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October 4, 2006

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance convened on October 4, 2006, as a Committee of the Whole with Chairman William White presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Bruce Desmond, Rebekah Gewirtz, Maryann Heuston, Denise Provost, William Roche and Thomas Taylor also present and voting. Also present were Police Chief Robert Bradley, DPW Commissioner Stanley Koty, Rick Willette and Michael Brown of the DPW, Director of Traffic and Parking James Kotzuba, Terry Smith and Larry Murphy from traffic and Parking, Finance Director Ed Bean, Purchasing Director Rositha Durham, IT Director James Halloran and Michael Lambert from the Mayor's Office

The committee met to discuss a request by the Mayor for approval to appropriate and borrow \$2,200,943 in a capital bond to purchase departmental equipment.

Commissioner Koty reviewed the request for the DPW and noted that most of the current equipment was purchased by 3 former city administrations. Much of the new equipment being requested would allow the city to perform more efficiently in the areas of snow removal, sanitation and grounds maintenance. Specialized equipment, such as the requested backhoe, would facilitate excavation work on roadways and sidewalks.

Alderman Provost asked that Somerstat provide a calculated estimate of the cost of having the school yards and private ways cleaned and/or plowed by city employees vs. contracting the work out. Aldermen Provost and Desmond requested a cost benefit analysis from Somerstat.

The breakdown for the expenditure is as follows:

- DPW \$1,747,407 for new equipment
- Police \$ 196,028 for new cruisers and motorcycles
- Traffic and Parking \$ 93,508 for new vehicles
- Miscellaneous \$ 78,000 for copy machines
- Info Technology \$ 86,000 for Fire Department and data transmission upgrades and air conditioning for the computer control room

No papers were acted on.

Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Finance

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