Council Action and Executive Summary
Item # 10  Ordinance/Resolution# 18-158

For Meeting of  June 18, 2018
(Ordinance First Reading Date) (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:
☐ QUASI JUDICIAL ☑ LEGISLATIVE ☑ ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN LAS CRUCES SCHOOLS.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:
Support safety of students in Las Cruces schools.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All

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<td>Elizabeth Teeters</td>
<td>Administration/City Manager’s Office</td>
<td>541-2181</td>
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City Manager Signature:

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Recent threats made against the lives of students in Las Cruces schools have resulted in school lockdowns, police searches of schools, early releases of students, students fearing for their lives at school, and students staying home from school. The education of our young people is a critical element in the successes they can hope to achieve in their lives, but access to weapons capable of doing great harm by people wishing to do harm is a strong contributing factor to students staying out of school and being in fear for their lives when at school.

Recent deadly attacks at schools and in other public places in our nation have brought to us numerous calls to better ensure our community’s safety, particularly that of our young people. The Las Cruces City Council, as the elected representatives of the citizens of Las Cruces, do carry the duty and authority to act in the best interests of the health, welfare, and safety of those citizens and residents they represent.

The three most critical aspects to the school safety situation are mental health services, school building security, and access to weapons capable of doing great harm. Article II, Section 6 of the New Mexico State Constitution prohibits municipalities from make any laws regarding the possession of any firearms within the jurisdiction, except as to prohibit their discharge. The proposed resolution, if approved, would express the City’s support for school safety by continuing to work with Las Cruces Public Schools regarding School Resource Officers. Also, the City Council shows continued support for previously passed Resolution 17-006 to request

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New Mexico State Legislature to enact legislation which requires comprehensive background checks. Finally, City Council asks the State Legislature and Governor to better secure the safety and education of young people by addressing the needs for better mental health services in New Mexico, the need for places of learning in New Mexico to be both conducive to learning and secure, and the need for weapons capable of doing great harm to be kept out of the hands of those wishing to do harm in New Mexico.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

1. Resolution.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>See fund summary below</th>
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<td>Budget Adjustment Attached</td>
<td>Expense reallocated from:</td>
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<td>Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)</td>
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<td>Proposed funding is from fund balance in the (# and Fund Name) Fund.</td>
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<th>Does this action create any revenue?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
<th>Funds will be deposited into this fund: <em>(Fund #)</em> in the amount of $_______ for FY______</th>
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<td>There is no new revenue generated by this action.</td>
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**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

N/A

**FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**

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<th>Account Number(s)</th>
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OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will adopt the Resolution to support the safety of students in Las Cruces schools.
2. Vote "No"; this will not adopt the Resolution to support the safety of students in Las Cruces schools.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could amend the Resolution to support the safety of students in Las Cruces schools.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could delay the adoption of the Resolution to support the safety of students in Las Cruces schools.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

N/A

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**For Meeting of**  
(Ordinance First Reading Date) 

**For Meeting of**  
June 18, 2018  
(Adoption Date) 

**Title:**  
A RESOLUTION TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN LAS CRUCES SCHOOLS. 

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**Purchasing Manager’s Request to Contract (PMRC) {Required?}**  
Yes ☐  No ☒

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<td>Department Director</td>
<td>Barbara Ahum</td>
<td>541-2642</td>
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<td>Assistant City Manager/David P. Dollahon</td>
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<td>5/18/18</td>
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RESOLUTION NO. 18-158

A RESOLUTION TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS IN LAS CRUCES SCHOOLS.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, recent threats made against the lives of students in Las Cruces schools have resulted in school lockdowns, police searches of schools, early releases of students, students fearing for their lives at school, and students staying home from school; and

WHEREAS, the education of our young people is a critical element in the successes they can hope to achieve in their lives, but access to weapons capable of doing great harm by people wishing to do harm is a strong contributing factor to students staying out of school and being in fear for their lives when at school; and

WHEREAS, recent deadly attacks at schools and in other public places in our nation have brought to us numerous calls to better ensure our community’s safety, particularly that of our young people; and

WHEREAS, we, as the elected representatives of the citizens of Las Cruces, do carry the duty and authority to act in the best interests of the health, welfare, and safety of those citizens and residents we represent; and

WHEREAS, the three most critical aspects to the school safety situation are mental health services, school building security, and access to weapons capable of doing great harm; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 6 of our New Mexico State Constitution prohibits municipalities from making any laws regarding the possession of any firearms within our jurisdictions, except as to prohibiting their discharge.
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City Council continues to support Resolution 17-006, which was passed in 2016 and requests that the New Mexico State Legislature enact legislation which requires comprehensive background checks for firearm sales and which strengthens the criminal background check system.

(II)

THAT the City of Las Cruces will continue to work with Las Cruces Public Schools regarding School Resource Officers.

(III)

THAT the City Council hereby requests that our New Mexico Legislature and Governor better secure the safety and education of our young people by addressing the needs for better mental health services in New Mexico, the need for places of learning in New Mexico to be both conducive to learning and secure, and the need for weapons capable of doing great harm to be kept out of the hands of those wishing to do harm in New Mexico.

(IV)

THAT the City Manager send a letter and an email to each member of our state legislative delegation with this request and a copy of this resolution as ultimately approved by the City Council of Las Cruces giving our legislators adequate time to consider appropriate legislation.
THAT the City Manager ensure that this request is included in our legislative requests for the 2019 Legislative Session.

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds as necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this ____ day of ________________, 20__.

APPROVED:

__________________________
Mayor

ATTEST:

__________________________
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: ______________________

Seconded by: ____________________

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

__________________________
City Attorney

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: ____
Councillor Gandara: ____
Councillor Smith: ____
Councillor Vasquez: ____
Councillor Eakman: ____
Councillor Sorg: ____
Councillor Flores: ____