

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

OCTOBER 28, 2003 AGENDA

ITEM 8, FILE 030856

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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File #30856 is a resolution approving a 2003 Common Council Contingent Fund appropriation to fund the purchase of new garbage and recycling carts.

Background

1. As of September 22, 2003, the Department of Public Works had an inventory of approximately 1,700 carts and was placing approximately 80 carts a day. At that rate of placement, DPW anticipates its inventory of carts being depleted by the end of October.
2. The table below shows the number of carts purchased and placed in 2001, 2002 and as of September 22, 2003.

Year	# of Carts Purchased	# of Carts Placed
2001	25,000	13,289
2002	15,000	25,190
2003	15,000	18,020

DPW indicates it needs to purchase approximately 25,000 carts a year to meet demand for new and replacement carts. An amendment to the 2002 Proposed Budget reduced the number carts purchased from the proposed 30,000 to 15,000 and an amendment to 2003 Proposed Budget reduced the number of carts purchased from the proposed 25,000 to 15,000.

3. As of October 24, 2003, the Common Council's Contingent Fund balance was \$2,727,856.

Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes the expenditure of \$232,960 from the Common Council's Contingent Fund for the purchase of 5,000 new garbage carts and 1,000 new recycling carts.
2. DPW indicates adoption of this resolution will allow it to provide carts to Milwaukee residents through January of 2004.

Fiscal Impact

The adoption of this file authorizes the transfer of \$232,960 from the 2003 Common Council Contingent Fund to the Department of public works for the purchase of 5,000 new garbage carts and 1,000 new recycling carts.

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