

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 1, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:42 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Vernon Brown
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Cherrish Pryor
Mike Speedy

Absent Members

Sherron Franklin
Lincoln Plowman

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 236, 2007 - determines the need to lease approximately 3,600 square feet of space at 863 Massachusetts Avenue for use by the Citizen's Police Complaint Office

“Tabled”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 457, 2007 - transfers and appropriates \$200,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD Fund) for supplies, uniforms for new recruits, and ammunition

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 458, 2007 - transfers and appropriates \$33,269 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, to contract for research on disproportionate minority confinement, case processing times, and for enhancements to the QUEST database used at the Detention Center

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 459, 2007 - appropriates \$159,039 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County Grants Fund) to fund expenses for a full-time Probation Officer who will work with youth served by the Juvenile Community Transitions Program (JCTP), funded by a three-year grant from the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 6-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, and Mike Speedy. Cherrish Pryor arrived shortly thereafter. Absent were Sherron Franklin and Lincoln Plowman.

PROPOSAL NO. 236, 2007 - determines the need to lease approximately 3,600 square feet of space at 863 Massachusetts Avenue for use by the Citizen's Police Complaint Office

Councillor Brown said Proposal No. 236, 2007 needs to be tabled, because the Sheriff is not sure if he will move forward with this proposal or find a better location.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Table” Proposal No. 236, 2007. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 457, 2007 - transfers and appropriates \$200,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD Fund) for supplies, uniforms for new recruits, and ammunition

Lori Sparks, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), said they are requesting a transfer of funds from underspending in Character 05 to Character 02 to fund expenditures for the new recruit class. She said the money would purchase uniforms, ammunition, and supplies.

[Clerk’s note: Councillor Pryor arrived at 5:44 p.m.]

Chair Moriarty Adams asked how many officers will be provided with supplies. Ms. Sparks said they have 71 new recruits.

Councillor McWhirter asked how internal charges can be reduced. Hope Tribble, Office of Finance and Management (OFM), said internal charges are for expenses that are from other city agencies and include costs for fleet services and Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) charges for legal activities. She said police consolidation estimates were made on the expenses for the year, and there was an overestimate on what was needed for fleet services for IMPD. Ms. Tribble said they are now able to transfer that amount to Character 02 to cover the supply costs. Councillor McWhirter asked if IMPD anticipated these charges for new recruits. Ms. Sparks said this is the third recruit class, and it was not anticipated this year.

Councillor Speedy asked if the \$200,000 will be spread equally throughout the recruit class, or if there will be another use for the money. Ms. Sparks said the transfer money will also be going toward other uses in Character 02; however, the remaining money will primarily be going towards another recruit class. Councillor Speedy asked what the new

count will be of the police force with the new 71 recruits. Ms. Sparks said she is not sure, but knows the police force will be 1,740 next year. However, the numbers will fluctuate with the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) at the end of the year, when some officers will leave, and with next year's new recruit class. Ms. Tribble said the 1,740 is the new sworn and authorized Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for next year, which are 100 more than 2007. Councillor Speedy asked if there are enough funds for the 71 new recruits for the remainder of this budget year. Ms. Tribble said they are currently working with IMPD to re-allocate funds within Characters.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for clarification that the new County Option Income Tax (COIT) dollars will go to fund the additional 100 police officers. Ms. Tribble replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Brown said, technically, the new 71 recruits will need to be funded by the 2006 budget through the end of the year in Character 01. He said IMPD budgeted for 1,640 officers, and when they did not have full authorized strength, they saved money in Character 01. Therefore, they should be able to balance the money out without doing another ordinance.

Councillor Speedy asked how many officers IMPD was down from the 1,640 approved FTEs. Ms. Sparks said she is not sure at this time, but will provide Councillor Speedy with that information.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Speedy, to send Proposal No. 457, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 458, 2007 - transfers and appropriates \$33,269 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, to contract for research on disproportionate minority confinement, case processing times, and for enhancements to the QUEST database used at the Detention Center

Valerie Washington, Assistant Financial Manager for Court Administration, distributed a handout detailing Proposal Nos. 458 and 459, 2007 (Exhibit A, attached) and said this grant will be used by the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative to enhance the QUEST database and conduct research on disproportionate minority confinement.

Councillor Speedy asked if the parties that are conducting the studies are in-house or third parties. Ms. Washington said they are third party with Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI). Gale Deppert, Juvenile Center, said they are contracting with a professor at IUPUI and a research assistant that is freelance.

Councillor Speedy asked how they ensure objectivity . Ms. Washington said they are required to file progress reports to measure the goals originally stated in the grant applications. Ms. Deppert said there are a number of people who review the reports that are produced. In addition, there is a fair amount of determination regarding the validity of the data.

Councillor Oliver spoke highly in favor of this proposal and the program, and asked for his colleagues' support.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 458, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 459, 2007 - appropriates \$159,039 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County Grants Fund) to fund expenses for a full-time Probation Officer who will work with youth served by the Juvenile Community Transitions Program (JCTP), funded by a three-year grant from the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force

Ms. Washington read from Exhibit A and said this is a three-year grant that will fund a two-to three-year veteran probation officer who will work directly with incarcerated youth, helping them transition back into the community. She said they will be working with other faith-based organizations and mentoring programs to provide a network of support for the youth.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked if this amount includes fringes and benefits. Ms. Washington replied in the affirmative.

Councillor McWhirter asked if grant funds are usually appropriated every year. Catherine Parker, Grants Director, said they do normally appropriate grant funding for one year, because they do not allow personnel costs to run over from year to year. Ms. Washington apologized, and said her thinking was that the appropriation would be done up front for three years, and when the money was appropriated into their system, there would be controls. Ms. Washington advised the committee to amend the proposal to one year of funding and they will come before the committee each year thereafter.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Pryor, to “Amend” Proposal No. 459, 2007 to read \$53,013 everywhere \$159,039 is stated. The motion carried by vote of 6-0.

Councillor Oliver asked what programs currently exist that the probation officer will be utilizing. Ms. Washington said the Juvenile Justice Task Force has programs in existence, such as Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM). Councillor Oliver

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asked if any programs are available to the juveniles while they are incarcerated. Ms. Washington said she is unsure, but will research the question.

Councillor Pryor asked if the probation officer that will take this position already works for the Probation Department or is a new hire. Ms. Washington said this is a new FTE. Councillor Pryor asked if this person has been identified. Ms. Washington said she does not think the person has been hired, but she will find out for Councillor Pryor. Councillor Pryor asked where the funding will go for the remaining two years of this grant. Ms. Parker said this is a federal grant; therefore, it is a reimbursement phase grant. She said once they acquire the expenditures, they will submit for a reimbursement from the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force and are then reimbursed.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 459, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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- **Proposal #458** transfers and appropriates \$33,269 in grant funding received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to fund the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative:
 - 6-month grant running from October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008
 - Funding will be used to conduct research on disproportionate minority confinement, case processing times, and for enhancements to the QUEST database module that is used at the Juvenile Detention Center
 - There are no FTE's associated with this funding
 - There is no local match requirement for this program.

- **Proposal #459** appropriates \$159,039 in grant funding received from the Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force.
 - 3-year grant running from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010.
 - Fund one full-time Probation Officer who will work with youth served by the Juvenile Community Transitions Program. Specifically, this person will work with the youth to allow for a smooth transition from incarceration back into the community.
 - Year One - \$53,013
 - Year Two - \$53,013
 - Year Three - \$53,013
 - There is **one** FTE associated with this funding.
 - There is no local match requirement.