

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 11, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Interim City Manager
William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police

Council Action Requested:

Approval of items pertaining to a donation from the Winston-Salem Police Foundation:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Permission to Accept Equipment and Resources from The Winston-Salem Police Foundation
- b. Amendment to the FY 2023-2024 Project Budget Ordinance

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Improve Public Safety Quality

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The goal of the Winston-Salem Police Foundation is to provide the critical resources needed to enable the Police Department to implement innovative programs that will make Winston-Salem a safer place to live, work, and enjoy life. The Winston-Salem Police Foundation is donating \$100,000 in equipment/supplies and funds to the Police Department for the purposes outlined below.

Committee Action:

Committee	PS, FC 09/12/2023	Action	Approval
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Remarks:

1. Outdoor Camera Systems with License Plate Reader Recognition (\$80,000) The Police Foundation has purchased 11 outdoor camera systems with license plate reader recognition to enhance the level of services provided to the community by the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD). Utilized by the WSPD Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC), they will assist WSPD in detecting, viewing, and responding to events as they unfold with a proactive emphasis on officer, citizen, business, and community safety. Additionally, this technology will support the daily operations of other city entities as deemed appropriate, such as the City Transportation Department.

2. Equipment, Uniforms for WSPD Auxiliary Bicycle Patrol (\$18,000) In response to the need for enhanced public safety response in Downtown Winston-Salem, WSPD has created the Auxiliary Bike Patrol. This supplemental policing program will offer participating WSPD officers the opportunity to cross-train and learn new skills, as well as potentially improve physical fitness. The WSPD Auxiliary Bike Patrol will also capitalize on community engagement opportunities created when officers patrol on bicycles. The goal of the WSPD Auxiliary Bike Patrol is to build upon a legacy of excellent service through dedicated community-oriented policing established by the WSPD Downtown Bike Patrol unit. Appropriate uniforms, safety equipment, and bicycles are required to outfit the 30 participating officers. The Police Foundation supports this new crime reduction effort and will purchase approximately 5-8 bicycles/e-bikes and/or uniforms, which it will then donate to WSPD.

3. Forensics Services Employee Appreciation Event (\$2,000) The WSPD Forensics Services Division will hold an employee appreciation event in September to recognize the hard work and dedication of its staff members. The Police Foundation will donate funds for the costs associated with this event. Donated funds will be utilized to pay for food and bowling at a local bowling alley.