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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authority to Accept the Executive Director's 2020 Budget Recommendations and the Attached Changes

Dear Sir:

The attached changes to the Executive Director's 2020 Budget Recommendations (BF-19 budget forms) are submitted for your consideration during the Committee on Budget and Employment Special Meeting beginning on November 7, 2019. The requested net changes to appropriations are summarized below:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>NET CHANGE</u>
CORPORATE	General Administration	\$200,000
	Monitoring & Research	0
	Procurement	75,000
	Human Resources	0
	Information Technology	0
	Maintenance & Operations	0
	TOTAL CORPORATE FUND	\$275,000
CONSTRUCTION		\$1,701,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND		\$100,300
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT		\$0

The total appropriation request for the 2020 Budget is \$1,089,417,467, an increase of \$2,076,300 from the initial appropriation request of \$1,087,341,167. Compared to the 2019 total adjusted appropriation of \$1,222,943,041, this is a decrease of \$133,525,574, or 10.9 percent.

The estimated total tax levy for the 2020 Budget is \$652,646,487, unchanged from the initial budget request. Compared to the 2019 total adjusted levy of \$643,374,010, this is an increase of \$9,272,477, or 1.4 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Corporate Fund is \$386,972,700, an increase of \$275,000 from the initial budget request of \$386,697,700. The change in appropriation will allow for a disparity study and the completion of a project at the Stickney WRP storeroom. Compared to the 2019 adjusted appropriation of \$377,612,500, this is an increase of \$9,360,200, or 2.5 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Construction Fund is \$17,044,400, an increase of \$1,701,000 from the initial budget request of \$15,343,400. The change in appropriation is due primarily to the timing of project completion for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the DuPage River Salt Creek Workgroup and the roof restoration at the Lockport Powerhouse. Compared to the 2019 adjusted appropriation of \$18,340,300, this is

a decrease of \$1,295,900, or 7.1 percent.

The total appropriation request for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund is \$214,406,500, an increase of \$100,300 from the initial budget request of \$214,306,200. The change in appropriation is due to changes in project schedules and cost estimates, offset by moving a streambank stabilization project on Tinley Creek to the Stormwater Management Fund. Compared to the 2019 adjusted appropriation of \$378,173,800, this is a decrease of \$163,767,300, or 43.3 percent.

Revised budget pages 44-45 include appropriation changes with no changes to the estimated tax rate.

Revised budget pages 55-56 summarize the appropriations and positions and reflect all proposed changes for the 2020 Budget. The total number of positions requested for 2020 is 1953, a net decrease of 14 positions from 2019. The amended position changes, detailed below, result in a net zero change in the number of positions from the Executive Director's Recommendations.

Revised budget pages 75-77 present a summary of revenues and expenditures for all funds for 2020, as budgeted, and 2019, as estimated and include changes in 2019 estimated revenues and expenditures.

Revised budget page 84 presents changes to the estimated 2019 year-end receipts for the Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT) and are due to an October 2019 allocation that exceeded original projections by \$5.0 million. This one-time payment is the result of the Department of Revenue corporate tax refunds being lower than anticipated.

Revised budget pages 87-88 present estimated balance sheet and revenue for the Corporate Fund due to changes in 2019 revenue estimates and 2020 appropriated assets. As the result of strong 2019 revenues, the equity transfer from the Capital Improvements Bond Fund is eliminated.

Revised budget pages 93-94 present estimated balance sheet and estimated revenue for the Capital Improvements Bond Fund due to changes in cost estimates and project schedules. The equity transfer to the Corporate Fund is also eliminated due to the increase in PPRT received in 2019.

Revised budget page 95 presents estimated balance sheet for the Construction Fund due to changes in cost estimates and project schedules.

Revised budget page 104 refines the Reserve Claim Fund 2019 revenue estimate.

Revised position analysis pages 159-160 and 163-164 for the Monitoring & Research Department in the Corporate Fund show the transfer of one Environmental Research Technician position from Section 126 to Section 123 and one Supervising Environmental Specialist position from Section 194 to Section 192. Revised position analysis page 206 for the Information Technology Department in the Corporate Fund shows the drop of one Project Manager position. Revised position analysis pages 264 and 278 show the transfer of one Associate Civil Engineer position from Section 653 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - General Division in the Corporate Fund to Section 724 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - North Service Area in the Corporate Fund and the addition of a crosshatch #2 to the transferred position. Revised position analysis page 293 for the Maintenance & Operations Department - Calumet Service Area in the Corporate Fund shows the addition of one Structural Ironworker position with a crosshatch #1. Revised position analysis page 518 in the Stormwater Management Fund shows the drop of one Engineering Technician V #4 position and the addition of one Associate Civil Engineer position.

Revised budget page 328 updates the Capital Improvement Program narrative.

Revised budget pages 335-336, 365-368, 431, and 444-446 provide an updated list of capital projects for the

Construction Fund, Capital Improvements Bond Fund, Stormwater Capital Improvements Bond Fund, and Stormwater Management Fund, respectively.

BF-19 budget forms, pages 1 through 12, detail all requested changes in appropriation and staffing. Revised "Pink Pages" 30, 36, and 38-43 reflect the BF-19 staffing changes.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Officer, SAR:SKL

Respectfully Submitted, Frank Avila, Chairman Committee on Budget and Employment

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Special Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for November 7, 2019

Attachments

- 1) Revised budget pages 44-45, 55-56, 75-77, 84, 87-88, 93-94, 95, 104, 159-160, 163-164, 206, 264, 278, 293, 328, 335-336, 365-368, 431, 444-446, and 518 dated October 30, 2019
- 2) BF-19 budget forms, pages 1-12, dated October 30, 2019
- 3) Revised "Pink Pages" 30, 36, and 38-43, dated October 30, 2019