



To: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

From: Jeffrey B. Spence, Chief of Police
Tim Becker, Director of Public Safety
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Joann Bury, Director of Finance
Priya D. Tamilarasan, Esq., City Attorney

Date: March 4, 2026

Re: Dept. of Public Safety – Request for Council Action (March 9, 2026 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT REQUEST WITH THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the attached School Resource Officer (SRO) contract with the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools (GJPS) for the 2026-2027 school year (See PD-ATT-A).

Under the proposed contract, GJPS will reimburse the City 50% of the total costs associated with each of three officers providing SRO services to Gahanna-Lincoln High School. The not-to-exceed contract amount for the 2026-2027 school year is \$292,411.95 – a \$48,735.32 increase from the previous years' cost share model (See PD-ATT-B). The proposed contract has been approved by the GJPS Board of Education.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: N/A
Vendor Name: Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools
Vendor Address: 630 Morrison Road, Suite 200, Gahanna, OH
Already Appropriated: Yes
Supplemental/Transfer: N/A

Attachments:

PD-ATT-A 2026_2027_SRO_CONTRACT_FINAL
PD-ATT-B EXPLANATION_OF_COSTS 26-27

Contract Approvals:

- This item has been approved by the Mayor
- This item has been approved by the Director of Finance
- This item has been approved by the City Attorney