

SPONSOR(S): ALD. BAUMAN, STAMPER

AMENDMENT 49B

DEPARTMENT(S)	EFFECT		
	BUDGET	TAX LEVY	TAX RATE PER \$1,000
SPECIAL PURPOSE ACCOUNTS-MISC., CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$+0	\$+0	\$+0.000

AMENDMENT INTENT

The amendment will create a miscellaneous Special Purpose Account (SPA) to be administered by the Community Development Grant Administration in the Department of Administration for the purpose of Housing Authority Maintenance Support. This amendment is levy-neutral, and adds \$250,000 to this new SPA by reducing the Materials Recycling Facility Repair capital funding by \$250,000.

BACKGROUND

Material Recycling Facility (MRF)

1. The MRF is located at 1313 West Mount Vernon. It has been operating as a single-stream (single-sort) facility, which means the facility is designed to accept cans, cartons, glass, paper, and plastic mixed together, since 2015. The MRF is operated in partnership with Waukesha County
2. On May 31, 2023, there was a fire on the MRF's main sorting floor. The impacts of the fire were severe and much of the sorting equipment was significantly damaged.
3. Collected recycling material is now taken to the City yard on West Lincoln Avenue where a contracted operator loads material into semi-trailers and delivers it to processing facilities in Madison, Appleton, and Franksville. No decision has been made about future operations at the MRF.
4. DPW staff are working with various specialists to understand the scope of the fire damage at the facility. Once the inspections are completed and the full impacts of the damage are understood, planning can begin on next steps for the City owned site and future of the MRF.
5. The 2024 Proposed Budget included \$456,154 of tax levy funds in a capital account titled MRF Repairs. This funding would have provided for repairs to keep the building secure and to begin the planning process for the replacement of the MRF either at its current location or at a new location.

Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM)

1. HACM was chartered by the State of Wisconsin in 1944. HACM is governed by a 7-member board, whose members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council.
2. HACM currently manages thousands of housing units. The majority of these are offered as subsidized rental units to low income residents and residents with disabilities, while roughly a thousand are rented as non-subsidized units.
3. Tenants of properties owned and managed by HACM have reported significant issues with the condition of their homes – in particular, that significant maintenance issues go unresolved for unacceptable periods of time.
4. The Common Council recently passed CCFN 230571, an ordinance which allows the Department of Neighborhood Services to monitor and inspect HACM properties, and removes a provision in the City Code exempting HACM properties from municipal re-inspection fees.

DISCUSSION

1. This amendment creates a “Housing Authority Maintenance Fund” Special Purpose Account, with \$250,000 in funding.
2. The Housing Authority Maintenance Fund SPA is intended to provide an infusion of resources to enable HACM to accelerate maintenance and repair work, and to make other necessary improvements to HACM properties.
3. The Housing Authority Maintenance Fund is to be administered by the Community Development Grant Administration within the Department of Administration, for the purposes of improving maintenance at HACM-owned and -managed properties.
4. This amendment removes \$250,000 from the Materials Recycling Facility Repair capital funding (cash levy).
5. MRF activities in 2024 won’t be determined until site inspections are complete, but may include engineering, environmental and real estate studies. If the capital funding is removed, any work required at the MRF in 2024 will be undertaken with funds from the operational budget, increasing the likelihood of budget shortfalls elsewhere in the department.
6. This amendment is levy-neutral.

EFFECT

1. The budget effect of this amendment is \$0
2. The tax-levy effect of this amendment is \$0, for a tax-rate impact of \$0 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

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