

Reply to Common Council File No. 021001
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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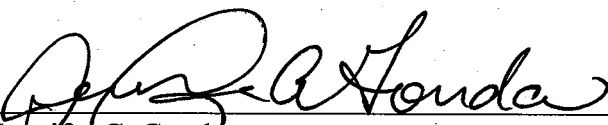
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Common Council File No. 021001 is a resolution authorizing appropriation of \$160,000 from the 2002 Common Council Contingent Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Claim Special Purpose Account. The 2002 Budget for this Special Purpose Account is \$800,000.

Earlier in the year, the State of Wisconsin adopted the Temporary Supplemental Benefits Payment extension for unemployment compensation benefits. This extension allows qualified persons to collect up to an additional 8 weeks of compensation from their employer at a maximum benefit payment of \$324 per week. Prior to this extension, persons were able to collect this maximum payment for up to 26 weeks. This extension has greatly increased costs for the City and is reflected by increased costs of more than 30 percent higher than 2001. In addition, the city has experienced a greater than average number of layoffs during 2002.

The extension is scheduled to expire in December, and therefore will not impact the 2003 budget unless the state makes a decision to continue the extension.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE NO. 021001 WHICH APPROPRIATES \$160,000 FROM THE 2002 COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENT FUND FOR PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS.



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