

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 28, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:39 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Sherron Franklin  
Lynn McWhirter  
William Oliver  
Lincoln Plowman

Absent Members

Vernon Brown  
Cherrish Pryor  
Mike Speedy

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 502, 2007 - appropriates \$25,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund advanced training in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, to audit lab operations, and to provide external proficiency testing of forensic scientists, financed by a U.S. Department of Justice grant in association with the National Institute of Justice

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 503, 2007 - appropriates \$439,886 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to pay salaries and fringes for a Stalking Prosecutor and to pay partial salaries and fringes for five prosecutors and one paralegal, funded by a Grant to Encourage Arrests and a Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 504, 2007 - appropriates \$22,363 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to cover partial salary and benefit costs for the Assistant Juvenile Coordinator and to pay for supplies, consultants, psychological evaluations and assessments and for discretionary client needs, funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 505, 2007 - appropriates \$114,721 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund expenses for the Martindale Brightwood and Eagledale Weed and Seed Projects, funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute  
"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote: 5-0

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, November 28, 2007. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent were Vernon Brown, Cherrish Pryor, and Mike Speedy.

PROPOSAL NO. 502, 2007 - appropriates \$25,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund advanced training in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, to audit lab operations, and to provide external proficiency testing of forensic scientists, financed by a U.S. Department of Justice grant in association with the National Institute of Justice

Mike Medler, Director of the Forensic Services Agency, said they would like to train 18 people in their crime scene unit to provide adequate service in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis. The remaining grant expenditures would go toward their annual lab audit. He said these audits provide them a set of eyes and ears outside of their own internal audits. The other component of the grant is for external annual proficiency testing of all of their analysts.

Larry Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (CFO, said the training for Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for the 18 staff members is in the amount of \$9,000; the second charge for the lab audit fee for 2008 is in the amount of \$4,000; and the third component for external testing for analysts is in the amount of \$12,000 for approximately 54 individual test.

Robert Yahara, citizen, said he is in support of this proposal because the auditing and training is necessary to have proper certification and show competency in bringing people to justice.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 502, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Lisa Bentley, Chief of Operations, Prosecutor's Office, said \$109,000 of the requested appropriation will go towards the Stalking Prosecutor salary for a two year period. The remaining amount will fund five prosecutors and a paralegal. Ms. Bentley added that the Stalking Prosecutor is located at the Julian Center.

Councillor Oliver asked for clarification on the Stalking Prosecutor. Ms. Bentley said this particular prosecutor handles stalking charges and people who have experienced domestic violence.

Councillor Franklin asked if assistance is provided outside the Julian Center. Ms. Bentley replied in the affirmative and said this prosecutor is located at the Julian Center because most of the domestic violence cases are at the Julian Center.

Mr. Yahara said domestic violence is forbidden and should not be allowed and quality service needs to be provided to those who have been violated.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Plowman, to send Proposal No. 503, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Judy Spray, Sentencing Director for the Public Defender Agency, said the funding period of this grant is six months, from July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. The federal funding of \$22,363 is through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), with a local match of \$14,980 comprised of a Juvenile Coordinator's salary for six months. The total project cost is \$37,271 and is the third year for the funding cycle of this grant. Ms. Spray said the Public Defender Agency represented 5,331 juveniles charged with unlawful conduct in 2006. She said the Defender Agency has two persons on site at the Juvenile Court and are asking the Council to approve the ICJI award of \$15,239 for the salary and fringe benefits of the Assistant Juvenile Coordinator; \$7,000 for contracted services for psychological evaluations and assessments; and \$124 for office supplies.

Councillor Oliver said he is excited about what is going on at the Juvenile Center and this funding will further the improvement of the center.

Mr. Yahara said he supports the financial assistance to the Juvenile Center and would like to see more positive activities and programs that are available to youth in preventing criminal activity.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 504, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to “Amend” Proposal No. 505 to add “and a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant” to the digest after the word “projects”. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Valerie Washington, Assistant Financial Manager for Court Administration, said the Weed and Seed projects for Martindale Brightwood and Eagledale are funded by Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD). She said these programs will be of great benefit to the neighborhoods and gives the opportunity for juveniles to earn restitution to pay back to their victims and increases their accountability. Ms. Washington said the year one funding, in the amount of \$4,500, will pay for a part-time crew leader, fuel for vans to transport community service workers, and \$2,650 for the community service workers, where this money is then turned over to their victims. Year two funding, in the amount of \$6,560, will go toward a part-time crew leader, fuel for vans, and \$3,800 for community service workers. Ms. Washington said with the Eagledale Weed and Seed program the funding is in the amount of \$6,560 to a fund part-time crew worker, \$560 for fuel and supplies (trash bags and gloves), and \$3,800 for community service workers.

Councillor Franklin asked if there is any plan for the 42<sup>nd</sup> and Post Road area. Georgetta Sims, Community Service Program Supervisor for the Marion County Probation Department, said she can be contacted directly for specific requests, as they are limited to what they can do because of the violence in that area.

Councillor Oliver asked what kind of work will be done in the proposed neighborhoods. Ms. Sims said they pick-up trash in the neighborhood and participate in the Keep Indianapolis Beautiful program. Councillor Oliver asked if this is the same program that Community Corrections offers. Ms. Sims said they work with juveniles, and Community Corrections work with adults. She said there are two similar community service programs at the Juvenile Center and she is over the program that provides restitution and community service hours.

Ms. Washington said they are also receiving \$97,101 from ICJI to fund the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. This funding will be used to fund five different programs: Reach for Youth, Indy Nite Lite, Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM) Academy, Probation Restitution and Community Service/Qwest database enhancements. She said there is a 10% match requirement met by Reach for Youth, Inc.

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Mr. Yahara said he is in support of this proposal because the need to work with young people is great.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 505, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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