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Reply to Common Council File No. 031277

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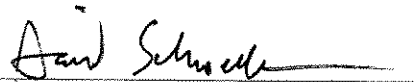
Common Council File 031277 contains a resolution from the Police Department authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of \$404,900 from contributions received by the Milwaukee Police Department from federally forfeited tangible property or cash for increased or enhanced law enforcement projects. These projects are included in the Police Department's 2004 Plan for the use of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds, submitted to the Common Council on December 1, 2003.

The projects proposed for funding under this resolution are described in both the resolution and the Police proposal. These projects are principally continuing annual projects regularly funded from asset forfeiture funds, such as: mobile data terminal maintenance fees (\$2,500), administrative fees (\$7,000), and mounted patrol unit expenses (\$100,000). Examples of equipment purchases include: printing press (\$23,000), vehicles for tactical operations (\$80,000), and ballistic vests (\$100,000).

However, at this time the Budget and Policy Division recommends that the printing press (\$23,000) purchase be held. The Common Council passed a budget amendment that restored the Police Print Shop and directed that a study be conducted to determine the feasibility of combining the Police Print Shop functions with Milwaukee Printing & Records. This study is to be conducted in 2004 for 2005 budget planning purposes.

As of January 8, 2004 the MPD trust fund revenues trial balance was \$594,658.53.

RECOMMENDATION: AMEND THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS AS PLANNED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY HOLDING THE PURCHASE OF THE PRINTING PRESS.



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