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City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 19, 2020

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OFFERING A \$10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF YOUNG KOOK KIM – INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER

ISSUES:

Adopt a resolution offering 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 attempted murder of Young Kook Kim, Police Department case 200009234, for a duration of 60 days and authorize an interdepartmental transfer from the General Fund Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account in the amount of \$10,000 to the Police Department's Riverside Reward Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution offering 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 attempted murder of Young Kook Kim, Police Department case 200009234, for a duration of 60 days; and
2. Authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account in the amount of \$10,000 to the Police Department's Riverside Reward Program.

BACKGROUND:

On Friday, April 3, 2020, at approximately 6:40 p.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to a call of a robbery that just occurred at the La Mexicana Market, located at 3123 Madison Street in the city of Riverside. Customers found the lone occupant and store owner, Young Kook Kim, unresponsive and severely bleeding from several significant head injuries. The elderly victim (late 60s), was treated by paramedics and the Riverside Fire Department, then transported to a local hospital. Mr. Kim sustained life threatening injuries. As of the writing of this report, Mr. Kim is in critical condition and is unresponsive.

The investigation revealed a suspect entered the store, attacked Mr. Kim with a blunt object, and left the store with an undetermined amount of cash.

A press release was distributed regarding the incident, but no viable information has been obtained as of this writing.

Although forensic evidence was collected at the scene, the investigation conducted so far has developed few leads. Detectives believe there may be witnesses or people with information related to this crime who have yet to come forward.

DISCUSSION:

In May of 2001, the "Riverside Reward Program" was approved by the City Council. Guidelines for offering rewards are listed in section 364 of the Riverside Police Department Policy Manual.

Attached is a resolution offering a reward in the amount of \$10,000 for information leading to the determination of the identify of, and the apprehension of, the person or persons responsible for the attempted murder of Young Kook Kim, which will expire 60 days after the date of City Council's approval.

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 robbery and attempted murder.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this request. Should the reward be redeemed, the total fiscal impact will be \$10,000. Upon City Council approval, sufficient funds, in the amount of \$10,000, will be transferred from the Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account (7211200-450247) to the Police Department's Riverside Reward Program, Account No. 3100000-459026. If no reward is offered within 60 days of Council's approval, funds will be returned to the Non-Departmental/City Manager's Fiscal Management Account unless once more renewed or extended.

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Attachment: Resolution