

Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7894, BY REVISING THE AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE AUTHORIZED BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

The Lee's Summit Police Department is seeking approval of an agreement with the Summit Christian School to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) to help enhance public safety efforts within Lee's Summit school districts.

The terms of the agreement provide that the Summit Christian School will reimburse the City the costs associated with assigning a full time Master Police Officer to the SRO position. The City will be reimbursed approximately \$76k for this service.

The assignment of an SRO would decrease the amount of available Police Officers for City operations and assignments. The proposed amendment would allow for the hiring of an additional Police Officer to 'backfill' the position created as a result of the SRO assignment. The reimbursement provided by the Summit Christian School will be used to fund the new Police Officer position. That funding would cover the salary, benefits, academy training, uniform, and equipment.

Proposed City Council Motion:

I move to recommend to the City Council approval of AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 7894, BY REVISING THE AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE AUTHORIZED BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

Background:

The Lee's Summit Police Department has a current sworn staff of 142 full time equivalents, of which, 6 have been assigned as SROs for the Lee's Summit R7 School District who provides reimbursement for their services. Each high school and middle school has an SRO assigned to each campus. In the past, Blue Springs School

District had an agreement in place with the city of Lee's Summit for an SRO at Delta Woods Middle School. That school district has since established its own Police Department and no longer requires the service from the Lee's Summit Police Department.

Summit Christian Academy approached the Lee's Summit Police Department in the spring of 2016 about posting an SRO on their campus. The Head of School and Board of Directors all shared growing concerns of campus security. Local and national news of school threats and violence spurred their decision to discuss having an SRO on campus. Following the discussion, Summit Christian Academy agreed to fund a SRO position for the school.

In return for the reimbursement, the SRO would be assigned full time to the Summit Christian Academy campus. The reimbursement would cover the cost of hiring a new officer (salary and benefits) as well as the cost of the academy training, uniforms, and equipment. The reduction of an officer would compromise the current operations and assignments of the Police Department. That is why the Police Department negotiated a 100% reimbursement in order to backfill the vacancy created.

Presenter: Police Chief Travis Forbes

Recommendation: Staff Recommends Approval

Committee Recommendation: