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Council to Take Up Furlough Days for City Employees, MORE Ordinance Staffing, Snow & Ice Fee Increase, & 24-Hour Parking Zone

The agenda for tomorrow's Common Council meeting includes resolutions implementing two mandatory 2009 furlough days for city employees, creating a new position to oversee the implementation of the MORE ordinance, an increase in the snow and ice removal fee, and a permanent 24-hour parking zone near downtown.

The meeting will be held tomorrow (Tuesday, June 16, 2009) at 9 a.m. in the third floor Common Council chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is invited.

The recommendation from the Council's Finance and Personnel Committee to implement Mayor Tom Barrett's proposed two mandatory furlough days (without pay) for city employees (proposed for July 2 and September 8) would save an estimated \$1.5 million. Non-front line police and fire department personnel would also be subject to the furloughs.

The city is facing major budget challenges as it deals with decreasing property tax revenue, decreased state shared revenue, increasing health care costs, and a massive payment it must make to the city pension fund to ensure that the pension system is 100% funded.

Other business scheduled for tomorrow's Council meeting:

- A recommendation from the Department of Administration to formally create a contract compliance officer position to oversee the implementation of the community benefits (MORE) ordinance, passed earlier this year, which sets wage standards for commercial developments that receive at least \$1 million in financial assistance from the City of Milwaukee.

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- A resolution amending the 2009 Snow and Ice Removal Cost Recovery Charge by increasing the charge \$9.15 per household.
- A recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to adopt an ordinance to make permanent a program allowing residents who live near downtown to park for five days consecutively on city streets without fear of tickets or towing. The ordinance designates streets bounded by and including E. North Ave., N. Prospect Ave., E. Juneau Ave., N. Milwaukee St., N. Water St., E. Kane Pl., N. Warren Ave., E. Boylston St. and N. Cambridge Ave, as well as the streets within the rectangle bounded by and including E. Juneau Ave., N. Prospect Ave., E. Wells St. and N. Milwaukee St. It would also include the one-block of E. Juneau Ave. from N. Prospect Ave. to its bluff top eastern terminus.

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