

LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FEBRUARY 5, 2002 AGENDA

ITEM 13, FILE 021472

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #021472 is a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works or his designee to represent the City of Milwaukee as a member of the WiscNet Association and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with WiscNet Association concerning the provision of Internet service from WiscNet to the City of Milwaukee in exchange for dark fiber at agreed upon routes within the City.

Background

1. The WiscNet Association is a non-profit association established to further education, research, economic development and public service in the State of Wisconsin by creating and operating a digital communications network interconnecting public and private organizations. The WiscNet Association was formed in 1989 by 24 charter member institutions, which consisted of the University of Wisconsin institutions and eight private colleges and universities. WiscNet now has over 475 members.

Discussion

1. The resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the WiscNet Association.
2. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, the WiscNet Association will have use of dark fiber on agreed upon routes within the City of Milwaukee. (Dark fiber is fiber that is not being used.)
3. In exchange for the use of the dark fiber routes, WiscNet will provide DPW with an Internet connection, which will consist of a 10Mb ethernet communications line. This line will provide DPW with faster and more reliable access to the Internet.
4. In 2003, DPW will be providing Internet access for all City departments except the Library, ERS, DCD and the Port. This agreement will provide redundant Internet access for all City of Milwaukee agencies that currently have Internet access through DPW and the Department of Administration.
5. DPW indicates WiscNet charges \$18,000, annually, for the connection. There will be no cost to the City due to the exchange of dark fiber with WiscNet.

Fiscal Impact

The resolution has no fiscal impact.

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