

CITY OF NORTHFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-032

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PUBLIC SAFETY AID AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, The Minnesota State Legislature Appropriated \$300 million in the form of one-time Public Safety Aid to local government in public safety priorities; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety Funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in their efforts to contain crime and aid their efforts to provide public safety in their communities; and

WHEREAS, There are five restrictions on use of the funds

- (1) its employer contribution to the public employee's police and fire fund if the county, Tribal government, or local unit received police state aid under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 477C, in calendar year 2022;
- (2) any costs associated with alleged wrongdoing or misconduct;
- (3) the purchase of an armored or tactical vehicle or substantially similar vehicle;
- (4) the purchase of tear gas, chemical munitions, or substantially similar items; or
- (5) the costs of construction, reconstruction, remodeling, expansion, or improvement of a police station, including related facilities. For purposes of this clause, "related facilities" includes access roads, lighting, sidewalks, and utility components on or adjacent to the property on which the police station is located that are necessary for safe access to and use of the building; and

WHEREAS, \$899,143 in Public Safety Aid was received by the City on December 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, the Council passed Resolution 2023-065 authorizing step increases for Licensed Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Council resolution meets the requirements of the legislative action and aids in the retention of police officers; and

WHEREAS, retention of police officers is a struggle throughout the State and the Country and has affected the Northfield Police Department as well.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City intends to accept the Public Safety Aid of \$899,143 from the State of Minnesota to use in a manner consistent with State guidance.
2. The Council previously approved the use of the Public Safety Aid for increased step increases for Licensed Police Officers.
3. The Council authorizes the Finance Director to prepare budget amendments of \$899,143 to increase 2023 revenue and \$45,412.78 to increase 2023 Police Salaries. Future expense in 2024-2026 will be included in the annual budgets.

Adopted by the City Council of Northfield, Minnesota this 2nd day of April, 2024.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ HOLMES ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE
 ___ REISTER ___ SOKUP ___ ZUCCOLOTTO