

Mayor's Office 2010 Proposed Budget

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Impact of 2010 Budget Cutbacks - Summary

While the 2010 Proposed Budget for the Mayor's Office has been somewhat tightened, no personnel will be laid off, and no significant reductions in services to the public or City departments are expected. A vacant Staff Assistant position will not be filled, and staff will be furloughed like other City employees for 4 unpaid days during the year.

Executive Summary

1. The total 2010 Proposed Budget for the Mayor's Office of \$1,099,265 is \$180,509 or 14.10% less than the \$1,279,774 Adopted Budget for 2009. \$179,159, or 99.25% of this decrease, is the result of a 14.56% decrease in wages and fringe benefit costs. New in the 2010 Proposed Budget for wages and fringe benefits are reductions of \$36,135 for reimbursements the Mayor's Office expects to receive from the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board for services rendered and \$12,468 for 4 days of unpaid furlough mandated during 2010.
2. The Mayor's Office will not fill one vacant, authorized Staff Assistant position during 2010, staffing the Office with 11 full-time positions (one fewer than the 12-member staff that has been the case since 2005) and 2 part-time college interns.
3. Operating Expenditures proposed by Mayor's Office for 2010 are down \$5,350 or 10.84% from the 2009 Adopted Budget.

The 2010 Proposed Budget for the Mayor's Office compared to 2009 Adopted Budget and actual 2008 expenditures appears as follows:

Mayor's Office - Budget Comparison			
	'08 Actual	'09 Budgeted	'10 Proposed
Salaries & Fringes	\$1,175,761	\$1,230,424	\$1,051,265 *
<i>year to year change</i>	0.60%	4.65%	-14.56%
Staff Positions	14	14	14
Operating Expenditures			
General Office Expenses	9,181	13,500	11,000
Non-vehicle Equip Rental	0	4,300	4,000
Other Operating Services	9,336	14,200	13,000
Reimbursement Other Depts	14,686	17,350	16,000
Total Operating Expenditures	\$33,203	\$49,350	\$44,000
<i>year to year change</i>	-7.79%	48.63%	-10.84%
Equipment Purchases	\$4,546	\$0	\$4,000
Total Operating Budget	\$1,213,510	\$1,279,774	\$1,099,265
<i>year to year change</i>	0.55%	5.46%	-14.10%
* includes furlough reduction of (\$12,468)			

Mayor's Office

The Mayor is the City's Chief Executive, and the Mayor's Office is responsible for implementing and enforcing all City ordinances and relevant State Statutes. The managers of the City's major service delivery agencies (except Fire and Police Chiefs and elected officials) are appointed by and directly accountable to the Mayor.

Tom Barrett was inaugurated to his 2nd, 4-year term as Mayor in April, 2008.

The mission of the Mayor's Office is to help the citizens of Milwaukee prosper and achieve a high quality of life, and to enable the City to serve as the economic, social and cultural hub of the metropolitan area by effectively managing City government, providing community leadership and advancing Milwaukee's interest with other governments.

2009 Initiatives and Programs

The Mayor's Office states that policy initiatives and programs for 2009 included:

- **Accountability in Management ("AIM") Program:**
 - Improve fiscal capacity by delivering services at competitive costs.
 - Respond to citizen needs and strive for resident satisfaction.
- **Environmental Sustainability:**
 - Announced support of construction of a methane pipeline to remove greenhouse gases and create green jobs while reducing the costs of Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's wastewater treatment.
 - Took the lead in launching Metro Milwaukee Green to help business and community leaders make their operations environmentally sustainable and more cost effective.
 - Developed a plan through the Office of Environmental Sustainability to spend an Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant of \$5.8 million - \$3.4 million for improvements to City facilities and \$2.4 million to improve residential and business properties – including a \$1.16 million "Me2" residential revolving loan program to save homeowners money on their utility bills.
 - Actively sought the State's adoption of the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact and urged the State Department of Natural Resources to develop regulations to implement this agreement.
 - Testified before the U.S. Congress in support of a Clean Water Trust Fund to rebuild the nation's water infrastructure and outlined Milwaukee's efforts to reduce urban storm-water runoff.
- **Milwaukee's Freshwater economy:**
 - Secured State commitments for a UWM School of Freshwater Science.

- Working with the Department of City Development, private partners and public institutions to promote public support of the initiative and create growth opportunities for water related enterprises.
- **Public Education:**
 - Worked with the state legislature to secure additional funding to offset the property tax impact of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (“MPCP”).
 - Worked with Governor Doyle to commission a study of MPS finances that uncovered several opportunities for savings.
 - Established the MPS Innovation and Improvement Council - chaired by the Mayor – to improve fiscal efficiency, oversee implementation of the State’s Corrective Action Plan and to work with the Governor’s office to help secure education funding from the federal Race to the Top program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“ARRA”):**
 - Formed a Stimulus Action Team of key city department personnel to identify and capitalize on funding opportunities for the City like the \$10 million Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) police officer hiring grant.
 - Directed the Department of Administration to create a web-based central clearing house for all ARRA and other grant opportunities.
- **Transportation:**
 - Expressed support for the reauthorization of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act and sought funds to extend the downtown streetcar project 15.5 miles.
 - Apply for Federal Transportation Investment to Generate Economic Recovery (“TIGER”) grant funding for Phase II of the streetcar project.

Personnel

Staffing levels in the Mayor’s Office have remained unchanged since 2005, but, although a total of 14 staff positions are authorized by the proposed 2010 budget - 12 full-time and 2 part-time college interns - only 11 full-time positions are funded, leaving a vacant, authorized Staff Assistant position unfilled. This position was vacated on May 25, 2008.

2010 Proposed Budget

The total 2010 Proposed Budget for the Mayor’s Office of \$1,099,265 is \$180,509 or 14.10% lower than the \$1,279,774 Adopted Budget for 2009.

Wages and Fringe Benefits

Approximately 96% of the 2010 Proposed Budget for the Mayor's Office is made up of personnel wages and fringe benefits. This is consistent with prior years.

New in the 2010 Proposed Budget is a reduction of \$12,468 in wages and fringe benefits for 4 unpaid furlough days for all staff during 2010, an effective 1.57% pay cut across-the-board.

Also new in the 2010 Proposed Budget is a reduction of \$36,135 in wage and fringe benefit costs for reimbursements expected from the federally funded jobs program, the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board ("MAWIB"), for services rendered by the Mayor's Office.

2010 Proposed Budget wages including fringe benefits and furloughs are down \$179,159, or 14.56% from 2009's Adopted Budget, due principally to:

One unfunded Staff Assistant position	\$ 43,757
Reduction for MAWIB reimbursements	\$ 36,135
Under-filling an authorized position	\$ 30,700
4 days unpaid furlough	\$ 12,468
Downsized payroll fringe benefit savings	<u>\$ 52,096</u>
Total	\$175,156.

Operating Expenditures

Operating expenditures make up slightly more than 4% of the 2010 Proposed Budget for Mayor's Office and slightly less than 4% of the 2009 Adopted Budget. Operating expenditures were 2.74% and 2.98% of the actual expenditures in 2008 and 2007 respectively.

Proposed 2010 Operating Expenditures of \$44,000 are down \$5,350 or nearly 11% from the Adopted 2009 Budget of \$49,350. However, 2010 Proposed Operating Expenditures are up \$10,797 or 32.52% over actual 2008 operating expenditures. Compared to 2008 actual operating expenditures, the 2010 proposed Other Operating Services expenses are up \$3,664 or 39.25%, General Offices Expenses are up \$1,819 or 19.81%, and copier rental is up \$4,000, for a total of \$9,483 or 28.57% over 2008 spending levels.

A breakdown of Operating Expenditure budgeted for the Mayor's Office in 2010, and a comparison to the 2009 Adopted Budget follows:

Operating Expenditures - Breakdown & Comparison			
Allocation	Use	'09 Budgeted	'10 Proposal
General Office Expenses	<i>Supplies</i>	\$9,100	\$8,100
	<i>Subscriptions</i>	1,300	1,500
	<i>Postage</i>	3,100	1,400
Non-vehicle Equip Rental	<i>Copier</i>	4,300	4,000
Other Operating Services	<i>Travel</i>	7,500	9,500
	<i>Equip Repairs</i>	200	300
	<i>Outside Printing</i>	3,000	3,000
	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	3,500	200
Reimbursement Other Depts	<i>Telephone</i>	14,500	15,300
	<i>Printing</i>	350	200
	<i>Mail Service</i>	2,500	500
	<i>Record Retention</i>	0	0
Total Operating Expenditures		\$49,350	\$44,000
<i>year to year change</i>		<i>48.63%</i>	<i>-10.84%</i>

Equipment Purchases

No Equipment Purchases were budgeted for the Mayor's Office in 2009. The 2010 Proposed Budget sets aside \$4,000 to replace aging computer equipment - \$2,000 to purchase 2 computers and \$2,000 to purchase a printer. Although no equipment purchases were budgeted for 2008, the Mayor's Office used unspent 2008 funding for postage to upgrade its computer system by spending \$4,546 on computer equipment.

Capitol Improvements

No Capital Improvements are proposed by the Mayor's Office in 2010, none were budgeted for 2009 or 2008 and no expenditures for Capital Improvements were made during 2007.

2010 Initiatives and Programs

The Mayor's Office expects the following initiatives and programs to be priorities during 2010:

- Continue to promote good government through the Accountability in Management (AIM) Program:
- Pursue environmentally sustainable initiatives.
- Continue to advocate for Milwaukee's Freshwater Economy.
- Seek improvements in the education provided by the Milwaukee Public Schools.
- Continue to actively pursue ARRA funding opportunities.
- Participate in the Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Census so Milwaukee's population count will be accurate and complete including residents below the poverty line, receiving public assistance and unable to speak English.
- Advocate for a Comprehensive Transit Strategy, including a downtown streetcar project (using \$54.9 million in federal funding ear-marked a decade ago for public transit) as part of a comprehensive transportation vision for the region.
- Continue to pursue funding opportunities for transportation infrastructure.

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