



The logo for the City of Pueblo, Colorado, features a stylized blue and white illustration of a classical building with a dome and columns on the left. To its right, the words "city of" are written in a small, blue, sans-serif font above the word "PUEBLO" in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. Below "PUEBLO", the word "colorado" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

**BACKGROUND PAPER FOR PROPOSED
ORDINANCE**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 28, 2022

TO: President Heather Graham and Members of City Council

CC: Mayor Nicholas A. Gradisar

VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

FROM: Chris Noeller, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO AND HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL OVERTIME AND OTHER EXPENSES ACCRUED WHILE WORKING JOINT OPERATIONS

SUMMARY:

Homeland Security Investigations has provided an agreement to the Pueblo Police Department regarding Federal reimbursement of overtime and associated expenses incurred by police personnel as a result of working joint operations. During these joint operations, such as Operation Predator, persons soliciting or pandering child prostitution are targeted and arrested diminishing human trafficking opportunities.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

There is no current or past Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding between Homeland Security Investigations and the City of Pueblo and Pueblo Police Department.

BACKGROUND:

Joint operations have been conducted with both agencies regarding soliciting and/or pandering child prostitution. During the operation, overtime was accrued by investigators and patrol personnel assigned to investigate or support the operation. Due to the fiscal burden the overtime costs generated place on our agency, Homeland Security Investigations has offered to reimburse these costs through the Federal Treasury Forfeiture Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Joint operations are typically conducted over a two to three day period operating for twelve to thirteen hours per day. During this time, one Sergeant, five Detectives and three to four patrol personnel will be assigned to investigate or provide support to the operation. Participation in the reimbursement program and approval of the Agreement will significantly decrease the overtime costs and other expenses the Police Department must pay from its regular budget which result from PPD personnel working joint operations.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

None.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

There is no stakeholder process required for this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to refuse the Agreement leaving the City of Pueblo responsible for all costs associated with conducting joint operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Ordinance.

Attachments:

Agreement between the City of Pueblo and Homeland Security Investigations for participation in the Treasury Forfeiture Fund

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PUEBLO AND HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS AND THE PUEBLO POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL OVERTIME AND OTHER EXPENSES ACCRUED WHILE WORKING JOINT OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of Pueblo has the authority on behalf of the City of Pueblo, including its Police Department, to accept an Agreement with Homeland Security Investigations; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will provide reimbursement for Police overtime and other expenses related to joint operations with Homeland Security Investigations; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funding for the purposes for which it has been made is in the best interest of the City and will benefit the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The Agreement between the City on Pueblo on behalf of the Pueblo Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations to reimburse overtime and other associated expenses by police personnel pertaining to joint operations, a copy of which is attached hereto, having been approved by the City Attorney, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Pueblo, and the City Clerk shall affix the Seal of the City thereto and attest same.

SECTION 3.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with the this Ordinance and the attached Agreement to implement the transactions described herein.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____.

President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on _____.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.

Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk