

RESOLUTION NO. 20151119-064

WHEREAS, in previous years, the Austin Police Department has reassigned over 15,000 man hours of on-duty law enforcement personnel to the downtown area due to the increased public safety needs of the downtown area during the South by Southwest music festival and conferences as well as other events coinciding with the South by Southwest festival and conferences; and

WHEREAS, this increased public safety need has necessitated the temporary reassignment of on-duty public safety resources, including resources from numerous other police units; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Council to provide funding to maintain a consistent level of public safety resources throughout the City during these events, which will occur March 10 through March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Council also wants to establish a framework for long-term planning for public safety needs during the Spring Festival Season, including South by Southwest music festival, South by Southwest conferences, and coinciding events for future years, including if possible, using off-duty Austin Police Department personnel, and other law enforcement personnel from Travis County and other local areas to assist the on-duty Austin Police Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager regularly reports to Council in January regarding funds that may be available after the final accounting for the prior fiscal year; **NOW THEREFORE**,

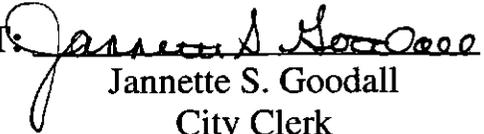
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Council directs the City Manager to return to Council with a status update memo with potential sources of funding as soon as possible, and to return in December of 2015, or as soon as feasible, with actions necessary to provide funding for the public safety needs downtown during South by Southwest, as well for the public safety needs throughout the City, during the Spring Festival Season which is March 10 through 20, for 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council further directs the City Manager to propose a long-term plan for public safety needs, public safety costs, and possible Sixth Street public safety improvements during the Spring Festival Season, which includes the South by Southwest festival. This plan may include using off-duty Austin Police Department personnel, and law enforcement personnel from Travis County, and other local areas.

ADOPTED: November 19, 2015

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk