



Request for City Council Committee Action

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To Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee
Referral to Ways & Means Committee

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Approved by Rob Allen, Deputy Police Chief _____

Subject Appropriation of funds for Donation Accepted from the US Bancorp for the Minneapolis SafeZone Collaborative

Presenters in Committee Rob Allen, Deputy Police Chief

Recommendation

On June 16, 2006, Council approved the acceptance by the Police Department of a donation from US Bancorp in the amount of \$60,000 for the SafeZone Collaborative—Downtown 2006 Administrative Budget. This money will then be allocated to the Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association that is acting as the SafeZone Collaborative—Downtown Fiscal Agent. The Police Department now requests an increase to the general appropriation resolution for 2006 by the amount of \$60,000. The donation will operate through the state and other fund 0600-400-DT03 Revenue Source 3720.

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- ____ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

As previously presented, the Downtown SafeZone was established in 2003 with the placement of cameras downtown in partnership with the Target Corporation. After meeting with business leaders in December of 2004, Mayor R. T. Rybak and Council Member Lisa Goodman proposed a closer working relationship between private and public sectors. The Minneapolis Police Department and the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development joined with the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and the Downtown Council to form the Minneapolis SafeZone Collaborative—Downtown. At its first meeting in February of 2005, the Collaborative decided to meet once a month to work on joint tactical operations for the remainder of the year and then to evaluate at year-end whether to continue this effort.

In January of 2006, the SafeZone Collaborative met and unanimously, members voted to continue monthly sessions and to expand and attempt to secure longer-term commitments for the Collaborative. This report seeks acceptance of \$60,000 from US Bancorp for use in the SafeZone Collaborative—Downtown 2006 Administrative Budget.

This interim request stems from the fact that it has been agreed by City and business leadership that the long-term resource for downtown public safety should come from a Special Service District. More permanent funding for the SafeZone operations would be considered under that source, which appears unlikely to be available in 2006. For this reason, the City and business leadership in the Downtown SafeZone have agreed that 2006 is an interim year that nonetheless requires resources to continue the work of the SafeZone. The Minneapolis Building Owners and Managers Association has graciously agreed to provide fiscal agency for the Minneapolis SafeZone Collaborative—Downtown for the administrative budget through 2006.