

RESOLUTION NO. 25446

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EAST CHATTANOOGA WEED AND SEED PROGRAM AND THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE, TO PROVIDE FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO SUPPORT SAID PROGRAM, WITH OVERTIME PAY BEING FUNDED FROM A GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE CHATTANOOGA HOUSING AUTHORITY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That the execution by the Chief of Police of a Memorandum of Understanding with the East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program and the Chattanooga Housing Authority, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, to provide for police officers to support said Program, be and is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved. The overtime pay for said officers shall be funded from a grant administered by the Chattanooga Housing Authority.

ADOPTED: March 4, 2008

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this 18 day of February, 2008, between the Chattanooga Police Department, (hereinafter "CPD"), and The East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program, hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Parties";

WHEREAS, said Parties have agreed to participate in the East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program. The East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program is an effort to substantially reduce drugs and gangs in the community and to return the streets to the community; and

WHEREAS, the East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Program is the primary tool to be used to assist in realizing this shared vision;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto, each in consideration of the promises and undertakings of the other as herein provided, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Chattanooga Housing Authority will serve as the Grantee of the Weed and Seed Federal Grant and shall be responsible for financial management of the program. The East Chattanooga Weed and Seed Steering Committee will be responsible for staff selection, staff training, and the overall administration of the program.

2. Ron Cook, Sr. is the program director and will serve on the steering committee and co-facilitate monthly meetings of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee. The Weed and Seed Law Enforcement liaison will be Captain Susan Blaine. Captain Susan Blaine and Sgt. James Hogwood will serve on the steering committee.

3. CPD will designate at least two (2) police officers to work the East Chattanooga Weed and Seed area. These two (2) officers will assist East Chattanooga residents in the development of a neighborhood watch program and will aggressively attempt to remove all

negative criminal forces from the community. The designated CPD officers will utilize and have the support of the East Chattanooga Police Substation to complete paperwork, and show regular visibility and patrol in the East Chattanooga community.

4. CPD will not provide any funding or make any monetary contributions with regard to the Weed and Seed Program.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by any Party upon thirty (30) days' written notice to all parties.

6. The total amount of overtime available in the grant is \$33,862.00. 80% (\$27,089.60) of those funds will go to the Chattanooga Police Department and 20% (\$6,772.40) to the Chattanooga Housing Authority Police.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Memorandum of Understanding on their respective behalves on the date first written above.

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: 

FREEMAN COOPER, Police Chief

By: 

RON COOK, SR., Director East Chattanooga
Weed and Seed

By: 

HARVEY WEBB, Chattanooga Housing
Authority