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Presented by Mr. Lavelle

Resolution authorizing and directing the Controller to return unobligated grant funds for the payment of police officers for Community Oriented Policing Services to the Department of Justice until such work is actually performed.

WHEREAS, The City of Pittsburgh (the "City") entered into a 2010 Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") with the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") to accept federal funding for the Bureau of Police's Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement and applicable regulations set forth in the Grant Owner's Manual and/or 28 CFR Part 66 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), the City is to provide documentation to the DOJ for COPS work performed in order to receive funds for immediate cash disbursement needs; and

WHEREAS, due to an error made by the City in reporting costs, the City was overpaid and now has "excess cash on hand" in violation of applicable grant rules, and

WHEREAS, per request of the DOJ, the City is now required to return the excess funds until such funds are actually obligated (i.e. COPS work is performed) during the remainder of the grant term, at which time these funds will again be available for the City's use as authorized by the Agreement.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. Per the written request of the DOJ (attached hereto as Exhibit A), the City Controller is hereby authorized and directed to return unobligated funds for the payment of police officers for Community Oriented Policing Services to the Department of Justice to comply with applicable grant requirements. Funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Three Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (\$252,873.82) shall be returned to the DOJ. Such funds should be paid from JDE 230000.45704. A check should be made out as follows:

Dept. of Justice- COPS

And sent to: 2 Conn Square- COPS
145 N St. NE
Washington DC 20530

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Attn: Mike Jackson 11th Flr. 408E.

Section 2. The City's Bureau of Police Grants office will coordinate with the City's Grant Officer to ensure that future COPS funding requests under the Agreement are made in accordance with applicable grant requirements.

EXHIBIT A: WRITTEN REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FUNDS