

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39

A RESOLUTION AMENDING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-237 BY AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,610 FROM BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONIES, TO SUPPORT THE 2014-2015 OPERATIONS OF THE CORAL GABLES "CITIZENS CRIME WATCH."

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department participates with the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force operations and federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement operations, and the Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint investigations produces federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully retain at the conclusion of the legal proceedings the forfeited funds, as authorized under Florida State Statute 932.7055 and at the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute 18 U.S.C. Section 981(e)(2) and 21 U.S.C. Section 881(e)(3)(b); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(a), the proceeds and interest from assets forfeited as a result of criminal investigations shall be used for school resource officer, crime prevention, safe neighborhood and drug education and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Interim Chief of Police certifies that the request complies with all provisions of the appropriate F.A.F. statutory requirements, as identified in the United States Justice Departments publication entitled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*"; and

WHEREAS, the primary crime prevention and safe neighborhood program of the Coral Gables Police Department is facilitated through the Department's partnership with Coral Gables Citizens Crime Watch, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, previously adopted Resolution No. 2014-237 was created taking into account the State F.A.F. balance at the time; however, a subsequent review showed these funds were not available and alternate funding options were explored; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Interim Chief of Police, Edward J. Hudak, Jr., and the Coral Gables Finance Director, Diana Gomez, attest to have deposited the sum of \$47,610 in said forfeited funds into the Coral Gables Forfeited Asset Fund; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee met on March 11, 2015 and approved this request to amend previously adopted Resolution No. 2014-237, and originally met on October 15, 2014 to approve this expenditure, following the F.A.F. Committee operating procedures adopted on July 23, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the F.A.F. Committee approved the Coral Gables Interim Chief of Police's request to expend these funds for use by the Department on the specific items listed below on this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to authorize the Finance Director to expend \$47,610 to the Coral Gables Police Department from both State and Federal Forfeited Asset Fund monies, to support the 2014-2015 operations of the Coral Gables "Citizens Crime Watch."

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2015.

(Moved: Cason / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Lago, Keon, Cason, Quesada, Kerdyk)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: C-3)


APPROVED:


JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:


WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY