



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2017

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF THE OFFER OF A \$10,000 REWARD AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 25, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 27, 2016, FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF JUAN RAMIREZ – CONTINUATION OF THE SUPPLMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve a renewal of the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 seeking witnesses to come forward with information related to the murder of Juan Ramirez in the City of Riverside, as approved by Council on August 25, 2015 and September 27, 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution renewing the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 for information that leads to the identification and apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the death of Juan Ramirez, Police Department case #P15-107538, as approved by Council on August 25, 2015 and September 27, 2016, for an additional 90 days; and
2. Approve the continued use of the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account that was allocated on September 27, 2016, and resides in the Police Department’s Riverside Reward Program Account No. 3100000-459026.

BACKGROUND:

On July 17, 2015, a 9-1-1 call was made about 12:26 a.m. reporting that several gunshots were heard and there was a man down in the street on 12th Street just east of Kansas Ave. Patrol officers responded along with medical personnel from the Fire Department. The victim appeared to have been shot and was pronounced deceased at the scene. An autopsy revealed the victim had received multiple gunshot wounds, resulting in his death.

A press release was sent out on the morning after the homicide. To date, detectives have not received any phone calls regarding this homicide. Detectives believe there may be witnesses to or individuals with information to this crime who have not yet come forward.

DISCUSSION:

In May of 2001, the “Riverside Reward Program” was approved by the City Council. Guidelines for offering rewards are listed in the Riverside Police Department Policy & Procedures Manual, Policy No. 364.

Detectives believe that offering a significant reward in the amount of \$10,000 may entice one or more witnesses to come forward with information that would help detectives in the identification and apprehension of the person or persons involved in this murder.

On August 25, 2015, City Council adopted a resolution that provided a reward amount of \$10,000 for information that leads to the identification and apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the death of Juan Ramirez. The reward offer expired 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

On September 27, 2016, City Council adopted a resolution renewing this award for an additional 60 days.

The attached resolution renews the \$10,000 offer of reward that will expire 90 days after the date of City Council’s approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the renewal of the reward offer is \$10,000. The amount was previously appropriated from the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account and remains available in the Police Department expenditure Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 90 days of Council’s approval, funds will be returned to the General Fund Contingency Reserve unless once more renewed or extended.

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Attachment: Resolution