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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
R-2006-0132	Resolution	In Committee
Resolution to transfer \$28,665 from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works Department's Equipment Account for the purchase of safety equipment.		
Introduced: 5/2/2006		Controlling Body: Administration & Finance Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

adopt

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>MAY 02 2006</u>			Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
			Dobrowski				
			Kopplin				
		✓	Lajsic	✓			
			Narlock				
			Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock				
			Vitale				
		Weigel		✓			
		TOTAL		5	1		

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

[Signature]
Chair

Vice-Chair

Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

ADOPT

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**Final Action:
MAY 02 2006**

Resolution to transfer \$28,665 from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works Department's Equipment Account for the purchase of safety equipment.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department annually budgets for certain equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department is in need of purchasing certain safety equipment to take additional steps to further protect its employees in high traffic situations; and,

WHEREAS, the safety equipment needed includes two (2) truck mounted attenuators and four (4) LED arrowboards; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department's 2006 Budget has insufficient funds to pay for such safety equipment; and,

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Common Council dated April 11, 2006, the Director of Public Works requested the transfer of \$28,665 from the Contingency Fund for the purchase of various pieces of safety equipment, including two (2) truck mounted attenuators and four (4) LED arrowboards; and,

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2006, both the Administration & Finance Committee and the Public Works Committee discussed and unanimously approved this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that \$28,665 is hereby approved for transfer from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works Department's Equipment Account for the purchase of said safety equipment.

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ADOPTED

May 2, 2006

Paul M. Ziehler, City Admin. Officer, Clerk/Treas.

APPROVED

May 5 2006

Jeannette Bell, Mayor



CITY OF WEST ALLIS

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Public Works Department

MICHAEL PERTMER
Director

April 11, 2006

Mayor Bell & Members of the Common Council
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
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Re: Safety Equipment Purchase

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

With the unfortunate and tragic accident of March 13 that left two Public Works employees severely injured, there has been a heightened sense of awareness relative to additional measures that may be taken to enhance the safety of our employees. By their very nature, there is inherent exposure to injury in a number of public works jobs. The Public Works Safety Committee has reviewed a number of work activities where the potential of injury is increased generally because of exposure to traffic traveling at or, in many cases, above posted speeds. Of specific concern are those "moving activities" (work activities requiring a short period of time to accomplish) that take place, in traffic, on streets where the speed limits are in excess of 30 miles per hour.

Such was the situation with the accident on March 13, 2006. While all safety procedures were in place, our employees were still hurt. In order to reduce the chances of this type of injury in the future, the Committee has recommended, and I have directed, that any moving work activities that take place on city streets where the posted speed limit is in excess of 30 miles per hour, that there be a blocking vehicle parked in front of the work zone. The blocking equipment should be properly fitted for this purpose. To this end, I am requesting the purchase of truck mounted attenuators and LED lamp arrowboards for the blocking vehicles as well as arrowboards for other non-blocking vehicles when public works operations are being conducted on the medians or curb areas of high traffic volume streets.

The Department is proposing to purchase two (2) truck-mounted attenuators to mount on dump trucks that will be used for blocking work zones. The cost of each attenuator is \$9400. Two LED arrowboards will also be mounted to each of these trucks. As noted above, an additional two arrowboards will be purchased for other operations. The cost of each arrowboard is \$2,030. All of the special safety equipment can be removed when not in use and the trucks can be used for other purposes.

Mayor Bell and Members of the Common Council
April 11, 2006
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The total cost of this equipment, with shipping and tax will be \$28,665.00. The Department does not have money budgeted for this type of purchase. I would therefore respectfully request that the money for this purchase be transferred from the contingency fund. As an alternative, the Department will again be selling various pieces of dated equipment at the County's Spring Auction this spring. The proceeds from the sale of the old equipment could be used to pay for the new safety equipment.

I will be available to answer any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Pertmer / fss

Michael F. Pertmer
Director of Public Works

cc: Gordy Paprocki
Gary Schmid