Referred back to Public Safety Committee and Postponed to Feb. 20, 2020 RF3 20-008

Wilmington, Delaware February 6, 2020 February 20, 2020

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**Sponsor:** 

Council Member Johnson WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department ("WPD), has submitted grant applications to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used purchase ten (10) Trikke Police Interceptor mobile vehicles along with safety equipment and training; and

WHEREAS, the mobile vehicles will help officers maintain an increased presence in public areas where traditional vehicles cannot gain access (ex. River Walk, bike paths, city parks, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been tested on site, and officers found that they were more readily able to interact with the community while using those vehicles as opposed to patrol cars.; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is able to put officers in direct contact with the community while simultaneously enabling the officer to respond quickly to an incident; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

**WILMINGTON** that the Wilmington Police Department's grant applications to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the total amount of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,
ATTEST:
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant applications to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the total amount of \$100,000.00. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase ten (10) Trikke Police Interceptor mobile vehicles along with safety equipment and training, providing police officers with additional contact with the community while simultaneously enabling the officers to respond quickly to incidents.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City as no local matching funds are required by the grants.

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