

# Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council

**Date:** December 8, 2003

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** RECOGNIZE REVENUE FROM A STATE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY MINI-GRANT FOR CONDUCTING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) CHECKPOINTS.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing revenue from the Office of Traffic Safety Driving Under the Influence grant program in the amount of \$41,112.
2. Approve a journal voucher increasing appropriations to the Police Department Traffic Section overtime account # 8011-101-407800 by \$41,112.

**Background:**

This recommendation focuses on driver safety on City streets. The State OTS has awarded up to \$41,112 in overtime grants for the Police Department to conduct up to six DUI checkpoints between the dates of December 19, 2003 through January 4, 2004 and June 25, 2004 through July 10, 2004. This is a reimbursement grant and the funding level will match the eligible expenditures up to the awarded amount. This OTS grant coincides with the national "You Drink and Drive. You Lose" initiative.

The Police Department already conducts several similar checkpoints during the course of the year, using existing personnel resources. It has been the Police Department's experience that these checkpoints are valuable in reducing incidents related to persons driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Measuring

the preventative effects of those checkpoints is difficult, but every person that is intercepted by the checkpoints is unable to contribute to the inevitable destruction drunk driver's cause in accidents, injuries and deaths on our streets.

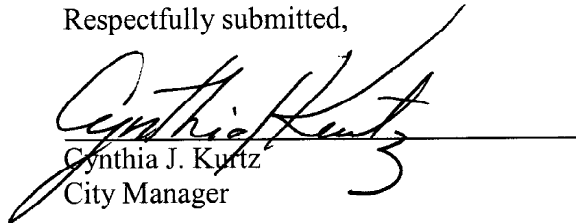
The Office of Traffic Safety recognizes the value in these checkpoints, and offers grants to pay for officers to work them. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration selected these dates to focus on holiday DUI patterns and School graduations/July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations, as a large portion of DUI accidents occur nationwide during these periods. These grant funds do not require matching funds from the city, and are intended to pay the overtime costs of personnel that are hired to supplement existing resource deployment.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Approval of this recommendation will increase FY 2004 revenues by \$41,112 and increase Police Department Traffic Section appropriations by \$41,112.

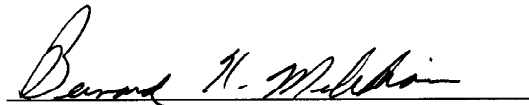
A sub-account will be created within the Traffic Section of the Police Department to track grant related expenses and payments. Revenue received will be forwarded to the General Fund to offset expenses.

Respectfully submitted,



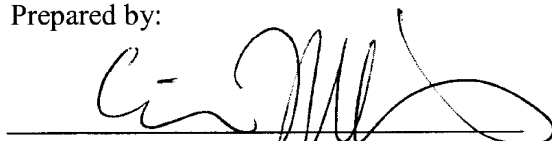
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