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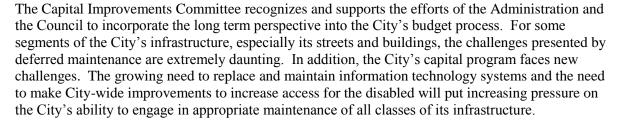
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 IMPLEMENTATION

October 22, 2015

Members of the Finance and Personnel Committee:

Re: 2016 Proposed Budget



The committee believes that the 2016 Proposed Budget demonstrates a genuine commitment to maintain the City's infrastructure and capital assets in a manner that will not jeopardize the City's finances. The committee believes that the infrastructure priorities proposed for 2016 are reasonable and will not compromise the value and condition of the city's assets. The proposed budget includes several on-going initiatives that the committee supports, in particular the Library Facilities initiative, the increased emphasis on the High Impact paving program and the Strong Neighborhoods Plan.

The committee recognizes however, that the level of borrowing proposed for 2016 is not sustainable in the long run. The committee is not urging action for the 2016 Budget, however it believes that the age of the City's infrastructure, the continuing pressures from state shared revenue reductions and levy limits, and the City's responsibility for the proper maintenance and stewardship of its assets, will require that the City consider alternate revenue sources for its capital program in the future.

Again, the committee would like to thank the Administration, the Finance & Personnel Committee and the entire Common Council for their diligent efforts to ensure Milwaukee's fiscal health and for the opportunity to bring the long term perspective to the City's Executive Budget process.

Sincerely,

Ald. Robert Bauman, Chair Capital Improvements Committee



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