Reply to Common Council File No. 030083

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 030083 contains a resolution amending File Number 020586 as relates to authorizing city departments to expend moneys appropriated in the 2003 budget for Special Purpose Accounts, Debt Service Fund, Provision for Employes' Retirement Fund, Delinquent Tax Fund, Common Council Contingent Fund, Grant and Aid Fund, and Special Capital Projects or Purposes.

This file would change the expenditure authority for Special Purpose Account titled "Outside Counsel/Expert Witness Fund" (0001-9990-0001-S157-006300) to the City Attorney. The account's current expenditure authority is only by Common Council resolutions that transfer funds to the City Attorney's authority. This change would allow more effective and efficient use of funds by eliminating the need for resolution introduction and passage for the City Attorney to transfer funds to the necessary sub accounts or to move funds from one sub account to another. The City Attorney's budget currently has five other special purpose accounts in which it has spending authority over.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AMENDING FILE NUMBER 020586 AS RELATES TO THE AUTHORIZING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO EXPEND MONEYS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2003 BUDGET FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNTS.

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