Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The increase in Overtime Pay will be funded by the State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. The City is required to fund the associated fringe benefit costs. Funds are available in the Contingent Reserve. The current balance is $885,070. There is no impact on the tax levy or State Expenditure Restraint Program eligibility limits.

Title

Amending the Fire Department Operating Budget to increase Overtime Pay and Reimbursement of Expenses Revenue by $713,850 and to appropriate $156,330 from the Contingent Reserve to Fringe Benefits for the Heavy Urban Rescue Team (HURT).

Body

The State of Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance is providing funding for the development of regional Fire speciality teams. The City of Madison Fire Department has been approved to be a speciality team-(Heavy Urban Rescue Team (HURT).

The current Firefighter Local 311 Contract contained language as to compensation for members of HURT. This language addressed both training and certification compensation.

State OJA issued a directive dated September 21, 2006 that funding was available to reimburse agencies for overtime or back fill expenses (hiring other employees to cover for employees scheduled to work). This communication also stated that benefits should not be included in calculating the reimbursement rate. The overtime benefit rate is 21.9% of the overtime salaries. The City received this communication on September 25, 2006 However, further clarification of the process for reimbursement was not received until January 3, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Department overtime pay account (GN01-51300-722110) be increased by $713,850 to cover estimated training hours for 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that Fire Department budget be amended to increase the Reimbursement of Expenses Account (GN01-76693-722110) by $713,850, and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fire Operating Budget be amended with an appropriation from the Contingent Reserve of $156,330 to cover the estimated benefits for the overtime pay (GN01-52000-722110).