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Subject: Public Comments for 12-17-25 agenda item 45, RES PH 25-284
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 10:20:25 AM
Attachments: [Gmail - Financial Services D115465-121425.pdf](#)

Dear City Clerk,

Please accept these comments, along with the attachment, for posting to the public record.

[RES PH 25-284](#) appears to authorize the police department to increase overtime spending by \$1,545,000 for security at special events.

My understanding is that security for these special events is paid for by the outside special event requestor(s) such as marathons, concerts, winter carnivals etc.

The Police Department Community Engagement account number 10023500, funded by the City's General Fund, was approved by the City Council in the amount of \$10,265,487 for 2025.

RES PH 25-284 would increase this amount by \$1,545,000 for a total of \$11,810,487 (Not all of this total amount is for overtime security at special events but at least \$1.5 million is).

As shown within my attachment below, I've requested data pertaining to these special events, the security overtime and the revenues received from the outside special event requestor(s). OFS indicates they cannot respond in time for Wednesday's public hearing.

Without a response from OFS it is difficult to determine where this money is coming from: the special event requestor(s) or from an excess of funds now available within the overall City General Fund?

If the latter, the City Council might consider the fairness of why some special event security overtime might be paid by the special event requestor(s) while other special event security overtime might be paid by taxpayers.

(A special fund that keeps account of these transactions would be a suggested help.)

Also, RES PH 25-284 cites City Charter authority under [Chapter 10.07.1](#) which requires this public hearing.

But the resolution's financial [attachment 1](#) cites authority under [Chapter 10.07.4](#) which would not appear to require a public hearing.

Attachment 1 also cites City Administrative Code Section [57.09\(3\)](#) which appears to apply only to capital improvement budget amendments.

Regardless of which procedures are being followed, I would very much appreciate the Council for considering these comments, so that police security overtime for special events can be better understood by everyone.

To that end, I request that the City Council keep the public hearing on this matter open until OFS and SPPD are able to respond.

Thank you,

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1 message

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Mon, Dec 15, 2025 at 3:52 PM

--- Please respond above this line ---

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RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of December 14, 2025, Reference # D115465-121425.

Dear John,

The City received a public information request from you on December 14, 2025. You requested:

I request the specific financial expenditures referenced in City Council Resolution RES PH 25-284 that amount to \$1,545,000 in "additional special event activity in 2025".

Please provide the specific additional special events, their dates, their locations, the number of hours worked by SPPD officers at each special event, the amounts paid to SPPD officers for such hours worked., any amounts of money invoiced and paid by private event security requestors and any amounts of money invoiced and cancelled by private event security requestors.

Kindly expedite this request so that the information is available for the public hearing to be held this Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

I am writing to inform you that we may not be able to produce the responsive data for you by the requested due date because it is a multi-departmental request that requires coordination and review.

Be advised, if you requested multiple types of information, it is possible you will receive communication from more than one department/unit. Please read your emails carefully.

If you have any questions, please respond via the portal.

Sincerely,

Deb Calvert

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Public Records Center](#).