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4 A RESOLUTION stating the City Council’s intent to develop a multi-year plan for police
5 staffing and requesting recommendations from the Mayor on police staffing.
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7 WHEREAS, the City Charter requires that the City provide adequate police protection
8 throughout the City; and
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10 WHEREAS, Seattle has grown substantially in recent years while the number of sworn
11 officers in the Seattle Police Department has remained essentially the same; and
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13 WHEREAS, because of their concerns about and direct experience with crime in Seattle,
14 many citizens have asked the Council to make an increase in the number of police
15 officers its top priority; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Council believes the men and women of the Police Department do an
18 excellent job with the resources they have available; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Council wishes to determine the number of sworn officers and other Police
21 Department resources that will reasonably enhance public safety in the long term;
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24 WHEREAS, the Police Department has initiated an effort to improve the deployment of
25 Patrol officers in order to improve response times to 911 calls, make more time
26 available for proactive crime reduction efforts, increase equity in officer workloads,
27 and create teams of officers who are knowledgeable about and focused on the
28 neighborhoods in which they work; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Council and Executive are jointly engaged in developing performance
31 measures that will allow the Council and the public to routinely assess the
32 Department’s effectiveness in reducing crime and enhancing public safety; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Executive intends to conduct a survey of Seattle residents’ opinions about
35 public safety and police in 2007 as it has in 2003 and 2005; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Mayor has announced his intention to present to the Council his
38 recommendations on the appropriate number of police officers and the funding
39 necessary for these, and to do this early next year; and
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41 WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution and of the City in general in providing police
42 services is to provide for and promote the health, safety and welfare of the general
43 public, and not to protect individuals or otherwise establish or designate any
44 particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or
45 benefited; NOW, THEREFORE,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:
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3 Section 1. The Council requests that by March 31, 2007, the Mayor recommend the
4 appropriate number of police officers for the next five years, 2008 through 2012. The
5 Council requests that the Mayor explain his recommendations with a clear rationale based
6 on the desired public safety outcomes. Reflecting the initial joint work on performance
7 measurement, the outcomes should be related to the following dimensions of police
8 performance:

- 9 (1) reducing crime;
10 (2) reducing fear of crime and increasing the sense of security;
11 (3) increasing traffic safety;
12 (4) increasing safety in public places;
13 (5) providing good customer service by responding to calls and attending to
14 community needs;
15 (6) holding offenders accountable;
16 (7) using authority and force fairly and only as reasonably necessary;
17 (8) protecting homeland security; and
18 (9) using public resources efficiently and effectively.

19 The Council requests that the Mayor also explain how the Council and the public will be
20 able to assess whether the desired outcomes have been achieved, and that he propose a
21 schedule for measuring the outcomes.
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23 Section 2. The Council also requests that the Mayor's recommendations for the
24 number of police officers take into account and capture the benefits of known opportunities
25 for improvements in the deployment of Patrol officers in location and time, with the goals of
26 improving response time and making more time available for proactive crime reduction
27 efforts.
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29 Section 3. The Council also requests that the Executive conduct the planned 2007
30 survey of Seattle residents' opinions about public safety and police in the first half of the
31 year so that the results can inform the Council's discussions and deliberations about police
32 staffing and public safety outcomes. Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 5.09, the

1 Council requests that the Executive present a description of the survey to the Council in the
2 first quarter of 2007.

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4 Section 4. The Council also requests that the Mayor propose a plan for funding the
5 number of police officers he recommends for 2008 through 2012, and that he present a 2008
6 proposed budget that is consistent with this plan.

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8 Section 5. The Council also requests that the Police Department report monthly on
9 crime in each of the five precincts. The reports should include the serious offenses that are
10 traditionally reported, and should also include minor offenses because of their impact on the
11 quality of life. The reports should describe recent localized increases and decreases in
12 crime, and should describe enforcement efforts and the number of arrests. The reports
13 should be timely. They should be provided to the Public Safety, Government Relations &
14 Arts Committee and made available to the public in an easily accessible and understandable
15 electronic form.

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17 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2006, and signed by
18 me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2006.

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21 President of the City Council

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23 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2006.

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26 City Clerk

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