

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



COUNCIL PROPOSAL

Date: 05/08/2015	File Number: 302	Subject: Approve the Use of On-Duty Police Officers for the 150th Juneteenth Celebration Parade	
Proposed By: Council Members Kelly Allen Gray and Gyna Bivens		City Manager's Review:	Page: PAGE 1 OF 1
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It is proposed that the City Council approve the Police Department's participation in the 150th Juneteenth celebration to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015 by providing on-duty police officers to manage the parade route at an estimated cost of \$9,216.40.

DISCUSSION:

In the past, the Juneteenth celebration and parade was worked by off-duty officers where security was scaled back to save the organizers money. The parade route is almost three (3) miles long and crosses thirty-one (31) intersections. Previously, the parade was covered by eleven officers who would "leap frog" from one intersection to another which is not considered to be a safe practice. It has been proposed that this year's parade be worked by on-duty officers due to safety concerns for a larger than normal estimated attendance. The route will require thirty-three (33) officers and three (3) sergeants in order to ensure a safe environment for parade attendees and participants. The number of officers and supervisors needed to shut down the intersections involved in the parade route dictate that overtime funds be used to staff the parade. The parade starts to form at 0700 hours with a kick off time at 0900 hours. The total amount of time that the parade is to be staffed is four (4) hours. The cost of staffing this year's Juneteenth Parade, including officer salaries and benefits (Medicare and retirement), would be \$9,216.40.

LEGALITY:

The Department of Law finds that this proposal is legal and that it is within the authority of the City Council.

FISCAL NOTE:

The Financial Management Services Director confirms that although funds were not specifically appropriated in the fiscal year 2015 budget for the Police Department, the expenditures incurred for the overtime expense expenses incurred above will be addressed in an upcoming supplemental appropriation for the Police Department.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to the proposed one-time participation in the 150th Juneteenth Celebration.

PROPOSED BY:

Kelly Allen Gray
Councilmember

Gyna Bivens
Councilmember

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