

LRB - FISCAL SECTION ANALYSIS

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

ITEM 12, FILE 040599
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File #040599 is a resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District regarding the hiring of GAB Robins North American, Inc. for the purpose of determining the extent of damage experienced by homeowners related to backwater that occurred on May 14, 2004.

Background and Discussion

On May 14, 2004, several properties within the area bounded approximately by Silver Spring Drive on the north, Teutonia Avenue on the west, Hampton Avenue on the south, and the Milwaukee River on the east experienced basement sewerage backups.

Various property owners and building occupants filed claims for damage to real and personal property with the City, the MMSD, Milwaukee County, and United Water Services Milwaukee LLC (UWS).

MMSD entered into an agreement with GAB Robins to perform inspection services on those effected properties. The letter agreement stipulates that:

- GAB will inspect the reported damage to real and personal property
- Conduct the inspection based on specific protocol, including use of questionnaires
- Report finding for each inspection to the City, MMSD, and UWS no later than 30 days from the claim date
- Issue pro-rated invoices for each inspection to the City, MMSD, and UWS using a fee schedule (not part of File 040599) so that each named entity pays an equal share of the inspections
- GAB has no authority to offer or make settlements of the alleged claims

File 040599 authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with MMSD to facilitate the inclusion of the City in the service agreement.

According to the July 27, 2004 letter, the first invoices will include GAB's charge for the approximately 30 inspections made through that date.

Any subsequent shared service provided by GAB outside the scope of that letter is subject to further agreements.

Fiscal Impact

The fee schedule was not made part of this file at the time of this writing. The fiscal note indicates and estimated fiscal impact totaling \$22,000.

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