

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to add one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to the Table of Organization for one Police Officer position assigned as a Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) and to authorize funding for the position and for the purchase of a patrol vehicle.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department, La Crosse Park and Recreation, Police Parking Utility and Transit Utility have partnered to place a Neighborhood Resource Officer within the City's parks, parking ramps and transit system to enhance community policing opportunities and outreach, as well as assist in addressing ongoing quality of life and other law enforcement issues; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council authorized and funded one additional Police Officer in the 2020 Operating Budget; with an effective hire date of April 2020; with the intention of providing Parks and Neighborhood Policing; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department's Neighborhood Resource Officer Program will utilize the previously authorized 2020 police officer and the newly requested officer to place two officers to address quality of life issues, public safety, and community outreach programs within the City of La Crosse Parks, Parking System Facilities and Transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, the cost to fund an additional Police Officer is anticipated to be \$82,000 for pay and benefits and the cost to purchase and fully equip a patrol vehicle is estimated to be \$43,000; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Utility annually receives \$55,000 from the City's Parking Utility with the original intent being to assist with possible ridership offset cost when the City of La Crosse removed parking meters from the downtown district and provided free parking in the city ramps; and

WHEREAS, the annual Transit payment from the Parking Utility to offset possible ridership loss no longer serves the original intended purpose and these funds can be best utilized to assist Transit through an NRO partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Police Department is authorized to add one (1) FTE sworn Police Officer position to the Police Department's table of organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual budgeted transfer of \$55,000 from the Parking Utility to the Transit Utility be redirected to the Police Department to fund salary costs as needed for the additional Police Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that bids be solicited to purchase one additional patrol vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the additional Police Officer and patrol vehicle is as follows:

- \$40,000 annually from Parks and Recreation Department Special Funds with identified funding sources for 2020 as shown:
 - 1004205 524100 TRLS – \$10,000
 - Cash Transfers from Special Funds:
 - 514 Boat Landings – \$10,000
 - 515 Pettibone Park Improvement – \$7,500
 - 209 Boathouses – \$5,000
 - 232 Ski Trl Mtc – \$5,000
 - 207 Myrick Park Improvement – \$2,500
- Future years Parks and Recreation Department specific special funding sources to be identified annually during the operating budget process;
- \$55,000 annually from the Parking Utility to fund the remainder of staffing costs and the initial purchase of an additional patrol vehicle and for the annual ongoing maintenance/replacement costs for such vehicle (2020 a/c# 6107015-592640);
- \$30,000 from the Parking Utility Funds to fund the remaining cost of the patrol vehicle and its outfitting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director, Police Chief and Mayor are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on March 12, 2020.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*