

RESOLUTION NO. 86
Calling on the Public Safety Committee of the
Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis to Hold
Hearings on Police Overtime

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis is the chief financial officer of the City;
and

WHEREAS, the duties of the Comptroller of the City of St. Louis include auditing departments,
divisions, and programs within St. Louis City government; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Comptroller conducted an audit of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police
Department overtime pay system for the 2015-2016 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 audit of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department found that there
was a 58% increase in overtime pay, totaling nearly \$5 million in excess of the budgeted amount,
during the 2015-2016 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the audit could not verify whether officers actually worked the 342,400 overtime
hours claimed because detailed timesheets and adequate supporting documents were not
maintained, the management controls of the overtime budget were inadequate, and that there was
no oversight review of the overtime budget; and

WHEREAS, the audit also found that 30 lieutenants, who are exempt from overtime by law,
earned \$183,389 for more than 5,000 overtime hours; and

WHEREAS, the audit also found that 10 officers worked overtime without authorization, and an
additional 106 officers worked 848 overtime hours while on vacation; and

WHEREAS, the audit found that officials within the police department neglected to seek
permission from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the City's final fiduciary authority,
before transferring money to cover growing overtime costs; and

WHEREAS, the audit also found that one officer worked the equivalent of 10 hour days, 365
days in a row and that multiple officers earned between \$62,800 and \$77,000 in overtime pay in
one year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 four officers were criminally charged with stealing and forgery charges for
allegedly forging documents to collect thousands in overtime pay for work they did not perform;
and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee considers all matters pertaining to the Department of
Public Safety, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, corrections, excise laws and
regulations, the St. Louis Fire Department, the Division of Building and Inspections, and the
City Emergency Management Agency and has the authority to conduct hearings on such
matters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the Public Safety Committee shall hold hearings on the police overtime audit and provide a report to the full board of Aldermen by November 1, 2017.

Introduced on the 7th day of July, 2017, by:

The Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward
The Honorable Larry Arnowitz, Alderman 12th Ward
The Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted the _____ day of _____, 2017, as attested by:

Donna Evans-Booker
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Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen