

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2006**

**ITEM 19, FILE 060581**

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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File #060581 is a resolution appropriating \$13,786.16 from the Common Council Contingent Fund to supplement the 2006 Special Purpose Account-Firemen's Relief Fund.

**Background**

1. The Firemen's Relief Fund Special Purpose Account is utilized to help defray the costs of the Fire Department Relief Association, established under Section 20-18 of the City Charter.
2. The City Fire Department Relief Association provides members death benefits. The members are active and retired Fire Department employees.
3. The funds received by the association through the Firemen's Relief Fund Special Purpose Account are invested in equities and fixed-income securities until distributed to beneficiaries.
4. The funding level for this SPA is established by City Charter (s.20.18-2) and is equivalent to 1/8 of the amount of the State Aids for Fire Insurance Premiums ("Fire Dues"). The funding level for the Firemen's Relief Fund reflects estimated changes in the State Fire Dues appropriation.
5. The 2006 budgeted appropriation for this SPA is \$115,000.
6. As of September 15, 2006 the Common Council Contingent Fund's balance was \$4,497,000.

**Discussion**

The fire insurance premiums received from the State were higher than appropriated in the 2006 Budget; the City's 2006 appropriation was based on prior year's experience. The amount of funding required by the City Charter is \$128,786.16. This is \$13,786.16 more than the \$115,000 appropriated for this purpose in 2006 Budget.

**Fiscal Impact**

The resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$13,786.16 from the Common Council Contingent Fund.

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