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Agenda Wording

A Resolution concerning the City's high property crime rate.

Summary (Background)

This resolution recommends that the City of Spokane prioritize property crime prevention in the 2017 budget, and that the city increase the amount of pretrial supervision of individuals in municipal court (released from jail) and superior court (accused of property crimes) conditioned on evidence based assessments (including increasing the use of electronic home monitoring).

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Resolution No. 2016-0054

A Resolution concerning the City's high property crime rate.

WHEREAS, Washington is currently the only state in the nation that does not provide post-conviction supervision for those convicted of property crimes; and

WHEREAS, according to the FBI's 2014 report, Washington state has an estimated 1 officer for every 682 citizens, and the next lowest ratio is the state of Oregon with 1 officer for every 606 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is consistent with the state's ratio at only 1 officer for every 683 citizens,

WHEREAS, the clearance rate (the rate at which someone is arrested, charged, and turned over for prosecution) for property crime in Spokane, as determined by the FBI, is only 13.5%; and

WHEREAS, according to the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council, the average length of detention in the Spokane County Jail, for offenders, is 16 days; and

WHEREAS, due to previous lack of responsiveness and limited holding time, citizens may be apprehensive to report crimes, which may lead to an undercount of the actual amount of property crime in Spokane; and

WHEREAS, while the incidents of property crimes shows a diminishing trend, there were nearly 15,000 reported instances in Spokane in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Spokane City Police have limited resources to fully address the problem; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Police Department has requested an increase in pre-trial supervision, including electronic home monitoring, of individuals who have been released from jail;

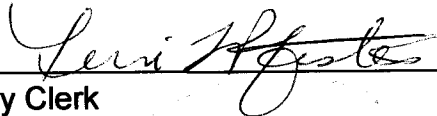
WHEREAS, robust pre-trial supervision, including electronic home monitoring, conditioned on evidence based assessments for individuals accused of property crimes who have been released from jail will likely reduce property crime according to the Washington Institute of Public Policy;

WHEREAS, Spokane Citizens have identified this as a major concern for the health, safety, and well-being of our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spokane City Council that:

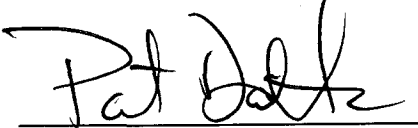
- 1) The City's 2017 budget should include prioritization of property crime prevention and investigation by the police department with increased staffing and resources;
- 2) The City should increase the amount of funding for pretrial supervision of individuals in municipal court released from jail conditioned on evidence based assessments, including increasing the use of electronic home monitoring; and,
- 3) The City and its Police Department should encourage Spokane County to increase the amount of pretrial supervision of individuals accused of property crimes in Superior Court conditioned on evidence based assessments, including increasing the use of electronic home monitoring.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 6th day of June, 2016.



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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