

A RESOLUTION

23-596

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 17, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to require the Metropolitan Police Department to timely report overspending in overtime pay to the Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 22, 2020, the Mayor transmitted Reprogramming Request 23-0141 requesting to reprogram \$43,000,000 of Fiscal Year 2020 funds to the Emergency Planning and Security Fund.

(b) Most of the funds in the Mayor’s reprogramming request would pay for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (“MPD”) overspending for overtime pay that it incurred in responding to the past several months of protests in the District.

(c) The funds were taken from the Department of Health Care Finance, the Child and Family Services Agency, and the Workforce Investment Fund that had been allocated for the modernization of the Alliance Healthcare Program, funding the Grandparent Caregiver Program, and funding many other critical District services that serve our most vulnerable populations and that have seen cuts during these trying times.

(d) In the midst of contentious negotiations about MPD’s budget over the summer, the Mayor effectively wrote MPD a blank check and provided the Council with no prior notice, thereby denying the Council the opportunity to raise a timely objection.

(e) Emergency legislation is necessary to enable the Council to perform meaningful oversight over MPD’s overspending.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.