

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: R107-14

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2014

Re: Transferring funds from the General Fund Council Reserve to the Citizens Police Review Board Travel Account.

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: Excerpts from Minutes

Executive Summary

Transferring funds from Council Reserve account to Citizens Police Review Board Travel account to pay for members of the review board to attend the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Discussion

On April 7, 2014, the Council reviewed the Citizens Police Review Board's request for additional funds for all board members to attend the NACOLE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on September 14-18, 2014. The City Council approved a one time allocation of \$3,320 from the Council contingency account to the Citizens Police Review Board travel account. The resolution formally transfer those fund to the review board travel account.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Funds in the amount of \$3320.00 are being transferred from the Council contingency account to the Citizens Police Review Board travel account.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Community Facilities and Services

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the transfer of funds.

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Legislative History

Report 29-14 on April 7, 2014.



Department Approved



City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 107-14

A RESOLUTION

transferring funds from the General Fund Council Reserve to
the Citizens Police Review Board Account.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. At the request of the City Manager, the City Council hereby transfers
\$3320.00 from the General Fund Council Reserve Account No. 110-8500-590.56-86 to
Citizens Police Review Board Account No. 110-0120-501.20-10 B11292 Citizens Police
Review Board Travel.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Excerpts from Minutes

did not believe support was the issue in this decision as it was a procedural issue. Mayor McDavid explained the reason he brought that up was because he felt a threshold of this being sufficiently different was for the neighborhood that previously objected to be supportive as a result of the changes made.

Ms. Hoppe commented that the fact that this had come to Council for a decision was indicative that there was not a substantial change as staff would have made that determination if there had been a substantial change. She pointed out the Shepard Hills Neighborhood Association had not weighed in on this issue, and noted she understood they were not supportive of it. She understood one of the reasons for this ordinance requirement was so neighborhoods and the Council did not have to repeatedly deal with it for only minor changes. She believed there was very little change in the greenspace as it only increased from 60 percent to 65 percent, the number of units had only been reduced from 358 to 321, and the number of four bedroom units had increased. It was still basically a PUD development for students, which they had already seen. She understood some neighbors in the Timberhill and Shepard Hills neighborhoods were trying to rush this through in order to not get something worse. She noted they had a letter from nine individuals out of a neighborhood of fourteen houses that opposed this coming back for consideration now. She suggested they not allow this to come forward at this time. The applicant could come back through the process in September if it wanted. She understood this had caused distressed between and within houses in these neighborhoods, and felt allowing more time was important since the changes made were not substantial in her opinion.

Ms. Nauser made a motion to authorize the resubmittal of the Avenue of Columbia Rezoning/PUD Plan request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp.

Mayor McDavid explained he had supported this development previously, but noted he would have liked to have been provided a compelling reason for why this should be allowed to go back through the process, and a compelling reason for him would have been a strong letter of support from both neighborhood associations. In absence of that, he planned to defer to the procedural legacy described and would not support the motion.

Mr. Skala stated he was inclined to defer to Ms. Hoppe since this project was in her ward and tended to agree there were not substantial changes. In addition, there was no consensus within one neighborhood and not much representation from the other neighborhood. He thought it was reasonable to wait until the one year period was over, and noted he would not support the motion.

Mr. Trapp commented that he believed large changes had been made, but noted he had been persuaded by Ms. Hoppe's argument that it was not a substantially different rezoning request.

The motion made by Ms. Nauser and seconded by Mr. Trapp to authorize the resubmittal of the Avenue of Columbia Rezoning/PUD Plan request was defeated by voice vote with only Ms. Nauser voting in favor of it.

REP29-14 Correspondence from the Citizens Police Review Board - Request for Supplemental Funding for Increased Board Member Attendance to the NACOLE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Matthes provided a staff report.

Mr. Schmidt asked how much had been requested. Mr. Matthes replied a little over \$6,000.

Ms. Hoppe explained she thought all of the members could attend at a reduced cost. She suggested carpooling and utilizing only two vehicles, which would reduce the mileage cost to \$284 from \$994 and the parking cost as only two vehicles would be parked at the hotel. In addition, she suggested the sharing of rooms, which would reduce the number of rooms needed to only three or four instead of seven, and would reduce the cost to \$4,130 from \$1,770. She pointed out she had shared a room with a Planning and Zoning Commission Member in the past to reduce costs. She explained the cost could be reduced even further if the attendees paid for their own meals, but even with meals, the total cost could be as low as \$3,320.

Ms. Hoppe made a motion to allocate an additional \$3,320 from the Council contingency account to the Citizens Police Review Board so all of their members could attend the NACOLE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trapp.

Mayor McDavid commented that this was an important Board that did good work, but there were many other boards and commissions that were just as important, and he did not feel this was good policy. He noted he was also concerned about the message being sent as the Police Department was not funded as well as it should be funded in terms of the ratio of police officers per residents. He thought they needed to be frugal and austere, and pointed out he intended to push for three new police officers next year. He stated he would vote against the motion on the principle of the need to adequately fund public safety.

Mr. Skala stated he disagreed and felt Mayor McDavid was conflating this issue with police officers. He believed some professional development was really public safety as well. He explained this conference was nearby so it would save the City money in terms of professional development, and did not believe this was an unreasonable request. It was a relatively modest outlay for an investment in information for an important board.

Mr. Schmidt agreed this conference location provided a special opportunity for training at a good rate. He noted there was public safety and there was the perception of public safety, and he was in favor of this training because it would benefit the Citizens Police Review Board, which helped with public perception.

Ms. Nauser understood the desire to save money, but did not believe they wanted to save money if it put them at a disadvantage. She felt the most public discourse involved law enforcement and referred to the many lawsuits involving the Police Department due to the nature of their jobs, and believed police officers and the individuals on the Citizens Police Review Board needed as much training as possible as it would likely lead to a better Police Department and better community dialogue. This was a relatively small amount of money that had the potential to make a big impact. She stated she supported training for all levels and noted she planned to support the motion.

The motion made by Ms. Hoppe and seconded by Mr. Trapp to allocate an additional \$3,320 from the Council contingency account to the Citizens Police Review Board so all of their members could attend the NACOLE Conference in Kansas City, Missouri was approved by voice vote with only Mayor McDavid voting against it.