

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 8, FILE # 061338

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The proposed substitute resolution for File # 061338 recognizes and plans for police officer recruitment and training necessary to meet the goal of filling 1975 positions in 2007 utilizing existing Police Department resources as a first source of funding.

Background

1. Substitute 1 for File # 061338 was accepted by the Public Safety Committee on March 8, 2007 and would reserve and appropriate up to \$449,338 from the 2007 Special Purpose Account-Damages and Claims Fund for the purpose of funding an additional Milwaukee Police Department officer recruit class in 2007 and hiring 10 Police Service Specialist-Investigators to conduct candidate background checks.
2. The Department of Administration projects that, given expenditures to date, settlement patterns and major litigation, there will be no funds available for transfer from the Damages and Claims Fund Special Purpose Account.
3. The Department of Administration has further advised that the goals of filling 10 new Police Service Specialist-Investigator positions and filling the 1,975 of the currently authorized sworn positions in the Police Department in 2007 can be accomplished without further action by the Common Council.

Discussion

1. The Budget Division intends to authorize 10 temporary Police Service Specialist-Investigator positions effective April 1, 2007. This 45 day authorization will be reviewed at the May 2, 2007, meeting of the Finance and Personnel Committee.
2. The Police Department intends to delay computer and printer purchases and the hiring of civilian positions, where feasible. Control of overtime usage will be re-emphasized.
3. Budget and Management Director, Mark Nicolini, advises that the Budget Office has concluded that, with these actions and continued monitoring of salary operating and equipment accounts, the Police Department should be able to utilize existing internal funding for the new positions, recruitment and training without otherwise compromising the mission of the Department.
4. These actions are expected to provide sufficient resources to add a 3rd police recruit class in 2007 by starting the 2nd class in August and the 3rd class in December, each with 66 recruits.

Summary of Fiscal Impact

1. The proposed substitute resolution (LRB07044-6) does not appropriate or reserve funds and will have no impact on the tax levy or non-O&M funding.

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