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FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File # 090260 is a substitute resolution establishing the 2010 Snow and Ice Removal Charge.

Background

1. On November 9, 2007 the Common Council established the 2008 Local Snow and Ice Removal Charge at \$0.4811 per foot of street frontage (File#070859). The 2008 estimated revenue for the charge is \$4.3 million. On September 12, 2008, the Common Council amended the rate from 0.4811 per foot of property frontage to \$0.6522 per foot (File #080483). The increase in the charge generated an additional \$1.8 million charge in 2008 revenues, for a total of \$6.3 million. The amended charge increased the impact on the owner of a property with 40 feet of frontage approximately \$6.85, from \$19.24 to \$26.09.
2. On November 7, 2008 the Common Council established the 2009 Local Snow and Ice Removal Charge at \$0.5283 per foot of street frontage (File#080779). The 2009 estimated revenue for the charge is \$4,965,204. The impact of the current charge on the owner of a property with 40 feet of frontage is approximately \$21.13. (Note: Agenda Item # 16, File #090333 is a substitute resolution amending the 2009 Local Snow and Ice Removal Charge for the express purpose of cancelling \$2.7 million of debt incurred due to 2008 snow and ice operations that exceeded budgeted amounts.)
3. The table on page 2 shows the snow and ice control budgets and expenditures for 1998 through June 10, 2009.

Year	Funding	
	Budget	Actual
1998	6,011,324	4,149,443
1999	6,562,888	8,681,087
2000	6,423,219	10,727,038
2001	7,267,392	4,688,380
2002	7,731,934	3,682,140
2003	7,388,234	3,589,675
2004	5,990,847	4,649,565
2005	4,473,956	7,575,532
2006	4,923,626	3,873,753
2007	4,885,314	10,841,668
2008*	4,918,942	\$15,783,927
2009 to date	4,777,000	\$4,030,305

*2008 actuals include \$1,088,559 in costs charged to FEMA grant

Discussion

This resolution establishes the 2010 Snow and Ice Control Fee at \$0.8193 per foot of property frontage.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution establishes the 2010 Snow and Ice Control Fee at \$0.8193 per foot of property frontage. The Budget Office estimates the 2010 fee will generate \$7.7 million. The impact of the amended charge on the owner of a property with 40 feet of frontage is approximately \$32.77, \$11.64 more than the impact of the current 2009 charge of \$21.13, \$3.13 more than the impact of the proposed amended 2009 charge (File #090333) of \$29.64, or \$6.88 more than the impact of the 2008 amended charge of \$26.09.

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