

## **RESOLUTION No. 36799**

Accept funds to pay for materials and services costs of the Police Bureau Mounted Patrol Unit up to \$100,000 from the Friends of the Mounted Patrol (Resolution)

WHEREAS, The Police Bureau's Mounted Patrol Unit (MPU) is a valuable asset to the City and contributes substantially to the core operation and function of the Bureau of Police because:

- The MPU serves as an effective deterrent to crime and is used to enforce all manner of laws and ordinances from felony drug offenses and assaults to petty thefts and pedestrian violations; and
- The MPU currently initiates approximately 100 citations and arrests each month and, during the 1980s, when the MPU was at its peak staffing of 12 Officers and one Sergeant, they were often responsible for making 30% of all Misdemeanor arrests initiated in Portland; and
- The MPU has repeatedly demonstrated its effectiveness in crowd control situations, has served as the front line defense for officers on foot during crowd management situations, and has been particularly useful in rescuing officers and citizens from threatening and potentially dangerous crowds; and
- The MPU has the flexibility to effectively respond anywhere in the city, whether it be on congested downtown streets or in city parks and remote areas not accessible by motorized police responders; and
- The MPU's highly visible, uniformed police presence creates a sense of safety for visitors, workers, and residents alike and contributes immeasurably to the overall livability and quality of life in the areas they work; and
- The MPU has repeatedly demonstrated the effectiveness which horses have in generating a sense of accessibility and an opportunity for rapport between citizens and the mounted officers that is unique among policing strategies; and
- The MPU is consistently popular with the Portland community as demonstrated by the 1,700 people who recently joined the Facebook Group entitled Friends of Portland's Mounted Patrol and the 80% of responders to a recent KOIN-TV poll who voted in favor of continued funding of the Mounted Patrol Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Mounted Patrol, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Friends, was incorporated in 1985 as a non-profit organization dedicated to financially aiding and assisting all facets of the Mounted Patrol Unit of the Police Bureau of the City of Portland, State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Friends has and will continue to raise money through donations, fund-raising events, and the sale of MPU logo materials; and

WHEREAS, the Friends oversee a trust fund of monies intended to support the Mounted Patrol Unit, and, throughout the years, has funded various endeavors including specialized veterinary care, equipment, and training; and

WHEREAS, in response to projected revenue shortfalls caused by the recent downturn in the Nation's economy, the City has had to consider the possibility of discontinuing funding of the Mounted Patrol Unit in FY 2010-11.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Police Commissioner has expressed a desire to avoid the layoff of sworn police personnel as a result of budget reductions taken by the Police Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Friends are fully aware that if the Mounted Patrol Unit is eliminated and its facilities, equipment and livestock liquidated, the costs to re-establish a Mounted Patrol Unit in the future would be nearly insurmountable;

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Friends are desirous of identifying and implementing strategies that would obviate the necessity of eliminating the MPU and mitigate the impact which Police Bureau budget reductions could have on the MPU's operations during the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in a recent action by the Board of the Friends of the Mounted Patrol the Friends determined that:

1. The MPU is an important element of the Police Bureau's core operation, most appropriately funded by the City's General Fund; and
2. It would be an appropriate use of Friends' funds to assist the City in maintaining the operation of the MPU during the City's economic recovery; and
3. The Friends will pay for all of the Mounted Patrol Unit's FY 2010-11, Internal and External Materials and Services costs, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 if the City Council and Bureau of Police agree to fully staff the MPU with one (1) Sergeant and six (6) Officers for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council gratefully acknowledges the efforts of the Friends of the Mounted Patrol and thanks the Board for their offer of financial assistance for the provision of up to \$100,000 in reimbursement for materials and services for the operation of the Portland Police Mounted Patrol Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff is directed to provide the Friends of Mounted Patrol with quarterly statements of those expenses to be reimbursed.

Adopted by the Council: **JUL 14 2010**

Commissioner Mayor Sam Adams  
Commander Vince Jarmer  
Prepared by: Bob Del Gizzi  
Date Prepared: June 24, 2010

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By



Deputy

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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b>                  Commissioner/Auditor:  <b>Mayor Adams</b></p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUL 09 2010</u></p>
<p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade                  Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p>
<p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: Police                  Bureau Head: Chief Michael Reese  <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Bob Del Gizzi                  Date Prepared: June 24, 2010</p>	<p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
<p><b>Financial Impact Statement</b></p> <p>Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>                  Not Required <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>Portland Policy Document</b>                  If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.                  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date  <b>July 14, 2010</b></p>	
<p><b>City Attorney Approval</b></p>	

**AGENDA**

**TIME CERTAIN**   
 Start time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount of time needed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

**CONSENT**

**REGULAR**   
**Total amount of time needed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adams	Adams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	