SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR CITIZENS’ OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDING

SOURCE: Police Department

COMMENT: For the last several years the City of Porterville has annually received funding from the State of California through the Citizens’ Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program. The City of Porterville is again slated to receive $100,000 for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 and a Public Hearing on the intent of the expenditures is required. In the past, the Police Department has used these funds in support of two (2) Community Service Officers assigned to the Department’s Patrol Division, including necessary training, equipment, salaries, and overtime costs. The expenditure of these funds in this manner is in proper adherence to the requirements as specified in the Assembly Bill.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1) Conduct the Public Hearing to receive public comment;
2) Authorize the acceptance of the 2013/2014 Citizens’ Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant funds;
3) Authorize use of these funds to offset costs for two (2) Community Service Officers assigned to the Department’s Patrol Division; and
4) Approve a budget adjustment increasing the Police Department’s Special Safety Grants – Citizens’ Option for Public Safety (COPS) budget by $100,000.

Attachment: Draft Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. __________-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE ACCEPTING CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Porterville Police Department has received a funding grant from the State of California through the Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant Program in the amount of $100,000; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used in support of two (2) Community Service Officers assigned to the department's Patrol Division, including necessary training, equipment, salaries, and overtime costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Porterville as follows:

1. That the City of Porterville accept the 2013/2014 Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) Grant funds; and

2. That the Police Department's Special Safety Grants – Citizens' Option for Public Safety (COPS) budget shall be increased by $100,000 to allow for expenditure of those grant funds for operational costs of two (2) Community Service Officers assigned to the Patrol Division.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2013.

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Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor

Attest:

John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk