SUSPENSION

COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 16, 2016

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Rath Building Security

Dear Honorable Members:

Working in consultation with the Office of Erie County Sheriff, the Erie County Department of Public Works is requesting authorization to create additional positions and award contracts for building security improvements and the purchase of equipment in order to upgrade Rath Building security and safety.

If your Honorable Body requires further information or has any questions, please contact Public Works Commissioner John Loffredo. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Commissioner John Loffredo, Department of Public Works
John Greenan, Chief of Administration, Office of the Sheriff

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Rath Building Security
Date: February 16, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works, working in conjunction with the Departments of Emergency Services and Central Police Services, as well as the Office of Sheriff and US Department of Homeland Security, has been evaluating the security of the Rath County Office Building. The security review has determined that additional security measures are necessary to secure the building, its occupants and guests. This includes a combination of physical security improvements at entrances, as well as adding security personnel and sworn Sheriff deputies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This resolution seeks authorization to create nine (9) new building guards (JG 4/1, annualized salary $30,622), five (5) new Sheriff deputies (JG 8/1, annualized salary $54,113), and one (1) new sergeant (JG 9/5, annualized salary $67,900) at a total cost of $858,176 for the remainder of 2016. In addition, authorization is requested to appropriate $605,000 in funds for construction and improvements of entrances and the purchase of equipment (such as magnetometers and metal detectors) for the Rath Building.

The total funding requested is $1,500,000 which will come from an appropriation of fund balance in 2016.

The County will also be seeking state funding for this project. In the event some amount of state funding is secured, the County's planned use of fund balance will be lowered or not utilized. In addition, potential federal/state reimbursement, in some form, is possible for the work and positions utilized for the Department of Social Services.

BACKGROUND/ REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Recent events across the nation and world have shown that heightened awareness and security is necessary in order to safeguard the public and public assets. Unlike Old County Hall, 25 Delaware Avenue, the Family Court/Probation offices and the Sheriff complex, the Rath Building has no metal detectors and sworn police/armed officers present at the main entrances. This initiative will remedy this, and other security concerns.

Other security improvements including new and improved entrances are included in this project and request.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Rath Building will not be as secure as it should or could be given the necessity for increased security in a major public facility.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Public Works will complete design and seek bids from contractors to conduct the modifications to various Rath Building entrances. In addition, the Department of Personnel will work with the Office of Sheriff and Department of Public Works to canvass civil service lists and/or recruit candidates for the positions.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Rath Building Security

WHEREAS, recent events across the nation and world have shown that heightened awareness and security is necessary in order to protect the public and public assets, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, working in conjunction with the Departments of Emergency Services and Central Police Services, as well as the Office of Sheriff and US Department of Homeland Security, has been evaluating the security of the Rath County Office Building, and

WHEREAS, the security review has determined that additional security measures are necessary to secure the building, its occupants and guests, including a combination of physical security improvements at entrances, as well as adding security personnel and sworn Sheriff deputies, and

WHEREAS, the current estimate for design, construction and equipment is $605,000; and

WHEREAS, the project will be funded by appropriated fund balance in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a new capital project will be created in SAP in Business Area 122, Fund 410, in the amount of $605,000; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) is requesting authorization from the Legislature in order to create new Sheriff deputy and building guard positions and to conduct design and hire contractors to construct building modifications to the Rath Building and to procure equipment including magnetometers and metal detectors for building security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of nine (9) new building guards (JG 4/1, annualized salary $30,622 – B-100 #8623), five (5) new Sheriff deputies (JG 8/1, annualized salary $54,113 – B-100 #8617), and one (1) new sergeant (JG 9/5, annualized salary $67,900 – B-100 #8616) at a total pro-rated 2016 cost of $858,176 for the remainder of 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to the Department of Public Works to appropriate $605,000 in funds for construction and improvements and the purchase of equipment (such as magnetometers and metal detectors) for the Rath Building, and be it further

RESOLVED, that such costs shall be recorded in a project to be created in SAP in Business Area 122, Fund 410; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make the following budgetary adjustments in SAP to facilitate this request:

Fund 110 – 2016 Budget
Department of Public Works, Fund Center 12220

Expense	Increase/Decrease
Account 500000 – Full Time Salaries	$233,244
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	$138,815
Account 570000 – Interfund Transfer	$605,000
	$977,059

Fund 110 – 2016 Budget
Office of Sheriff, Fund Center 11510

Expense	Increase/Decrease
Account 500000 – Full Time Salaries	$ 296,494
Account 500340 – Line-up Pay	$ 37,791
Account 500320 – Uniform Allowance	$ 9,000
Account 500300 – Shift Differential	$ 800
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	$ 178,856
	$ 522,941

Fund 410
Business Area 122, New Project - A.XXXXX

Revenue	Increase/(Decrease)
Account 486000 – Interfund Rev Subsidy	$ 605,000

Expense	
CAPITALPRO – Capital Projects Expense	$ 605,000

Net Change Fund 410 $ 0

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an appropriation of fund balance in the amount of up to $1.5 million in the 2016 Budget to fund the new positions and construction cost is authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is authorized to, where possible, conduct interdepartmental billings and seek federal/state reimbursement for the new security/deputy positions and construction costs related to that department's spaces and the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make the necessary budgetary adjustments for such potential funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management, Department of Public Works and Office of the Comptroller are hereby authorized to make any necessary budgetary and financial adjustments to the 2016 Budget for this initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, Department of Social Services, the Division of Budget and Management, Office of the Sheriff and the Department of Public Works.