Reply to Common Council File No. 051357

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

March 20, 2006

Ref: 06009

This file is an annual "housekeeping" resolution. In accordance with State Law and the City Charter, it provides authority to carryover certain fund balances (from 2005 to 2006) to permit achieving or completing a previously authorized and funded purpose, program, project, or equipment purchase. This procedure has been effectively utilized for years, and should continue to be utilized, in lieu of providing new funding in a future budget(s) for an item which has been previously authorized and funded.

The total amount recommended for carryover into 2006 is \$15,690,821. This is approximately \$14 million less than the \$29.7 million that was approved for carryover into 2005. A comparison of the 2004 and 2005 carryovers are as follows:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	Difference
General City Funds	\$1,970,150	\$3,327,039	\$1,356,889
Wages Supplement Fund	\$12,265,553	\$2,476,043	(\$9,789,510)
Enterprise Funds	\$3,118,970	\$1,530,919	(\$1,588,051)
Retirement Funds	\$11,211,585	\$7,394,417	(\$3,817,168)
Contribution Fund	\$1,126,386	\$962,403	(\$163,983)
Total Carryover Recommended**:	\$29,692,644	\$15,690,821	(\$14,001,823)

^{**} The recommended amount reflects the status of account balances that were taken on March 13, 2006.

Carryover requests from city departments and agencies are carefully screened by the Budget and Management Division, and only those which meet specific, well defined, objective criteria are recommended. Exhibit A (attached) details the specific departmental accounts and purposes for which carryovers are being recommended.

Significant operating funded carryovers in the 2005-2006 Carryover Resolution include the following:

Supplement Fund (0001-2110-0001-S174-006000-2005). It is anticipated that this amount will be needed for recently settled Police and Fire Department wage rate settlements and remaining bargaining unit settlements that have yet to be negotiated.

City Attorney: \$1,061,569 will be carried over in the Damages and Claims Fund (0001-1490-0001-\$118-006300-2005). It is anticipated that this amount will be necessary to fund pending judgments against the City.

Comptroller: \$792,562 will be carried over in the Operating Expenditures Account (0001-2110-0001-R999-006300-2005). The majority of these funds (\$578,562) are to return excess TID revenue to the involved taxing jurisdictions.

Department of Public Works – Administration Division: \$75,000 is recommended to be carried over in Operating Expenditures Account (0001-5140-0001-R999-006300-2005) to fund the implementation of 286-CITY. It is separately mentioned in the resolution that these funds may not be expended without further Common Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 051357 AUTHORIZING THE CARRYOVER OF THE RECOMMENDED ACCOUNTS SHOWN IN EXHIBIT A.

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