



Legislation Text

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Title

Amending the 2010 Operating Budget to appropriate \$25,000 plus expenses not-to-exceed ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 from the Contingent Reserve to Miscellaneous Appropriations to hire Professor James Undercofler, Professor of Performing Arts and Arts Administration at Drexel University to conduct an independent review of the proposed operating model ("Focus Model") for the Overture Center, advise on performance standards and provide recommendations for the private, non-profit board selection and composition.

Body

WHEREAS, the Common Council on August 3, 2010 passed Substitute Resolution, File ID # 19058 authorizing the Mayor and City staff to negotiate with the Madison Cultural Arts District and to recommend a plan for the City's role in the long-term viability of the Overture Center and created an independent citizen group to review and analyze the future business plan of Overture to determine its financial feasibility; and,

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2010 the Overture Ad Hoc Committee made several recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, one recommendation from the Overture Ad Hoc Committee encouraged the City of Madison to hire an independent consultant to examine the financial assumptions in the proposed operating model ("Focus Model") to determine its accuracy and achievability; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that in order to do its due diligence an independent consultants should be hired to conduct additional review of the Overture Center proposed operating model ("Focus Model"); and,

WHEREAS, time constraints do not allow for a complete competitive Request For Proposal (RFP) process, necessitating a sole source contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council amends the 2010 Operating Budget to appropriate ~~\$26,000~~ \$27,000 from the Contingent Reserve to Miscellaneous Appropriations to hire Professor James Undercofler, Professor of Performing Arts and Arts Administration at Drexel University to conduct an independent review of the proposed operating model ("Focus Model") for the Overture Center, advise on performance standards and provide recommendations for the private, non-profit board selection and composition.

Fiscal Note

\$1,141,000 remains available in the 2010 Contingent Reserve. This appropriation would have no impact on the City's eligibility under the State Expenditure Restraint Program.