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October 8, 2008

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Committee on Information Technology held a meeting on October 8, 2008, with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Alderman William Roche also present and voting. Also present were Administrative Assistant Jessie Baker, Director of Information Technology Karthik Viswanathan, Dave Salmina from IT and City Clerk John Long.

Mr. Viswanathan addressed the committee regarding the Legislative Tracking System (LTS) being created by the IT Department in collaboration with numerous city departments, the City Clerk and the Clerks of Committees. Essentially, the LTS would provide an electronic means for all legislative items to proceed through their necessary steps, from initiation to completion, while providing a detailed accounting of actions along the way. Some of the LTS's goals are:

- To streamline the city's legislative process
- To provide transparency and accountability
- To provide efficient electronic notification of BOA agenda items
- To provide a search engine for the Board of Aldermen
- To provide historical data retrieval
- To provide the ability to create custom reports
- To provide the real time status of all legislative items

Additionally, the LTS would build the Board of Aldermen's agendas, track items in the various Aldermanic sub-committees, and provide varying review capabilities. Aldermen will be able to access the LTS through the BOA computers or via a VPN from their homes

Chairman Desmond requested that the committee be informed of the savings by the end of the year.

No Papers were acted on.

Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Chairman
Committee on Information Technology

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