

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE A CIVILIAN FORENSIC
SPECIALIST FOR THE ABILENE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene Police Department has employed three forensic specialists since 2008, and their duties include, but are not limited to: testifying weekly regarding fingerprints for prior punishments/enhancement; fingerprinting citizens; evaluating latent print cards; processing evidence for prints and/or DNA; and responding to and processing crime scenes (homicide, rape and aggravated assaults); and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the Forensics Division has been comprised of two sworn officer specialists and one civilian specialist; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Police Department transferred one of the sworn officers back to the Patrol Division, and the Police Department seeks replacement with civilian employee; and

WHEREAS, this will ultimately reduce costs, and it will ensure sworn officers remain in key enforcement positions, such as Patrol and Investigations; and

WHEREAS, the current budget sets the number of Police Department civilian positions at 68, and Staff requests recommends that Council approve the City Manager to hire this additional civilian position; and

WHEREAS, this additional position will have an annual cost of \$53,403 (including benefits), and the Police Department's FY 17/18 General Fund budget of \$27,672,520 will be able to absorb these costs without seeking an increase in expenses.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

Part 1: That the City Manager is hereby authorized to hire a full-time civilian forensic specialist for the Police Department.

Part 2: That the salary and related employment expenses of the full-time civilian forensic specialist for the Police Department will be paid out of the current FY17/18 budget without an increase in expenses.

Part 3: That the Total Authorized Full-Time Personnel schedule shall be amended through the revised budget adoption process at the appropriate time.

Part 4: That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 8th day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:



Rosa Rios, City Secretary



Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED:



Stanley Smith, City Attorney

