

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 16, FILE 030189**

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File #030189 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Waterway Commission for a Public Boat Landing & Pier Improvement Grant by the Port Of Milwaukee with Pier Wisconsin, Ltd.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

1. This resolution authorizes Port of Milwaukee, in connection with Pier Wisconsin, Ltd., to apply, accept and fund a proposed Public Boat Landing & Pier Improvement Project and related works from Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources Waterways Commission. Pier Wisconsin is a not-for-profit organization that is committed to providing historical, cultural, environmental and educational opportunities and programs on the Great Lakes.
2. The purpose of the grant is to fund floating dock space for visiting vessels at the Municipal Pier.
3. Pier Wisconsin, which plans to build a freshwater education center just south of the Municipal Pier, has requested that the Port of Milwaukee sponsor and pursue the municipal grant from the Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources Waterways Commission.
4. Pier Wisconsin will be responsible for the installation, operation, maintenance, repair and insuring of the floating piers. The floating dock will be available to the public for boat docking, possibly for a fee. Docking revenues will be used to fund the costs of operating the facility.
5. The department indicates that the Core of Engineers will construct a breakwater for the Municipal Pier in spring of 2004. At the completion of the breakwater, the floating dock space will be constructed.
6. At the April 24, 2003 meeting, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Port to pursue the grant. Pier Wisconsin is required to obtain construction and operating plan approval from the Port of Milwaukee.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

1. The estimated total grant is \$576,850. The grant funding provided by the Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources Waterways Commission, \$461,480 (80%) and match by Pier Wisconsin, \$115,370 (20%), will be contributed to the city.

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