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These are some of the graphs we developed as we reviewed payrolls for the police department before and after the raises and on-officer car changes took place.

Quotes from Buffalo NEWS:

Even some previous critics think the city is starting to see some savings.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said City Comptroller Andrew A. SanFilippo, an early skeptic of the police contract who worried last year that the short-term costs could exceed long-term savings. "There are all indications that overtime costs are trending in the right direction."

But SanFilippo stressed that it's premature to say whether the five-year pact will financially benefit the city in the end.

But SanFilippo said the city's precarious fiscal situation must also be taken into account.

"I have a lot of concerns about the raises and the pressures they'll put on other municipal employees as the administration tries to balance the budget," the comptroller said.

The police contract also includes a no-layoff clause. Some are concerned that job cuts might have to be made in other divisions to pay for the police raises.

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