

By: Finance Department

Adopted: April 11, 2016

Vote: Burney, Graham, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla
Resolution Serial No. 16-06**

A Resolution Of The Wasilla City Council Amending The Fiscal Year 2016 Budget To Approve The Authorization And Funding For One Call Taker Position And The Deletion Of The Authorization And Funding For One Dispatcher Position Within The Wasilla Police Department.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance Serial No.15-15(AM), which provided for the adoption of the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016 and appropriated funds to carry out said budget; and

WHEREAS, through the passage of Ordinance Serial No. 15-15(AM), funding for all City personnel to include sixteen Dispatcher positions and two Call Taker positions was authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Police Department is in need of one additional Call Taker position to relieve additional pressures placed upon the current Dispatcher(s); and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Police Department currently has five vacant Dispatcher positions unable to be filled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council approves the authorization and funding for one Call Taker position and the deletion of the authorization and funding of one Dispatcher position.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 11, 2016.


BERT L. COTTLE, Mayor

ATTEST:


JAMIE NEWMAN, MMC, City Clerk

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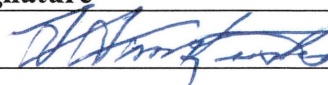


CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

Resolution Serial No. 16-06: A resolution of the Wasilla City Council amending the FY2016 budget to approve the authorization and funding for (1) one Call Taker position and the deletion of the authorization and funding for (1) one Dispatcher position within the Wasilla Police Department.

Originator: Troy Tankersley, Finance Director

Date: 3/22/2016

Agenda of: 4/11/2016

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Finance Director		3/23/16
X	Deputy Administrator		
X	Police Chief		3/30/16
X	City Clerk		4/4/16

Reviewed by Mayor Bert L. Cottle:

 4/1/2016

Fiscal Impact: X yes or no

Funds Available: X yes or no

Account name/number:

Personnel Services/Wages & Benefits (various) 001.4240.420.xx.xx

Annual cost equals \$75k - \$95k per year contingent upon health care coverage selected.

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 16-06 (2 page)

Summary Statement:

The City of Wasilla Police Department currently has (2) two Call Taker positions and (16) sixteen Dispatcher positions authorized and funded through adoption of the FY2016 Budget (Ordinance Serial No. 15-15(AM)).

Of the (16) sixteen Dispatcher positions, (5) five have been vacant for some time which creates additional stress upon the remaining Dispatcher positions. The vacancies additionally add to the quantity of overtime hours necessary to maintain staffing levels required of the department.

The Wasilla Police Department now wishes to add (1) Call Taker position to relieve some of the stress by being able to take calls and log calls allowing dispatchers to dispatch the necessary emergency in a timely and less stressful manner.

Because funding is already authorized within the FY2016 Adopted Budget; and the cost of a Call Taker position is less than that of a Dispatcher position (i.e., \$19.42 per hour compared to \$21.57 per hour, using the FY2015 pay scale); and due to the short time between this resolution and the end of the fiscal year, administration is not requesting a budget adjustment.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 16-06; a resolution of the Wasilla City Council amending the FY2016 budget to approve the authorization and funding for (1) one Call Taker position and the deletion of the authorization and funding for (1) one Dispatcher position within the Wasilla Police Department.