

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 6, FILE #090525

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

File #090525 approves an extension to the amended Law Enforcement Special Assignment Grant Agreement between the City of Milwaukee, acting through its Chief of Police, and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (“UWM”). Under the extension, the Milwaukee Police Department (“MPD”) shall assign 2 police officers to patrol the UWM “area” for a 4 hour period (to be determined on a daily basis) between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between August 27, 2009 and October 31, 2009. UWM shall compensate the City at the current overtime rate for top paid police officers, with total overtime reimbursement not to exceed \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

File #021317 approved the original Law Enforcement Special Assignment Grant Agreement between the City and the Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System. The Agreement called for the MPD, in addition to regularly assigned patrols, to assign 2 police officers to patrol the UWM “area” – bounded on the north by Edgewood Avenue, the south by Park Place, the east by Lake Drive and the west by the Milwaukee River - for varying 4 hour periods between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from April 15 to May 15, 2003. The Agreement called for UWM to compensate at the current overtime rate for top paid police officers, to be adjusted annually. A not-to-exceed reimbursement amount was delineated in the contract.

File #030483 approved an amendment to the original Law Enforcement Special Assignment Grant Agreement. The amendment added a second period of time – from August 28 to October 18, 2003 – for the extended patrols in the UWM neighborhood, and increased the total not-to-exceed payment to the City. Importantly, the amendment also included the following extension language: *“This agreement may be extended by mutual agreement in writing between UWM and the Chief conditioned upon UWM’s agreement to provide additional grant funds to cover the cost of MPD officer services.”*

Accordingly, the Agreement has continued to be extended per mutual agreement. The most recent extension, which was approved in File #080631, covered the periods August 28 to November 1, 2008 and April 2 to May 16, 2009. For providing the additional coverage in the UWM area during this time, the City was paid a total of \$40,000.

DISCUSSION

File #090525 authorizes a further extension of the amended Law Enforcement Special Assignment Grant Agreement between the City and UWM. The Milwaukee Police Department agrees to provide patrols for the UWM neighborhood from August 27 through October 31, 2009, with UWM reimbursing the City the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this extension requires no City participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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