Reply to Common Council File No. 031680

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 031680 contains a substitute resolution authorizing the release of a portion of the 2002 appropriations for the Remodeling Central Library Building capital program and the Police 2nd District Station Renovation capital project. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the 2002 shared revenue payments resulting from former Governor McCallum's state budget reduction proposal, these projects were "held" as part of Common Council Resolution 011615 adopted on April 23, 2002. Ultimately, the state retained 2002 shared revenue payments at their original levels.

The City Librarian has requested that the \$175,000 appropriation for the Remodeling Central Library Building capital program be released to complete replacement and relocation of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system components above the Rare Books Room. Should the leaking condensate problem become worse, the Library's extensive collection of Rare Books could be in peril.

The Chief of Police has requested that \$565,000 of the deferred \$1.6 million appropriation for the Police District Station #2 Renovation be released to make improvements including juvenile sight and sound separation to comply with State of Wisconsin Department of Justice regulations, replacement of deteriorated windows to save utility costs, replacement of the aged generator, and other improvements itemized in Exhibit B attached to the file. These funds would be in addition to the \$395,000 previously released for improvements also itemized in Exhibit B.

Earlier resolutions have released \$15.3 million of capital projects from deferred or "hold" status. Should these two recommendations be approved, \$1.4 million of 2002 capital project appropriations will remain on "hold." These projects would be available for release from "hold" at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FILE 031680 TO RELEASE A PORTION OF 2002 CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM "HOLD" STATUS IMPOSED BY RESOLUTION 011615.

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