



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-1281

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

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

DATE: November 1, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Approve Agreement with the School Board of Broward County
for School Resource Officer Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) for the the School Resource Officer Program.

Background

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) Program assigns eight law enforcement officers to serve as School Resource Officers at seven secondary schools operated by the SBBC. Fort Lauderdale Police Department officers are assigned full-time on the campuses of New River Middle, Sunrise Middle, William Dandy Middle, Dillard High, Fort Lauderdale High, Stranahan High and Whiddon Rogers. The SBBC contributes \$46,252.00 per officer for a total amount of \$370,016.00 per school year. This reimbursement to the City provides for a significant offset to the City's School Resource Officer Program. The SBBC reimburses the same amount per officer to all participating Broward County law enforcement agencies.

The City Commission approved a one-year agreement with SBBC at its meeting on July 12, 2016. The agreement was agreed upon by staffs of both agencies prior to presentation to the City Commission. The SBBC acknowledges that the decision to amend the term was made subsequent to the renewal agreement being provided to the City. It is important to note that the City was provided the revised agreement on September 16, 2016 and the SBBC requested comments from the City prior to SBBC consideration the agreement on September 20, 2016.

The SBBC was notified the same day (September 16, 2016) that the City had concerns with Section 3.11 pertaining to the inclusion by reference of all SBBC policies in the agreement.

While attorneys for the SBBC indicated that the intent was only to have SBBC policies that relate to the agreement, without knowing what those specific policies are, it would be impossible to determine if the SBBC policies are in conflict with City of Fort Lauderdale and/or Fort Lauderdale Police Department policies and procedures.

On September 19, 2016, it was again expressed to the SBBC that the City had concerns with the revised language. Further it was indicated that it was the understanding of the City that the SBBC will not pay invoices for SRO services until the new SRO agreement is approved by both governing bodies. As City Manager, I expressed a willingness to continue providing the services under the terms of the prior agreement (which expired September 30, 2016) provided that the SBBC acknowledge that the City will be reimbursed on a monthly basis for invoices submitted. If that was not agreeable, I indicated I would recommend to the City Commission that the City halt the SRO program until a mutually acceptable agreement is reached and executed by both parties.

On October 13, 2016, the City received communication that the SBBC was willing to amend their agreement to remove the reference to SBBC policies in Section 3.11, which addresses the City's immediate concern. The other changes regarding the term of the agreement (to reflect school year rather than the municipal fiscal year) and inclusion of required public records law language is acceptable to the City. Both governing bodies are considering the amended agreement on November 1, 2016.

Resource Impact

There will be no current fiscal impact to the City

Revenue related to this agreement is included in the FY 2017 operating budget in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of October 21, 2016</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-POL030701-J061	School Resource Officers	Charges for Service/School Resource Officer Program	\$370,016	\$370,016	\$370,016
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$370,016

Strategic Connections

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

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – 2016-2017 School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Agreement

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