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Honorable Mayor John Dickert and the
Members of the Common Council
730 Washington Avenue
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am requesting permission to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to request the City enter into an inter-local governmental agreement for the purchase of voting machines from Racine County.

There are currently only two voting machines that have been approved for use by the Wisconsin Election Commission, Racine County provided an opportunity for all municipalities to utilize and test out both machines. Based on feedback from those sessions, the decision was made to move forward with the Command Central Imagecast Evolution voting machine. These machines will replace the current ballot tabulation machines that the city has been utilizing for the past twenty years. It is imperative that there is conformity in the type of machine and software utilized throughout the county as all results are relayed and reported to the County.

The Racine County Clerk has received permission from the Racine County Board (Resolution #2016-157) to purchase new voting equipment on behalf of all Racine County municipalities; the inter-local agreement addresses the financial agreement for the municipalities to reimburse the County for this expense. The estimated cost of each machine is approximately \$9,600, the City of Racine will require 38 machines (one for each ward and two backups) for use at their polling locations. The total amount of the expenditure for the City of Racine is estimated to be \$364,800.

Racine County is requesting to order these machines by June 1, 2017 in order to leave adequate time for manufacture of the machines, shipping, delivery, testing and training so they can be utilized in the spring 2018 elections.

Funds for this purchase are slated to be available in the 2018 Capital Improvement Funds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Kasper".

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