RESOLUTION NO. 3

2024

RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY FOR THE RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FUNDS UP TO \$123,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES.

9, 2024

Introduced in Council on above date and

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WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of entering submitting an Application for Grant Funds from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement Program for up to \$123,000.00 to be used towards the training and recruitment of new law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, this legislation enables the City of Scranton to apply to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement Program; and

WHEREAS the goal of this legislation is to permit the City of Scranton to receive funds to enable the Scranton Police Department's hiring of at least four certified ACT120 officers per year to join the department. Through this funding, the Scranton Police Department will provide hiring bonuses, and assistance with repaying ACT120 tuition; and

WHEREAS, because of the Department's low operating strength and the long return on investment when hiring civilians to be officers, it is in the best interest for the City of Scranton to hire ACT120 trained officers, thereby necessitating this investment for recruitment. Further, knowing that the City of Scranton must hire and train civilians, it is wise to also plan for stipends to assist those students in attending the ACT 120 Program to further help recruit and remove barriers for potential recruits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton plans to submit an application for Grant Funds from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement Program for up to \$123,000.00 to the Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement Program. A copy of the Narrative is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON who ratifies and approves the execution and submission of the grant application, incorporated herein as if set forth at length, by the City of Scranton and other appropriate City Officials to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Recruitment Incentives for Law Enforcement Program for up to \$123,000.00.

<u>SECTION 1</u>. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or

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· · . any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof. SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval. SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under . the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the : State of Pennsylvania. Passed by the Council January 16. 2024 Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons K<u>ING</u> SCHUSTERA ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, KING NONE Ne VA President ۰. 1 22/2024 Approved sputt Mayor City Clerk Certified Copy .: .) .' . ÷., ۰. :