RESOLUTION NO. 20231130-076

WHEREAS, Council recognizes the dedication and hard work of police officers across the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, in her official capacity, has collected police patches and coins from police departments across the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to convey these police patches and coins to a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to police officers and their families in times of need; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organization will auction off the police patches and coins to raise funds to assist police officers and their families in the Austin area during times of financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the auction of these police patches and coins will serve a clear public purpose by providing assistance to police officers who face unexpected financial challenges and although emotionally significant, the economic value of the patches and coins to the City is negligible; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to police officers and their families in times of need in the Austin area, in order to convey the current and future inventory of police patches and coins to the organization, which will then auction off the items and use the funds to achieve the specific public purpose of providing assistance to police officers who face unexpected financial challenges, and this agreement should ensure proper financial controls are in place to achieve the stated public purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore display options for the collection of police patches and challenge coins in a City library for public viewing prior to the auction of the collection.

ADOPTED: November 30, 2023 ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios

City Clerk