Reply to Common Council File No. 050257 From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 050257 is a resolution accepting funds and establishing an account for the purpose of authorizing two best practice reviews of city departments, the Fire and Police Commission and the Department of Public Works. The first will provide recommendations on ways to improve the Fire & Police Commission and address public concerns that have resulted from recent cases of Police misconduct and legal damages that the city has paid due to its Police promotional practices. The second review will further examine the management structure and practices of the Department of Public Works. Together they will be funded through \$160,000 in grants.

RECOMMENDATION: THE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT DIVISION WELCOMES THIS REVIEW AND THE OPPORTUNITY IT CONTAINS TO IMPROVE CITY SERVICES AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION INCLUDED IN THIS FILE.

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