

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-003

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND – STATE, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROTRACTED AND COMPLEX INVESTIGATIONS, TO SATISFY VEHICLE LIENS, FOR CONFIDENTIAL POLICE INFORMANT FEES, FORFEITURE CASE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, AND TO ACQUIRE INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT OR EXPERTISE, UPON SUCH COSTS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

WHEREAS, the Hialeah Police Department has certain long-term investigations that are extremely covert; and

WHEREAS, the Hialeah Police Department is requesting authorization to expend LETF- STATE funds for costs associated with protracted and complex law enforcement investigations, for confidential informant fees, forfeiture case settlement payments, to satisfy vehicle liens, and to acquire investigative equipment or expertise, and;

WHEREAS, these investigations are necessary for and critical to the efficient and effective operation of the Department by allowing the Department to establish cases that are able to be successfully prosecuted; and

WHEREAS, Section 932.7055, Fla. Stat. (2016), (“Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act”) authorizes the expenditure of Law Enforcement Trust Funds for the costs of protracted or complex investigations; and

WHEREAS, the funds needed to cover these necessary and legitimate expenses are available in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund – *State*; and

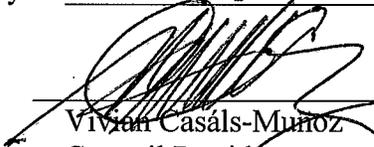
WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended adoption of this resolution and determined that the proposed expenditure complies with the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, and all applicable statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida, approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund – *State*, to cover expenditures related to protracted and complex investigations, to satisfy vehicle liens, for confidential informant fees, forfeiture case settlement payments, and to acquire investigative equipment and expertise, upon such costs having been approved by the Chief of Police.

Section 2: This resolution shall become effective when approved by majority vote of the City Council and signed by the Mayor or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor’s signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor’s veto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of January, 2019.



Vivian Casáls-Munoz
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 17 day of January, 2019.

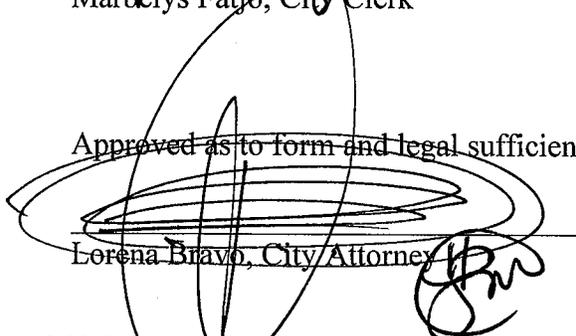


Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorena Bravo, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 5-0-2 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Zogby, Lozano, Casáls-Munoz, and Hernandez voting “Yes”, and with Garcia-Martinez and Cue-Fuente absent.