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BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into Personal Services Contract with Yvonne Yvette Jordan to be the administrator and coordinate all activities of the Teens and Police Services (TAPS) Academy. The TAPS Academy is a Program for at-risk juvenile at four middle and high schools between ages 13 to 17 years old who have shown a propensity of making bad decisions. These youths will receive intensive mentoring by Police Officers trained in the TAPS Academy curriculum developed by the Houston Police Department. The TAPS Program was initially established in 2013 with funds from the FY12 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant, through the Franklin County Commissioners ended in May 2015 and was administered by Ms. Yvonne Jordan. Grant funds have now been provided by the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch to resurrect the academy and hire Ms. Yvonne Jordan to once again be the administrator.

The Court desires to engage the services of Yvonne Jordan and she agrees to accept such engagement upon the terms and conditions of the attached contract. The Ohio Revised Code 307.86(J) exempts the Court from the competitive bid process. The role and responsibilities of the Program Administrator includes serving as a facilitator between the TAPS Program in Houston and its implementation in Columbus and implementing each lesson plan of moving the teens and police through the structure curriculum. The Administrator will ensure the overall success of the Program by achieving the intended outcome of improving the behavior of the participants at home, school and in public. Evaluation of the Program will be determined and conducted by the Franklin County Office of Juvenile Justice Community Planning Initiative Director.

Bid Information: The Safety Director is requesting to waive the competitive bid process to enter into this Personal Service Contract.

Emergency action is requested in order to begin preparation and initiate and complete the Program within the time period specified by the contract agreement. The term of the contract is December 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes the Safety Director to enter into a Personal service contract with Yvonne Yvette Jordan to administer the TAPS Program. This ordinance is also contingent upon the passage of ordinance 0092-2017 which accepts and appropriates $144,451.39 within the General Government Grant Funds. These funds were provided by the Franklin County Court of Domestic Relations, Juvenile Branch.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into a Personal Service Contract for the administration of all activities of the Teens and Police Services (TAPS) Academy, a mentorship program run by the Columbus Division of Police; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code Chapter 329; to authorize the expenditure of $26,000.00 within the General Government Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. ($26,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch, has awarded the City of Columbus a grant of $144,451.39 to run the TAPS Academy by the Columbus Division of Police; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to seek the services of an administrator who will serve as a facilitator between the TAPS Program in Houston and its implementation in Columbus and implement each lesson plan of moving the teens and police through the structured curriculum; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Public Safety Director to enter into Personal Services Contract with Yvonne Yvette Jordan to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Jordan has expertise and experience in running the Program when it was first initiated in 2013 with funds from the FY12 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code Chapter 329 to enter into this contract with an administrator specified by the Courts; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into this Personal Service Contract to allow for the completion of the program within the allotted time, thereby preserving the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into a personal service contract with Yvonne Yvette Jordan in the amount of $26,000.00 to administer and coordinate activities of the TAPS Academy.

SECTION 2. That for the purpose stated in Section 1, the expenditure of $26,000.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized in Fund 2220, in Object Class 03 Contractual Services per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds it is in the best interest of Columbus to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code Chapter 329 to enter into the contract.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That for the reasons stated in the Preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after the passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

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