

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #010935 is a substitute resolution relative to the proposed agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation.

Background

1. This substitute resolution approves the Agreement between the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation and authorizes Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) to accept during the term of the agreement, up to \$4,250,000 in contributions from the MPLF, for the purpose of library facilities, materials, endowments and programs.
2. The Foundation provides funding support through private contributions for books and materials, programs and library facilities to ensure that MPL is responsive to community needs. The funding is over and above City funding allocations.
3. The Foundation has contributed over \$600,000 in funds for library books and materials from 1996 through 2000. In support of improvement to capital renovations, the Foundation has provided \$5,525,000 from 1997 through 2001, for Central's rare books room, the business, science and technology room and the marble staircase, and \$48,300 for the Atkinson computer lab and Bay View book drop. A future contribution of \$500,000 is for the improvements to the Well Street Entrance, scheduled for 2002.

Discussion

1. The Foundation and the City of Milwaukee have developed a five year written, non-legally binding understanding where the Foundation agrees to make its best effort to increase its annual support and contributions for library programs and materials in addition to its periodic support for capital projects and endowment.
2. The Mayor agrees to make a non-legally binding commitment to select his statutory appointments to the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees from candidates recommended by the Foundation. The recommendations take into consideration such qualifications as leadership potential, past contribution and knowledge of MPL through service, support and fund-raising ability and a resident of the City.
3. The MPL Board of Trustees has general care, control and supervision of MPL and prescribe policies for the management of the library. It is comprised of 12 members which are appointed:

<u>Appointed by:</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>MPS Board President</i>	<i>1 School Board Member</i>	
<i>MPS Superintendent</i>	<i>1 Designated as representative</i>	
<i>County Executive</i>	<i>1 County Supervisor (residing outside of the City)</i>	<i>4 years</i>
<i>Common Council President</i>	<i>1 City resident, designated as representative</i>	<i>4 years</i>
<i>Mayor of Milwaukee</i>	<i>5 City residents (1 designated as representative)</i>	<i>4 years</i>
	<i>3 Members of the Common Council</i>	<i>Term in office</i>

As a result, the Mayor must consider candidates submitted by the Foundation during the term of this agreement for the 5 "statutory appointments".

4. The City agrees to maintain the same level of funding as in 2001 with annual increases sufficient to offset inflation and contract settlements for the term of the agreement. In 2001, MPL's adopted budget is \$20,480,576, with 447 authorized positions.

Fiscal Impact

1. The Foundation will provide MPL \$250,000 in funding for 2002 and up to \$1 million annually for the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 for library facilities, materials, endowments and programs.
2. The City agrees to maintain funding to the MPL at the 2001 level with annual increases to offset inflation and related costs through the length of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement period is from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2006.

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