RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

ACCEPTING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is authorized by the South Carolina Appropriation Act (Act) which provides that state funds appropriated for SROs in the Act shall be utilized for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a SRO for school districts; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta (City) applied for and was awarded a State SRO Program Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) to provide for continued funding for one existing SRO. Funding is also being provided for four new SROs. This funding will allow public middle schools and elementary schools within the City to have one full time SRO each; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget for 07/01/2023-6/30/2024 includes reimbursement for personnel salaries, travel, vehicle and related equipment, uniforms, and other related accessories totaling \$779,984; and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement from the City for this program and it is anticipated that the City will continue to apply on an annual basis for the SRO program grant for the fiscal year periods July 1st through June 30th to maintain a full time SRO at each middle and elementary school in the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof that the City Administrator and Chief for the Department of Public Safety are authorized to execute any and all documents required by OHSJP for the purpose of accepting such grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that reimbursable expenditures as identified in the grant budget are authorized to be advanced from the Department of Public Safety's operating budget in the General Fund with grant proceeds to be deposited into the General Fund grant revenue account.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 17 DAY OF JULY, 2023.

Briton'S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamie Paul, City Clerk