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# City of West Allis

## Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
2007-0622	Communication	In Committee
Communication from the Director of Public Works to transfer \$5,700 from the contingency fund for the purchase of trees to be used in the 2008 spring tree planting program.		
Introduced: 9/24/2007		Controlling Body: Administration & Finance Committee

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

*Place on File*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
OCT 02 2007			Barczak				✓
			Czaplewski	✓			
			Dobrowski				
	✓		Kopplin				
			Lajsic	✓			
			Narlock				
		✓	Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock				
			Vitale				
			Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	4	—		1

### SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Chair

Vice-Chair

Member

### COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

*place on file*

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
10/2/07	✓		Barczak <del>exc</del>				✓
			Czaplewski	✓			
		✓	Dobrowski	✓			
			Kopplin	✓			
			Lajsic	✓			
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock	✓			
			Vitale	✓			
			Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	9	—		1



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September 24, 2007

Mayor Bell & Common Council Members  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

As indicated, in part, in my communication of September 4, 2007 to this body, the Department of Public Works is seeking methods of securing additional revenue for the acquisition of trees for our Spring and Fall tree planting program. Due to extremely tight budgets over the last number of years, the money allocated for the purchase of street trees has been cut in half as one measure used by the Department to meet the budget guidelines. The funding cut has resulted in what used to be an annual tree replacement program becoming a program where missing trees are now replaced every two years.

In my communication of September 4, 2007, I requested that the Department be allowed to keep the revenue generated by the removal of trees for drive approaches rather than having it placed in the general fund. The Council felt that such a policy change might set a precedent where other departments would request a similar retention of revenue raised. While I can appreciate this concern and ultimately the decision reached to deny my request, it nonetheless leaves me with the same problem of inadequate funding for our tree planting program.

As such, I am requesting the transfer of \$5,700 from the contingency fund for the purchase of additional trees that will be used in the 2008 Spring Tree Planting Program (trees are ordered in October and the money is encumbered at that time). The \$5700 represents the revenue received and placed in the general fund from the removal of a tree in the 1000 block of S. 97 this summer. The transfer of this money would allow the Department to purchase approximately 100 more trees for planting along our city streets.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Pertmer".

Michael F. Pertmer  
Director of Public Works

cc: M. Rushmer, G. Schmid