

Consideration of a Grant Award Through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the 2016 Hiring Program (CHP).

Police Chief Chris McCall stated the Hobbs Police Department applied for a grant through the COPS Office of the U. S. Department of Justice to fund police officer positions. Chief McCall credited Capt. Michael Walker for his efforts in preparing the grant application. He stated the grant allows for certified police officers to be hired with the task of developing community relations within the City of Hobbs. Chief McCall stated the Department is committed to the community and, through the grant, will dedicate five personnel to community engagement efforts in order to build trust with diverse members of the community. The grant period is 36 months with \$625,000 being paid by the U. S. Department of Justice and \$751,165 being the match by the City of Hobbs. Chief McCall stated the City will be required to maintain the officer positions for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month federal funding period.

In response to Commissioner Newman's question regarding a possible downturn in the economy, Chief McCall stated the City is locked in for four years. Chief McCall stated veteran officers will fill the positions and new officers will be hired for those vacancies. He stated HPD currently has 95 filled positions but is budgeted for a total of 103.

Mr. Murphy clarified that the Department will not be able to reduce its number of positions below 108.

Commissioner Sena stated it is critical to continue engagement with the community and building relationships.

Mr. Murphy stated the total amount of funding on a reimbursement basis is \$625,000 to hire five officers over the three-year period.

In response to Commissioner Buie's inquiry regarding possible layoffs in other City Departments, Mr. Murphy stated HPD will have to maintain that level for four years.

Commissioner Taylor stated it seems like a quagmire for the City.

Commissioner Buie agreed.

Commissioner Sena inquired if the grant has a deadline as it appears the City became eligible on September 1, 2016.

Commissioner Newman stated although he is very pro-police, he is having a hard time on this issue.

Following some further brief discussion, Commissioner Newman moved to table the COPS Grant item until the next Commission meeting on November 21, 2016. Mr. Murphy stated if the City learns of a grant deadline, he will request the item be brought back to a special meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion and the vote was recorded as follows: Newman yes, Sena yes, Taylor yes, Calderón yes, Buie yes, Gerth yes, Cobb yes. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 6496 - Approving the Suerte Subdivision No. 4 Located in Section 17, Township 18 South, Range 38 East in Hobbs, Lea County, New Mexico.

Mr. Murphy presented the Suerte Land Division No. 4 including the dedications of Synergy Park Boulevard and Suerte Drive to the Commission. He stated the City infrastructure is not in place but is covered under a development agreement requiring the City to install the infrastructure. Mr. Murphy stated the Developer's property is located southwest of the corner of Millen Drive and Lovington Highway and is comprised of three tracts consisting of +/- 245.95 acres. He stated adjacent to the roadway dedications is the tract to be used for the C.O.R.E. Site, tracts for public drainage area and a flood water conveyance area. He stated the entirety of the improvements is estimated to cost +/- \$4 million, with +/- \$2 million designated for roadway and utility improvements of which 60% will benefit the Developer's remaining parcel. He stated the development agreement is crafted whereby the Developer will participate up to \$1 million providing the installed infrastructure improvements to meet the \$4 million estimate and a reduction in the actual costs will also reduce the Developer's participation. Mr. Murphy stated the Developer's participation will be collected at the time the remaining parcels under Developer's control are developed and be based on a front footage ratio.

Commissioner Sena moved that Resolution No. 6496 be adopted as presented. Commissioner Calderón seconded the motion and the vote was recorded as follows: Newman yes, Sena yes, Taylor yes, Calderón yes, Buie yes, Gerth yes, Cobb yes. The motion carried. Copies of the resolution and supporting documents are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 6497 - Authorizing an Amendment to the FY 16-17 Professional Services Agreement for Teen Court for an Additional Amount of \$12,000.00.

Mr. Murphy stated additional funding of \$12,000 is proposed for Teen Court of Lea County for the FY 16-17 budget year. The City funding for Teen Court is currently set at \$20,000 and an amendment of the agreement would increase the funding to a total of \$32,000.00. He read a letter of support by Capt. Cunningham of the Hobbs Police Department.

Commissioner Sena stated the program is very successful and "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".