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Members of the Milwaukee Common Council
City Hall, Room 205

**SUBJECT: Milwaukee Police Department – Position and Budget Issues
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Dear Honorable Members:

The Barrett Administration supports amending CC Resolution 060222 to reflect the City of Milwaukee's Police overtime match of \$750,000. This match is required in order for the City to receive the already approved \$750,000 from the State of Wisconsin.

The Administration also supports utilizing the remaining \$750,000 from the SPA to accelerate the training of future recruits and increase the Police Department's sworn strength by adding an additional recruit class in late 2006. This can be accomplished by filling the September recruit class with an additional 26 recruits, bringing the total number of recruits in that class to 66. In addition, the Administration is recommending that a class of at least 50 recruits is initiated in late November, 2006.

In order to maximize sworn personnel, the Administration supports the filling of the Police Service Specialist Investigator (PSSI) positions. These 13 part-time and full-time positions (approved by the Fire and Police Commission), will provide, at a minimum, 6.5 full-time equivalent sworn personnel (officers and detectives) to be available for policing duties. The PSSI's will assume the background check duties currently performed by these sworn personnel.

The Administration supports an initial pilot program for 10 to 15 Community Service Officers (CSO). Just as the PSSI positions are designed to make more officers available for policing duties, a well crafted CSO program could free-up additional officers to address priority one and two calls. The Administration will work with the Common Council and Police Chief to ensure maximum efficiency is achieved through the pilot program.

Sincerely,

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Budget and Management Director

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