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Committee

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Meeting Agenda

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Written analyses and notes for the below listed items are attached for your consideration:

Item Number

2B & 2B Sub

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Legislative Notes

Agenda Item: 2(B) & 2(B) Sub

File Number: 102794 & 102851

Committee(s) of Reference: Public Safety and Healthcare Admin Committee

Date of Analysis: January 06, 2011

Type of Item: Resolution

Sponsor: Commissioner Sally A. Heyman

Summary

This resolution establishes policy to allocate Fiscal Year 2009-10 unallocated general fund carryover to fund a Miami-Dade Police Forensic Artist for Fiscal Year 2010-11; and directs the Mayor or his designee to prepare an appropriate budget amendment to Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Item	2B	2B Substitute
Legislative Title	Allocate FY 2009-10 unallocated general fund carryover to fund a Police Forensic Artist position for FY 2010-11; Directing the Mayor to prepare an appropriate budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2010-11 County Budget to effectuate the foregoing	No change
Legislative Intent	"the remaining \$4.685 million of FY 2009-10 unallocated carryover is available for appropriation to fund eligible programs and uses, including a Police Forensic Artist position"	The substitute provides that the position be funded from <u>any</u> FY 2009-10 unallocated carryover that may be identified.
Requested Amount of funding allocation	\$88,575 (Miami-Dade Police Forensic Artist position)	No change

Background and Relevant Information

On November 30, 2010, the County Manager submitted a memorandum to Commissioner Sally Heyman pertaining to the Commissioner's interest in restoring the eliminated position of a Miami-Dade Police Forensic Artist. According to the County Manager, the position was eliminated due to the budget reductions and realignment of department strategies. The County Manager also stated that *the "Forensic Art Unit (FAU) was not identified as a priority by the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) as it worked toward the priorities identified in the strategic plan and business plan."* Furthermore, the memorandum states that they were unable to identify *"new recurring revenues and would not endorse the use of one-time revenues"* for this recurring expense.

Legislative History

On December 14, 2010, Commissioner Heyman sponsored items 2(G) and 2(G) Substitute on the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee (BPSC) agenda which established policy that the forensic artist position be funded from any FY 2009-10 unallocated carryover that may be identified. *No action was taken at the BPSC due to lack of quorum.*

At the December 16, 2010, Health, Public Safety & Intergovernmental Committee, Commissioner Heyman sponsored item 1(D)2 to discuss the Forensic Artist Unit. During the discussion, the committee members raised the importance of restoring funds for the forensic artist position in FY 2010-11. Several local law enforcement agencies (North Miami Beach, North Miami, and City of Miami) appeared before the committee and presented their concerns about the elimination of this position and the overall importance of the FAU's service to the community.

Miami-Dade Police Forensic Art Unit

The forensic artist position provides computer-generated or forensic artist renderings of subjects or witnesses involved in criminal investigations; and can enhance photographs to identify vehicles, persons, or articles involved in a criminal investigation. The artist also has the ability to create two and three dimensional facial reconstructions of unidentified human remains. These two and three dimensional facial reconstructions attempt to provide a resemblance to how the individual appeared. An artist may also alter images in order to represent how a person has aged over a period of time.

Task Performed by Forensic Artist Unit for FY2009			Task Performed by Forensic Artist Unit for FY2010		
MDPD		Municipalities/ Other Agencies	MDPD		Municipalities/ Other Agencies
Lineups	293	466	Lineups	230	233
Postmortem	4	31	Postmortem	7	23
Composites	36	36	Composites	26	26
Photo Enhancements	10	1	Photo Enhancements	9	9
Facial Reconstruction	1	0	Facial Reconstruction	1	2
Facial Recognition	0	0	Facial Recognition	1	1
Diagram	1	0	Diagram	0	0
Graphical Facial Analysis	0	2	Graphical Facial Analysis	0	0
Photo Recognition Search	0	0	Photo Recognition Search	1	0
Age Progression	0	0	Age Progression	1	0
Total	345	536	Total	276	294

Source: MDPD

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