauman
Dudzik
Coggs
Kovac

The remaining 10 Council Members

Hines
Witkowiak
Bohl
Donovan
Wade
Davis
Witkowski
Hamilton
Puente
Zielinski

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Alphabetical Listing of City Departments for 2010 Budget Review Purposes

1. Administration, Department of
 - Administration Division
 - Budget & Management Division
 - Business Operations Division
 - Community Development Grants Administration Division
 - Information and Technology Management Division
 - Intergovernmental Relations Division
2. Assessor's Office
3. City Attorney
4. City Development, Department of
5. City Treasurer
6. Common Council – City Clerk
7. Comptroller
8. Deferred Compensation
9. Employee Relations, Department of
10. Election Commission
11. Employees' Retirement System
12. Fire & Police Commission
13. Fire Department
14. Grant & Aid Fund (Special Purpose Account)
15. Health Department
16. Library
17. Mayor
18. Municipal Court
19. Neighborhood Services, Department of

20. Police Department

21. Port

22. Public Works, Department of

- Administrative Services Division
- Infrastructure Services Division
 Capital Improvements
- Operations Division
 Buildings & Fleet
 Forestry
 Sanitation
- Parking Fund
- Sewer Maintenance Fund
- Water Works

23. Special Purpose Accounts

24. Capital Items Not With Departments

25. City Debt

26. Contingent Fund

Note: Amendments for specific special purpose accounts and specific capital improvements will be considered with their appropriate department, whenever possible.

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