LRB-FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 12, FILE # 041449

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File #041449 is a substitute resolution approving the Law Enforcement Services Grant Agreement with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club.

Background

- 1. This resolution authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to enter into a Law Enforcement Services Grant with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club Limited Partnership (the "Brewers").
- 2. This resolution is based upon the policy for accepting law enforcement grants for additional law enforcement services under a policy adopted by Common Council File # 011573 and modified by Common Council File # 021317.
- 3. Council File # 011573 provided for a policy for accepting law enforcement grants from tax-exempt public or quasi-public entities.
- 4. The modification adopted in addition to the provisions of File # 011573 required that:
 - a. The requesting entity is exempt from general property taxation
 - b. The entity is either public or quasi-public in nature
 - c. The entity owns and/or operates a public venue

Additionally, the *modification* of Common Council File 011573 included a fourth or "d" criteria: *the tax-exempt entity must occasion the need for additional police services in adjacent areas of the city*.

5. The Brewers operate a large sports venue, Miller Park, within the city of Milwaukee with all real and associated property of Miller Park exempt from general property taxation.

Discussion

- 1. The Milwaukee Brewers has offered MPD a grant for the assignment of on-premise police officers and sergeants in accordance with a Law Enforcement Services agreement that has been agreed upon by the Chief of Police and the Milwaukee Brewers.
- 2. The Law Enforcement Services Agreement specifies a specific number of officers and sergeants relative to Miller Park attendance for the event to be staffed with a minimum of 7 officers and 2 sergeants to 37 officers and 6 sergeants. A mobile patrol of 2 to 7 officers will also be required for each event.

- 3. Police officers from 2 to 7 in number will also be necessary for pre and post event pedestrian and traffic control.
- 4. The Law Enforcement Services Agreement specifies that the Brewers will provide all necessary utilities for MPD personnel while on duty at Miller Park.
- 5. The City of Milwaukee will be liable for the actions of the MPD personnel on duty at Miller Park events. MPD officers will be under the command and authority of MPD supervisors.
- 6. Operational and technical specifics related to this agreement will be negotiated between the Chief of Police and the Milwaukee Brewers.
- 7. This grant contact encompasses the period of February 25, 2005 to October 31, 2006 and may terminated with or without cause upon delivery of written termination notice to the other party no sooner than 60 days following receipt of the written notice.

Fiscal Effect

- 1. There is no fiscal effect to the city, as all costs associated with police staffing will be paid to the city by the Milwaukee Brewers.
- 2. Police officers and sergeants will be paid at the overtime rate of \$38.00 per hour per officer and \$42.00 per hour per sergeant on duty. If a civilian dispatcher is required for on-site duties, the dispatcher will be paid at the overtime rate of \$30.35 per hour.
- 3. The amount of funding paid to MPD by the Brewers will depend upon the length of each event. MPD has estimated that grant funding for these services may approach \$800,000 although actual experience will provide a more accurate gauge for future projections of revenue.

Further Information

As of Pay Period Two, the *current strength* of MPD personnel eligible for overtime duty in this grant is:

- Police Officer 1531 authorized with 134 actual vacancies and another 16 temporary vacancies. 58 of the currently filled Police Officer positions are in the recruit class. The current police officer strength is 1,323.
- Police Sergeant 194 authorized with 1 actual vacancy and 7 temporary vacancies.

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