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The Honorable Common Council
Committee on Finance & Personnel
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Re: Common Council File No. 070020

I have reviewed the fiscal note in the above file, which reports the impact of the wage agreement prepared by the Labor Negotiator for Local 75-Plumbers for 2007-2009 and 2010-2011. The total incremental costs as developed by my staff for the January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009 agreement by category are:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Salaries – Base pay	\$ 17,865	\$ 31,568	\$ 50,161
Salary Rollups – Workers' Comp, Unemploy. Comp, Terminal Leave, Overtime, and Group Life	439	776	1,233
Pension & FICA	2,350	4,152	6,597
Health Ins. Contribution	---	---	(1,920)
Pension Changes and Sunset for Military	902	916	934
Health Plan Co-Pays	---	---	(1,776)
Total Contract Costs:	\$ 21,556	\$ 37,412	\$ 55,229

The total incremental costs as developed by my staff for the January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 agreement by category are:

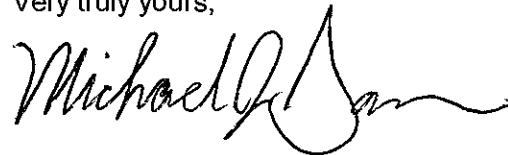
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Salaries – Base pay	\$ ---	\$ ---
Salary Rollups – Workers' Comp, Unemploy. Comp, Terminal Leave, Overtime, and Group Life	---	---
Pension & FICA	---	---
Early Retirement	27,000	---
Wellness Program	5,985	---
Employee Pension Contributions	(3,476)	(6,952)
Total Contract Costs:	\$ 29,509	\$ (6,952)

While we have reviewed all of the items, the Labor Negotiator's pension costs were developed by an actuary. We are not in a position to recompute these figures, as we do not have the appropriate database. We have found the balance of the figures in the note to be reasonable. The figures developed by the Labor Negotiator for 2007-2009 agreement are adequate for use in the file.

The 2010-2011 agreement does not call for cost of living increases or no pay step advancements. These provisions do not increase or decrease salaries over 2009 rates. Further, Article 22, Pension Benefits, call for "Employees hired on or after 01/01/2010 shall be required to pay member contributions equal to 5.5%". Currently, this cost is entirely borne by the City. While it is unknown how many plumbers will be hired, it is unreasonable to assume that the City will not hire any employees in 2010 and 2011. Since 01/01/2007, the City hired 6 workers. Using a three year average for hires, the savings for the pension contributions are significant enough to report.

Due to the timing of this contract's settlement, the Wellness Program expenditures could not reasonably be borne in 2009, instead my office found it prudent to place these expenditures in 2010.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Dan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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