

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS**

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**ITEM 23, FILE 060539**

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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File #060539 is a communication from the Comptroller's Office transmitting a report entitled "Annual Accounts Receivable Activity Report".

**Background and Discussion**

1. The Comptroller is required to submit an account receivables activity report under s.304-3-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.
2. The Office of the Comptroller issues the report. City departments are responsible for collecting the receivables.
3. During 2005, City departments issued approximately 3,500 invoices for a total of approximately \$25.8 million.
4. As of December 31, 2005, approximately \$13 million of receivables remained outstanding. Of that \$13 million, approximately \$3.5 million is for 2004 and prior years.
5. The Police Department has approximately \$1.6 million in receivables outstanding for prior year's ambulance billings to Milwaukee County. These billings are for the conveyances of people, who could harm themselves or others, to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex. The City Attorney is in negotiations with the County regarding these billings.
6. The Fire Department has approximately \$641,000 in outstanding prior year receivables the majority of which are related to accident billings from 1991 to 2000. These billings are part of lawsuit settlements or pending litigation and have been referred to the Kohn Law Firm or the City Attorney.

**Fiscal Impact**

The file is a communication and has no fiscal impact.

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