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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 06/25/2015  
Agenda Item: 5C2**

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**ACTION:** Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee(s), to execute an amendment no.1 to an intergovernmental agreement between the Tempe Elementary School District No. 3 and the City of Tempe through the Tempe Police Department to accept funding to supplement the cost associated with two School Resource Officers at Fees and Gilliland Middle Schools. (Resolution No. R2015.62)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The amount of the funding is \$60,000. Sufficient budget appropriation for expenditure of this funding was authorized in the Police Department's RICO and Grants Fund (Fund 45). This funding supplements the \$149,693 in budget appropriations for the two School Resource Officers that was also authorized in the Police Department's fiscal year 2015-16 RICO and Grants Fund (Fund 45) adopted budget (total of \$209,693).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. R2015.62.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Tempe Police School Resource Officer Program provides Tempe youths with the opportunity to interact with Tempe Police Officers in a safe, comfortable and transparent atmosphere. Under the direction of the Juvenile Sergeant, School Resource Officers (SRO's) develop and instruct classes on topics ranging from bicycle safety to bullying, to support the educational efforts of the faculty. SRO's work closely with teachers in designing and presenting law-related topics, designed by the Arizona Department of Education, focused on safety, crime prevention and the role of the criminal justice system in our society.

SRO's provide enhanced security to their assigned school, school grounds and areas adjacent to the school. They are responsible for establishing and maintaining a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment.

Two Tempe middle schools, Fees and Gilliland, were unable to secure grant funding from the Arizona Department of Education to support SRO positions. All other public Tempe middle and high schools were successful in this grant funding process and have assigned officers that are funded through this source.

In an effort to provide the necessary coverage at Fees and Gilliland schools, we have temporarily suspended the Property Disposition Detective position and divided the responsibilities of that detective position to cover both schools. This current modification has already provided positive results at the schools and received tremendous support from students, parents, school staff and other stakeholders. However, this is not a sustainable solution over an extended period of time.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution and Agreement

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