

RES15-004

Wilmington, Delaware
January 15, 2015

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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Community Policing Initiative (the “Initiative”) is a proposal by the City of Wilmington, with the assistance of the Delaware Department of Justice, to aggressively implement an expanded, visible and effective community policing presence in specific high-crime neighborhoods within the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, funding to support the Initiative will be used by the Delaware Department of Justice to pay overtime to officers of the Wilmington Police Department, New Castle County Police Department and Delaware State Police Department who volunteer to serve as patrol officers in neighborhoods and at times selected by the Wilmington Police Department through the use of crime incidence data; and

WHEREAS, The Initiative would allow for the use of best practices in a number of areas, including advice from front-line officers regarding effective tactics and deployment, use of crime incidence data to make adjustments to tactics and deployment, involvement of community residents both at the decision-making level and in face-to-face contact with officers patrolling neighborhoods on foot, and effective training of officers in legal and other issues involved in visible foot patrols of high-crime areas; and

WHEREAS, a joint application from the City of Wilmington and the Delaware Department of Justice for the Neighborhood Building Blocks grant in the amount of \$640,200 will allow for the deployment of six additional foot patrol officers and one supervisor in high-crime areas in the City of Wilmington from March 1st through August 31st, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week. It will also allow for compensation of officers to undergo the one-hour training that will be a prerequisite for participation in the Initiative, and preparation of the training itself; and

WHEREAS, upon reward of the grant, the City of Wilmington will dedicate a portion of its weekly Tactical Analytical Policing System (TAPS) meeting with the participating police departments and the Delaware Department of Justice officials on the status of the Initiative. In addition, the Wilmington Police and the Department of Justice will meet monthly with residents of neighborhoods where foot

patrol has been occurring, in order to solicit advice from residents on the success of the program and potential improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that this Council hereby supports the City of Wilmington and the Delaware Department of Justice on their application to secure a grant from the Neighborhood Building Blocks Fund to support the Wilmington Community Policing Initiative.

Passed by City Council,
January 15, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of January, 2015.

Danyal Dhatnaga
Assistant City Solicitor