

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2017 Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 11, 2017

**DATE:** February 24, 2017

**TO**: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

**FROM**: Mike Markle. Chief of Police

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Increasing revenue and expenditures for increased State fees for reimbursement of sexual assault examinations

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance appropriating \$72,000 in General Fund No. 1020 from the reimbursement of forensic sexual assault examinations in the amount of \$72,000, and changing the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget adopted by Ordinance No. 030965 by increasing revenue and expenditures in the General Fund No. 1020 by \$72,000 each.

### **PURPOSE:**

Appropriate the funds to pay for the forensic costs associated with sexual assault examinations pursuant to articles 56.06 and 56.065, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

## **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

As per State Law Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the City is required to pay for forensic sexual assault examinations of victims of alleged sexual assault and then submit for reimbursement from the OAG, Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Both Driscoll Children's Hospital and Doctors Regional submit requests to the Police Department for payment which we must verify and determine which charges we will pay (law enforcement is not required to pay any costs for treatment of injuries). Effective July 15, 2016, the amounts to be reimbursed to law enforcement agencies shall not exceed \$1,000 which is an increase of \$300 per claim.

We average 20 claims per month or 240 annually. This translates to an additional \$300 per case or \$72,000 annually which will be paid to either Driscoll or Doctors Regional; the City will then submit a request for reimbursement to the OAG. This recommendation represents the same increase in both revenue and expenditures.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternatives

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

| CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY: |  |                     |              |                  |  |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| Conforms to City Policy    |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY: |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| Non-emergency              |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:   |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| Finance                    |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| FINANCIAL IMPACT:          |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| X Operating                | X Revenue                                    | Revenue     Capital |              | □ Not applicable |  |
| Fiscal Year: 2016-<br>2017 | Project to Dat<br>Expenditures<br>(CIP only) |                     | Future Years | TOTALS           |  |
| Line Item Budget           |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| Encumbered /               |  |                     |              |                  |  |
| Expended Amount            |  |                     |              |                  |  |

Fund(s): General

## Comments:.

This item BALANCE

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends appropriation of the funds by increasing revenue and expenditures in the General Fund No. 1020 by \$72,000 each.

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# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance

State of Texas Sexual Assault Reimbursement Guidelines