



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

Project #12 (MUNIS Project No. 10137) under Facilities Management in the 2015 adopted capital budget includes \$300,000 to implement these recommendations; it's estimated that approximately \$50,000 would be needed for these improvements.

Title

SUBSTITUTE - Adopting the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee

Body

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted resolution ID# 32078, RES-13-00864 on November 19, 2013, requesting city staff to assemble a report on the potential locations, including new and existing facilities for public restrooms in the downtown area that could be operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted resolution ID #34004, RES-14-00432 creating an Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee (the "Committee") on May 20, 2014, to recommend to the Council and Mayor proposed locations, design and operation aspects of one or more public toilets in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, staff completed the report and the Common Council adopted resolution ID #33930, RES-14-00570 accepting the Downtown Public Restroom Staff Report on July, 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved \$300,000 to fund one or more public restrooms in the downtown area in the 2014 Capital Budget and reauthorized this funding in the 2015 Capital Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee has developed recommendations based on review of the Downtown Public Restroom Staff Report, research of existing public restroom infrastructure in the downtown area, research on potential types of restroom facilities, and discussions with various stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee through its research and efforts realizes that a "one-size fits all" public bathroom will not serve the needs for visitors, homeless and late-night bar customers and that a successful strategy will need to consider opportunities for solutions for each demographic group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends that when development occurs in the downtown planning corridor, including City owned facilities in this area, Planning Division staff review opportunities for a restroom that would be available at any time to the general public **(it is not the City's intention to require a private developer to pay for the construction and operation of a public restroom in a private development as a condition of approval for the project)**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City explore options to extend the hours of the Lisa Link Peace Park Visitor Center; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City improve restroom wayfinding signage in the downtown planning corridor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City work with the County to improve the aesthetics around **and the maintenance of** the existing portable restroom unit at the corner of Martin Luther

King, Jr., Boulevard and Doty Street, utilizing the existing funds allocated in the 2015 Capital Budget as needed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds authorized in the 2015 Capital Budget shall be used to execute the recommendations of the Committee, and if necessary reauthorized in future years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff provide an annual report to the Board of Estimates and Common Council regarding these recommendations; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Common Council adopts the recommendations of the Committee for future consideration and action.