



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

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

## **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.

## **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, for an additional 60 days; and
2. Authorize use and transfer of the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account in the amount of \$10,000 to 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

The original resolution, approved by Council on August 25, 2015, provided that the reward offer would expire 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

A new resolution has been prepared renewing the award period for an additional 60 days. The amount of the reward would remain at \$10,000. This offer will expire 60 days after the date of Council’s approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Renew the reward of \$10,000 for 60 days. Funds are to be appropriated from the General Fund Contingency Reserve Account No. 7235000-451000 into Police Department expenditure Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 60 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