



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve Extension and Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement
with the City of Wilton Manors for Fire-Rescue Services

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve execution of a five-year extension and amendment to the current Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors for the provision of fire-rescue services.

Background

On September 21, 2010 (CAR 10-1340, M-20), the City Commission approved a five – year Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors for the provision of fire-rescue services.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue has been providing Fire-Rescue services, under the terms of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors, since October 1, 2000. The most recent Interlocal Agreement was approved by the City Commission on September 21, 2010. The current Interlocal Agreement is set to expire on September 30, 2015.

The Fire Station, located within the City limits of Wilton Manors, is strategically located to optimize service for the City of Wilton Manors as well as adjacent areas within the City limits of Fort Lauderdale. This has been and continues to be a mutually beneficial agreement for both municipalities.

Under the terms of the current Interlocal Agreement, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue provides staffing for one (1) engine and one (1) rescue, 24 hours/day, 365 days per year. The staff and equipment operate from Fire Station 16 located at 533 NE 22nd St, Wilton Manors, FL 33305. This Fire Station is owned, operated, and maintained by the City of Wilton Manors.

Under the direction of the City Manager, the Fire-Rescue Department has been in discussions with City staff from the City of Wilton Manors to enter into an amended, five-year, Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors. The recommended contract provides for 100% cost recovery and is based on the reasonable pro-ration of expenses based on the ratio of incidents for the "First Due In" service areas for Fire Station 16. The recommended first amendment to the existing contract provides the following provisions in summary:

- (1) The City of Wilton Manors agrees to pay a maximum gross annual fee of \$2,707,714 all inclusive, for the first year of services beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending at midnight on September 30, 2016 (FY 15-16).
- (2) The monthly fees collected will include the maximum gross annual fee less the estimated \$400,000 in annual emergency transport fee revenue generated, divided into twelve monthly installments.
- (3) The gross annual fee for FY 16-17 and each year thereafter during the term of this first amendment, shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South Urban region. The annual percentage increase shall never exceed 1.25 times the percentage increase of the prior year, and the annual percentage increase shall never be below zero.
- (4) The City of Wilton Manors and Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue will annually reconcile the actual amounts of emergency transport fee revenue and adjust the annual fees charged and collected based on the prior year actuals.

The Fire-Rescue Department continues to strongly believe that an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Wilton Manors remains in the best interest of both parties and requests approval from the City Commission to finalize a new five-year Agreement.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2,707,714 in FY 2016. The estimated positive fiscal impact for the remaining term of the contract will be contingent upon the annual percentage change on the CPI-U for the South Urban region.

Strategic Connections

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be a City well-prepared for and responsive to all hazards.
- Objective 2: Provide quick and exceptional fire, medical, and emergency response
- Goal 12: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are United.*

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Interlocal Agreement

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