

LRB-RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

ITEM 28, FILE # 060321

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File #060321 is a substitute resolution amending File Number 041449 approving the Law Enforcement Services Grant Agreement with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club.

Background

1. This resolution will amend File Number 041449 that authorized 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. In February 2005, the Milwaukee Brewers 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 is required for each event.
3. Police officers from 2 to 7 in number are 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 is liable for the actions of the MPD personnel on duty at Miller Park events. MPD officers are under the command and authority of MPD supervisors.
6. Operational and technical specifics related to this agreement have been negotiated between the Chief of Police and the Milwaukee Brewers.
7. This grant contract encompasses the period of February 25, 2005 to October 31, 2006 and may be 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 are paid (estimated) 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. Actual pay to MPD staff is based upon the current rate of the individual assigned to this duty.
3. The amount of funding paid to MPD by the Brewers will depend upon the length of each event. MPD estimated that grant funding for these services would approach \$800,000 although actual experience was to provide a more accurate gauge for future projections of revenue.
4. This amendment will authorize MPD to accept an additional \$400,000 from the Milwaukee Brewers for a grant total of \$1.2 million.

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