May 30, 2007

Mr. Jim Owczarski
City Clerk's Office
City Hall Room 205

Subject: Contingent Fund Title Only Resolution

Dear Mr. Owczarski;

Please submit the attached title only Contingent Fund resolution for introduction at the May 30, 2007 Common Council meeting.

The $2.5 million reservation of Contingent Funds for the Police Department relates to implementation of the Department's 2007 Neighborhood Safety Initiative (NSI). This initiative is a focused law enforcement effort to reduce violent crime in the community. The initiative will increase targeted police patrols in high crime locations and put dedicated patrol officers and squads in areas where violent crime occurs most often. The initiative will also locate 10 to 12 surveillance cameras in high crime locations to help the Police deter crime and to develop information that can help lead to the arrest of crime perpetrators. The Administration believes the NSI is an essential preventive component of a comprehensive crime reduction strategy.

The $1 million reservation for the Department of Public Works (DPW) results from an extraordinary level of snow and ice control effort during the first quarter of 2007. During the first quarter DPW expended $5,550,000 for snow and ice control, which has exhausted their 2007 budget for this purpose. At one point in February and March, DPW engaged in snow and ice control efforts for 8 of 9 consecutive days. The reservation of 2007 Contingent Funds will ensure that DPW has adequate funding to respond to snow and ice events during the fourth quarter.

The Administration is seeking state funding to offset part of the cost of the Neighborhood Safety Initiative. I will keep the Council informed of the progress of this effort. Please call me at extension 5060 if you have any questions about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Nicolini
Budget and Management Director

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Cc: Nanette Hegerty, Chief of Police
      Jeffrey Mantes, Commissioner of Public Works

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