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EXTERNAL MEMO

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To: Mr. Joe Napoli
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Subject: Proactive Enforcement Overtime Recommendation / MOU

The City of Cooper City's Commission approved a FY22/23 budget that included a contingency fund for public safety / law enforcement. A recommendation is being put forth that a portion of these monies could be utilized to fund new enforcement and education operations to impact the city's overall public safety mission. This may be accomplished by creating a separate billing mechanism with the Broward Sheriff's Office via MOU, which is not tied to the contractual consideration, to fund overtime for: proactive traffic enforcement and education surges; holiday safety and surveillance operations; D.U.I. checkpoints; crime prevention programs; directed patrols to address emerging crime; or quality-of-life sweeps throughout the city, to name a few.

Examples of how overtime can be utilized to ramp up public safety is listed as follows:

➤ **Traffic Enforcement**

- The traffic unit's schedule is predominately tied to school hours (i.e., 6A-4P; Mon-Fri). Further, a large portion of their productivity is dedicated to school-related enforcement and operational issues. However, there is a need in our city for increased traffic enforcement by a specialty team apart from school-related concerns, to include: weekend enforcement; speeding, aggressive driving, and citizen complaints tied to the evening rush hour traffic; impaired driver enforcement; cyclist safety.
- A contingency overtime fund may be used to ramp up traffic enforcement

and to fund surge operations to address these concerns. In addition, the flexibility of a separate fund allows ability to address specific community concerns which may vary from the current team's schedule.

- Budget sample: (8) two-week periods (640 hrs) to expand the traffic team's ability to address these issues with targeted enforcement operations during identified time periods and weekends.

➤ **Priority Service Unit**

- The PSU was formed in September of 2022 to address emerging crime trends / waves. Although the public safety mission is at times predictive (intelligence-led or predictive policing practices), it is by nature also unpredictable and comes in "waves".
- It is recommended to use a contingency overtime fund to help ramp up enforcement and surveillance when the crime waves fluctuate throughout the year. This may include crime prevention efforts ahead of holiday seasons; a time that historically brings an increase in criminal activity.
- Budget: (8) two-week periods (640hrs) to increase the working hours of PSU through overtime, or to temporarily increase the PSU staffing, to address emerging crime.

➤ **Code Enforcement**

- Code Enforcement plays a significant role in the maintenance of the city's beautification and standards of living. In the last two years, they have taken on an increased responsibility and role in the city's overall revitalization and strategic plan.
- A contingency fund may be utilized to address the implementation of new city ordinances. It may also help fund opportunities to increase awareness of ordinance changes, demonstrating good will to the residents ahead of enforcement and compliance efforts.
- Budget: (4) two-week periods (320hrs) to increase the working hours of the Code team to address quality of life issues and implementation of new city code priorities.

The above examples would collectively bring (1600) hours of additional public safety to the City: (640) hours of traffic enforcement, (640) hours of crime prevention and surveillance, and (320) hours of quality-of-life sweeps. While the allocation of hours and initiative is adaptive and could vary, this example is given to illustrate the investment gained through adding this type of flexibility to the law enforcement team.

If the City was amendable to utilizing a portion of the budgeted public safety contingency funds in this manner, a recommendation is being put forth to assign \$100,000 to this endeavor. If approved, the deployment of additional resources would be made at the discretion and operational recommendation of the BSO District Chief but in conference with the City Manager. Lastly, a MOU would be needed to facilitate the billing mechanism.

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