

March 14, 2006

To the Honorable
Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Dear Council Members:

Subject: Milwaukee City Hall Historic Restoration Project
Salvaging of Terra-Cotta

Attached for your consideration is a resolution pertaining to the disposition of salvaged terra-cotta from the Milwaukee City Hall Restoration Project.

This resolution acknowledges the merits of a \$250,000 credit from the contractor, J. P. Cullen, in lieu of salvaging one of the large clock gables as called for by the restoration.

This issue was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on February 13, 2006, and upon consideration was subsequently denied. The second step of the process would be a hearing on the matter before the Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee of the Common Council.

Attached for your information is the original Certificate of Appropriateness for the project; the submittal regarding this matter to the HPC; and the Letter of Denial regarding the \$250,000 credit. In accord with the appeals process as outlined in the denial letter, I believe that this credit of \$250,000 regarding the ultimate disposition of the clock gable is significant enough to warrant further debate. Further, this issue is time sensitive due to the project schedule. As such, I respectfully request that this file be introduced to the Common Council at their meeting of March 23, 2006, and scheduled for hearing at the next Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee Meeting of April 5, 2006.

The attached resolution, if adopted, would acknowledge the significance of \$250,000 to the City Hall Restoration Project budget and would allow the permanent historic salvage of one clock gable to be eliminated from the project contract. The estimated credit of \$250,000 to be accepted through project change order and be applied to the project contingency budget at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

JEFFREY J. MANTES
Commissioner of Public Works

Attachments
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