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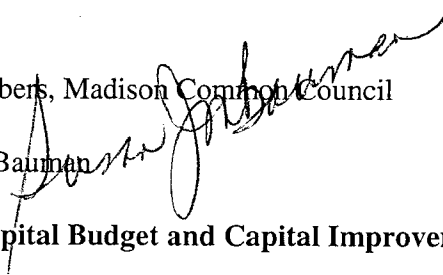
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 2001

TO: President and Members, Madison Common Council

FROM: Mayor Susan J.M. Bauman 

SUBJECT: 2002 Executive Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program

I am pleased to present the 2002 Executive Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to you for review. As in past years, the requests for 2002 funding greatly exceeded the funding target and the city's ability to pay. Insofar as possible, items included in the CIP adopted last year for 2002 funding have been funded. With few exceptions, items not previously identified in the CIP have not been funded for 2002.

The target for G.O. borrowing was set so as to decrease the percentage of the operating budget spent on debt service below the 2001 level. This budget, which proposes \$26,688,215 in G.O. borrowing, accomplishes this. The total amount increased somewhat from earlier this year due to a number of factors: the City did not borrow the full amount, \$25,551,221, authorized in the 2001 capital budget; 2001 borrowing occurred a little later than usual; and interest rates on the bonds sold this summer were very low. The total proposed in the 2002 budget includes reauthorization of monies not previously borrowed.

The Long Range Facilities Planning Committee (LRFPC) and the Capital Improvement Review Committee (CIRC) spent many hours deliberating the capital needs of the City. I believe that the CIP reflects a delicate balance between the physical needs of the various departments, the city as a whole, and the financial status and ability to pay of city taxpayers. As you review and deliberate this document, I urge you to focus not only on the 2002 capital budget, but on the five-year Capital Improvement Program as well.

In addition to being the first executive capital budget that is built upon an adopted CIP, the 2002 budget includes money for maintenance and improvement of infrastructure as well as some improved facilities and innovative spending. Some of the highlights include:

- ❖ Expansion of the Lakeview Library
- ❖ Purchase of land for two new fire stations
- ❖ Videoconferencing equipment for the Fire Department
- ❖ Final installment of costs for radio system replacement in the Police Department
- ❖ On-going funding for hardware and software upgrades and increased computer security

- ❖ \$62,000 for additional election equipment necessitated by non-co-terminus boundaries with supervisory districts
- ❖ \$6,723,000 for cap improvements, maintenance and monitoring of the Olin landfill funded by landfill remediation fees
- ❖ Increased funding for the sidewalk program
- ❖ \$110,000 to construct a sidewalk on University Avenue from Baker Avenue to Lorraine Drive
- ❖ Substantial increase in vehicle replacement funding to improve the quality of the fleet and employee productivity by decreasing downtime and maintenance costs
- ❖ Money to remodel a restroom building at Olin-Turville Park, a new plan for Warner Park electrical services, roof and door replacements, light fixture upgrades for various park shelter restrooms, and new light poles and fixtures for the James Madison Park lakeshore promenade among other Parks Division projects
- ❖ \$2,250,000 for transit system upgrades including equipment and software to improve operations, customer service, security and safety and \$3,900,000 for new buses (these are 80/20 federal/local monies)
- ❖ \$1,378,000 in funding for land acquisition, plan and site preparation for a mid-State Street parking ramp
- ❖ \$180,000 for affordable housing units on the north side at Troy Court

The executive capital budget includes significant funding for street, sanitary sewer, and storm water projects. Streets projects are funded with general obligation borrowing. Sanitary sewer projects are funded with sewer utility revenues. In 2000, the Common Council created a storm water utility. Billings for that utility commenced July 1, 2001. As the utility currently has no reserves, \$1,415,000 of the \$3,210,875 proposed spending by the utility is to be paid through general obligation borrowing.

I look forward to working with you as you review the 2002 capital budget and 2003-2007 Capital Improvement Program. I believe this document addresses the needs of the City of Madison as we move forward in this first decade of the 21st century.

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