

RESOLUTION NO 12-

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIATION IN AND FUNDING FOR A SHARED SERVICE FACT-FINDING PROJECT TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PUBLIC POLICY FORUM AND FOCUSING ON DISPATCHING AND FIRE/EMS SERVICES

WHEREAS, actions taken by the State of Wisconsin have impacted and are expected to continue to impact municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County budget decisions have in the past and are expected to continue to have impact on local budgets, specifically the reduction and potential elimination of EMS funding; and

WHEREAS, businesses, residents, and elected officials have expressed interest in the exploration of options for communities to work together seeking efficiencies in operations along with maintenance or improvements in service levels; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council has supported and endorsed local efforts to explore opportunities for cooperation to the benefit of taxpayers, including creation of a Shared Services and Cooperation Work Group in April 2011; and

WHEREAS, the mayors of Cudahy, St. Francis, and South Milwaukee have had preliminary discussions regarding exploring the possibility of shared services for dispatching and fire/EMS services; and

WHEREAS, based upon these preliminary discussions, the Public Policy Forum was asked to prepare a proposal (attached-entitled *Exploring Consolidated Dispatch and Fire Services in Milwaukee County's South Shore*), to address a strategy and project budget for a comprehensive analysis of dispatch service and fire/EMS service in Cudahy, St. Francis, and South Milwaukee, including "develop possible coordination/consolidation/shared services options.";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of South Milwaukee hereby pledges its support and authorizes \$5,000 in financial assistance to participate in the Public Policy Forum's fact-based effort to review the potential for coordinating, sharing, or consolidating fire services, EMS services, police dispatch, and/or fire dispatch services as a means of improving the cost-effectiveness and maintaining the quality of such services to the extent possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee supports the leadership of the Public Policy Forum in conducting this review and encourages broad participation in the review by affected parties and directs municipal staff to cooperate in the effort as required.

Adopted and recorded _____, 2012

THOMAS ZEPECKI, Mayor

ATTEST:

JAMES SHELENSKE, City Clerk

ADOPTED: _____

APPROVED: _____

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