



City of San Leandro

Meeting Date: February 1, 2016

Staff Report

File Number: 15-699

Agenda Section: ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Number: 10.A.

TO: City Council

FROM: Chris Zapata
City Manager

BY: Sandra Spagnoli
Chief of Police

FINANCE REVIEW: David Baum
Finance Director

TITLE: Staff Report to Assist the City Council in the Consideration of an Increase in the Reward Amount and a Draft Resolution Memorializing a Possible Action to Establish the Increased Reward Amount for the Identification Leading to the Criminal Charging of the Individual(s) Involved in the Homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro Resident, on December 14, 2014 at 444 Kenilworth Avenue and Approve an Appropriation of General Fund Economic Uncertainty Reserves to Fund the Reward

ACTION

Staff presents a report to the City Council to assist in its consideration of and a Draft resolution for a possible action to increase the current reward amount (which is \$25,000) for information leading to the identification and criminal charging of individual(s) involved in the homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro resident, on December 14, 2014 at 444 Kenilworth Ave. If the City Council approves an increased reward amount, then staff requests that the City Council also approve the appropriation of General Fund economic uncertainty reserves to fund the additional reward.

BACKGROUND

Analysis

On December 14, 2014, 21 year-old Joel Ramirez of San Leandro returned to his residence at 444 Kenilworth Ave. He was shot and killed while seated in his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of the residence. Rewards for information that lead to the identification and arrest of persons responsible for violent crimes occurring in San Leandro have been offered in the past and some were helpful in the successful resolution of cases.

Since the February 17, 2015 meeting where the original reward was approved by Council, no person(s) has met the requirements to receive the \$25,000 reward. An increase in the reward could motivate someone to come forward with additional information material to the case.

On January 13, 2016, the City Council Rules Committee discussed and reviewed a draft policy for Police Rewards. The policy is not finalized; therefore, the additional request for reward funds for this case is presented to the City Council for further consideration and action.

Fiscal Impacts

A City Council approved increase to the current reward amount would be funded through the current Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget appropriation approval from City Council in account 010-14-015-5890.

Budget Authority

If an increased reward is approved by the City Council, staff requests the City Council also approve an appropriation of General Fund economic uncertainty reserves to fund the additional reward.

ATTACHMENT

None.

PREPARED BY: Scott Koll, Police Business Manager, Police Department



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Resolution - Council

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TO: City Council, Rules Committee

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TITLE: [DRAFT] RESOLUTION Increasing the Reward Amount to \$_____ for the Identification Leading to the Criminal Charging of the Individual(s) Involved in the Homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro Resident, on December 14, 2014 at 444 Kenilworth Avenue and Approve an Appropriation of General Fund Economic Uncertainty Reserves to Fund the Additional Reward Amount

WHEREAS, in a civilized society there is little that offends common decency more than the blatant act of murder. Just such an act was perpetrated in the early morning of December 14, 2014 when Joel Ramirez, a 21 year-old San Leandro resident, was killed while seated in his car in the driveway of his residence at 444 Kenilworth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a City is authorized by Government Code section 53069.5 to offer and pay a reward for information leading to the determination of the identity and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person or who willfully damages or destroys any property; and

WHEREAS, since the February 17th, 2015 meeting where the original reward was approved by Council, no person(s) has met the requirements to receive the \$25,000 reward.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does RESOLVE as follows:

1. The City Council of the City of San Leandro hereby offers to pay a reward of \$_____ to any person(s) who provides information leading to the determination of the identity of, the apprehension of, and the criminal charging of any person(s), whose willful misconduct resulted in the homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro resident, on December 14, 2014. The reward will be paid upon verification that a factual report was made to law enforcement officials, which leads to the identity and criminal charging of the person(s) responsible for the crime. If more than one person provides factual information to law enforcement officials, which leads to the identity and criminal charging of the person(s) responsible for the crime, the reward will be paid to the person who provides information to

law enforcement officials first, as determined in official documents of the homicide investigation. The Police Chief shall determine the right to receive the award based on the foregoing.

2. The City Council of the City of San Leandro approves of the appropriation of General Fund economic uncertainty reserves to General Fund account # 010-14-015-5890 to fund the additional reward amount.