



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Finance Department and City Attorney

Date: December 12, 2007
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee
Referral to: None

Subject: Merger of Minneapolis Library System into Hennepin County Library System

Recommendation: Adopt the attached resolution authorizing various library merger implementation actions for the consolidation of the Minneapolis and Hennepin County library systems.

Previous Directives:

Resolution 2007R-565-568: Various resolutions related to closing the Central Library project, dated November 2, 2007

Resolution 2007R-203: Consolidation of Minneapolis Public Libraries and Hennepin county Libraries relating to City of Minneapolis employee wages, dated April 27, 2007

Resolution 2007R-109: Recommending the consolidation of the Minneapolis Public Library and Hennepin County Library, dated March 9, 2007

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Steven Bosacker, City Coordinator _____

Presenter in Committee: Nikki Newman, Assistant City Attorney x5273;

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or X Operating Budget

- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves _X_
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

Supporting Information

On May 24, 2007, the Governor signed into law chapter 121, enabling the merger of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Hennepin County library system; authorizing the transfer of property, assets, and certain bond proceeds related to the Minneapolis Public Library to Hennepin County; and authorizing the transfer of Minneapolis Public Library employees to Hennepin County. The act becomes effective after the Library Board, the City of Minneapolis, and the Hennepin County file certificates of local approval of the enabling legislation.

The Library Board reached impact bargaining agreements with its employees, which are to be funded through the remaining Library Board fund balance. The terms related to the consolidation are detailed in the "Financing and Grant Agreement Regarding Library Consolidation" between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.