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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Int. 289 (19) – Lease Agreement – SUNY College at Brockport, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center

Q: Please provide detail on what disciplines and how many completed the program (Clifford)

A: The program for 2017-18 school year started with a total of (68) students enrolled. The school year ended with (52) students, (19) juniors and (33) seniors. The following is the public safety discipline breakdown for the (33) seniors:

Emergency Communications	4
Emergency Medical Response	5
Fire	14
Police	10

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NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Int. 287 (26) – Charter Amendment – Section 10-11 Affordable Housing

Q: Please provide the chart that shows the income brackets. (Ortiz)

INCOME LIMITS												
	1 Person		2 Persons		3 Persons		4 Persons		5 Persons		6 Persons	
	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
0-30%	-	15,550	-	17,750	-	19,980	-	22,200	-	24,000	-	25,750
31-50%	15,551	25,900	17,751	29,600	19,981	33,300	22,201	37,000	24,001	39,960	25,751	42,950
51-80%	25,901	41,450	29,601	47,350	33,301	53,300	37,001	59,200	39,961	63,950	42,951	68,950
81-120%	41,451	62,150	47,351	71,050	53,301	79,900	59,201	88,800	63,951	95,900	68,951	103,000

Int. 296 (15) – CDBG Appropriation – Business Association Support

Q: Please list the projects that the money was spent on. (Ortiz)

More specific information relating to the various projects will be available at the end of August, after the review of the year-end reports is completed. However, a general list of projects to date include:

- Newsletters
- Banners
- Sidewalk Art
- Gateway Signs
- City paper advertising
- Corridor walking guide
- Benches

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PUBLIC SAFETY, YOUTH & RECREATION

Int. 308 (5) – Amendment – Ordinance No. 2017-400

Q: Please provide more specifics on what we are creating and what it will do. Why is IT not able to do this project?(Ortiz/Spaull)

A: Presently, RPD has no way to systematically extract the data from the narratives of crime reports, field intelligence interviews, subject resistance reports, etc. This results in RPD relying on manual review at an individual level to drive analytical products. This project is designed to (1) improve understanding of the scope and nature of text mining through natural language processing techniques, especially as it relates to common criminal justice data, (2) to design text mining algorithms that create new datasets from previously unstructured narratives, (3) to create a product suite that operationalizes the data collected from algorithms to drive decision making, and (4) to create, test, evaluate, and document a process for utilizing natural language processing techniques in a law enforcement agency which can be extensible to other departments.

This is not an off the shelf purchase of technology. The project will require us to identify and implement applicable text mining techniques, including natural language processing. We will be building specific algorithms to address our existing forms and data schemas. RIT has facility who are leaders in the field of machine learning and natural language processing. These techniques will ultimately allow RPD to create structured datasets out of unstructured narrative text, for further analysis. This project requires a lot of time and specific technical skills that are not currently available within the City. Originally approved by Council in December 2017, this is a no-cost extension of a grant that was specifically sought out so that RPD will have these capabilities in the future.